

McCarthy, Miriam

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Sent: 20 December 2001 13:27
To: 'McCarthy, Miriam'
Cc: 'Damian_home'
Subject: RE: HYPONATRAEMIA

Miriam

Interested to hear that the subject was brought up at SAC surgery. What about SAC Path (includes Clinical Biochemistry) or SAC medicine? The wall chart format looks good. Hope that's not a bag of no.18!! (Can't enlarge it on my PC)

1. I would not bother with the overhydration reference, as this is what is meant by "must reflect fluid loss"

The last line of that section then would be "must replace loss with most appropriate fluid", so the next section "Choice of fluid" follows naturally.

(In fact you could lose the third point if you say "Must reflect fluid loss in both volume and composition"). But we still have not actually referred directly to replacement fluid choice, only to shocked children and maintenance fluids, neither of which is the main risk group. How would you feel about expanding the third line to read "the risk of hyponatraemia may be increased in a child receiving 4% dextrose/0.18% saline as replacement fluid" and moving it to the second bullet point? (I take it my suggestion for the last draft didn't go down well. Would it help if I spoke directly to the individual(s) who doesn't agree with me on the safe sodium content of replacement fluids? I feel so strongly about this being the essence of the problem that I'd like you to remove my name from any association with the guidelines if we don't make any direct reference to the sodium content of replacement fluids. I'd be content with the above as a minimum.)

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3. A minor point or 2: I would put an "also" into the last line so it reads

"The composition of oral rehydration fluids should also be carefully considered"

4. the urine osmolarity bit should actually be part of the biochemistry section so doesn't need to be in bold

5. Typo in last bullet point of intro: child who are not overtly sick!

Could lose the full stop after post-op patients. Need a full stop after monitor/output line, and also after the following Biochemistry line. Think

you also have a space before "Consider using indwelling...."

Sorry again. I'm sure you are even more exasperated than me.

I'm off from Monday until the 7th (at least!). If any more communications

before then will you email me at home? dfogarty [REDACTED] (phone) no [REDACTED]

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Have a lovely Christmas and HNY to Gary and the whole family.

Clodagh

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Subject: HYPONATRAEMIA

Following SAC surgery and the medical directors meeting last week I have had feedback that we should include some reference to .18% saline and I have added one very brief statement in under 'choice of fluids' and would be happy to have your views. I have made a few other amendments

- Changed title
- refer to child rather than children where possible
 - added reference to overhydration (is this redundant or worth keeping)

Happy to receive all comments- I will be on leave from 21st Dec until 2nd Jan but hope to finalise changes and get to the printers in early January.

I have also attached a first draft from printers - presentation looks good-I thought an A2 would be the right size(twice as big as A3) and that about 300 should provide one for all clinical rooms/ nursing stations in paediatric units. Ignore content in this version -using a previous draft.

I think/ hope this is our final lap.

Many thanks for all your help in drafting these guidelines.

Merry Christmas

Miriam <<hypo20dec.doc>> <<WallChar.pdf>>

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