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Dear Colleague

ACUTE HYPONATRAEMIA IN CHILDREN

There is increasing evidence that Acute Hyponatraemia is emerging as a significant clinical problem in sick children receiving I.V. fluids. As a result we believe we should convene a group to consider how best practice could be brought to bear on the problem and to explore whether further advice needs to be issued by the DHSS&PS at this time to the profession.

I would hope that we could achieve a broad measure of agreement on how to proceed and would hope we would only need one or two meetings to achieve a consensus. I enclose a BMJ paper and a brief resume of the problem prepared locally which should provide background reading.

I look forward to seeing you on 26 September 2001 at 9.30 am in my office (Room C.5.16, Castle Buildings).

Thank you for agreeing to participate.

Yours sincerely



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