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Dear Dr Campbell

PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT OF HYPONATRAEMIA

Thank you for your letter dated 4th March 2004 regarding guidance on the prevention of hyponatraemia.

I wish to confirm that the guidance issued in March 2002 on the prevention of hyponatraemia in children was fully endorsed by Altnagelvin Trust. The large laminated posters were distributed to appropriate clinical areas and a detailed protocol was developed relevant to individual specialities.

The subsequent CREST guidelines on the Management of Hyponatremia in Adults have also been distributed throughout the Trust and are displayed in all clinical areas.

I can assure you that both of these guidelines have been incorporated into clinical practice within the Trust. Implementation of the guidance is monitored through the Trusts incident reporting mechanism.

Yours sincerely

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