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Miriam,

Apologies for not replying sooner but I hope you can take account of the following comments.

- Children's Unit staff at UHD found guideline very useful. We took part in a regional audit on two designated days last year, although the number of children receiving IV fluids on the designated days was low in our Unit. We are planning to ask one of our current SPR, staff to do an audit this year within our Unit, both on practice and staff knowledge.
- With reference to the new information, there may be a case to consider the use of 0.9% saline + 4% dextrose as maintenance fluid in place of 0.45% saline + 4% dextrose. This is applicable for sick children with risk of inappropriate ADH. However, should it also take into account relatively well children with gastro who will just not tolerate oral fluids. Perhaps we could seek guidance from J. Jenkins and B.Taylor's on this.

With best wishes.

Liz

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