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*MIRIAM I also had a  
chat with John Jenkins  
Why not write Maurice*

Dear Paul

I understand that you have a Working Group drawing up guidelines for the use of intravenous fluids in children. I am concerned that someone in my position only hears about such a group on "the grapevine".

I would be reassured if such guidelines were not an isolated recommendation in Northern Ireland but were the subject of scrutiny by the appropriate committee of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health. If this is not the case I would also point out that Anne Burns, the Paediatric Pharmacist in the Royal Victoria Hospital is one of the key authors of the "medicines for children", the formulary and therapeutic advice prepared by the Royal College in book form. Inclusion of the use of quality guidelines for fluid management would be better placed in this book which is used by all paediatricians, both junior and at consultant level throughout the UK.

I trust that the document you prepare will have wide consultation.

Yours sincerely

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