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Miriam thanks for letting me see the next draft.

### Comments:

- a. Introduction - ok
- b. Baseline assessment - the value of 70 kg is missing after "up to max .." in my version.
- c. Monitor - the lay out of the biochemistry section is a little unclear in that the relevant bullet list does not clearly stand out from the rest of the points preceding ( clinical state and fluid balance ).
  - I would mention the use of local anaesthetic cream for use with blood sampling if there is no indwelling cannula.
  - The detail on osmolarity is unclear. There is reference to comparing urine and plasma but no comment on what to expect. I am uncertain about the appropriateness of describing an appropriate response to hypotonic fluid excess as being a "normal situation" . The information takes a little thinking about and possibly a different layout would make it clearer. I'm not actually sure whether this section is helpful to the target audience as at this stage I would expect that we should be at the stage of seeking advice.
- d. Choice of fluids - in reality this section doesn't say that much that is practically helpful, contrary to the expectation raised by the header. Possibly it should be reheaded along the lines of " When Choosing Fluid" to avoid criticism of kop-out.

Hope the comments are helpful and the text isn't too scrambled in the mail.

Jarlath.