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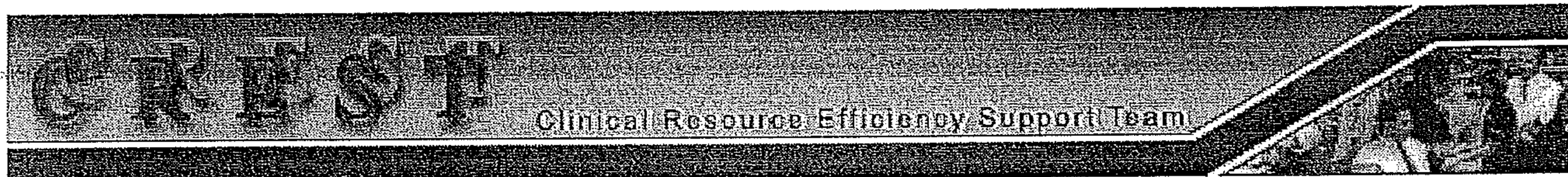
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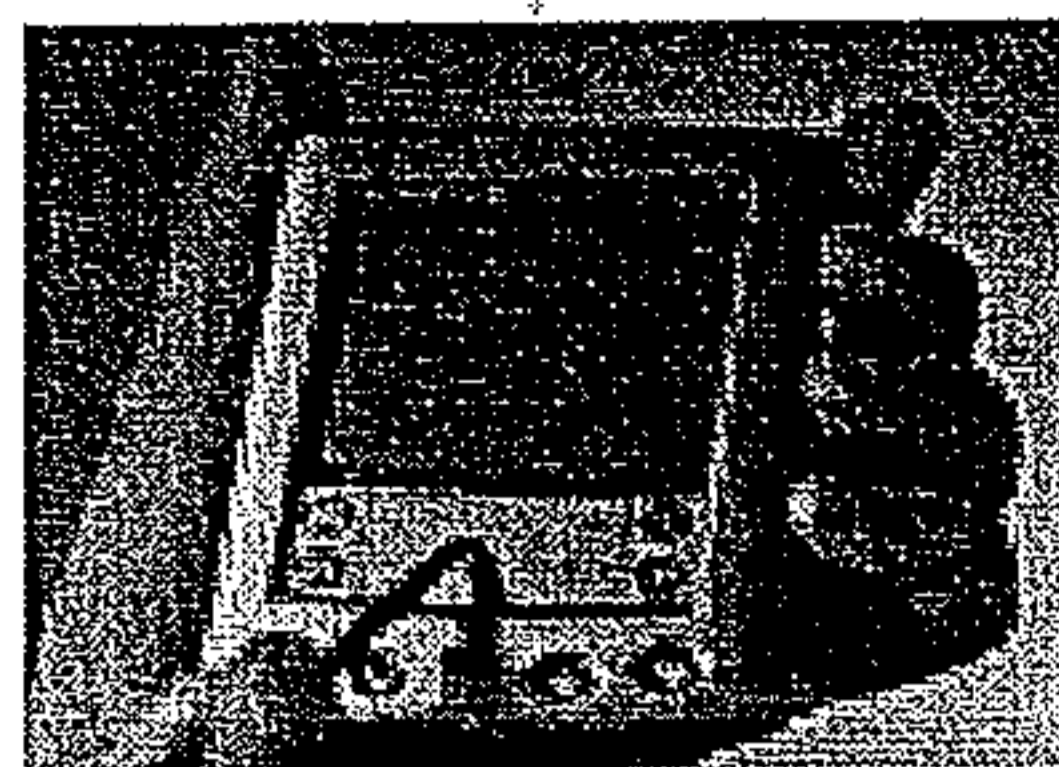
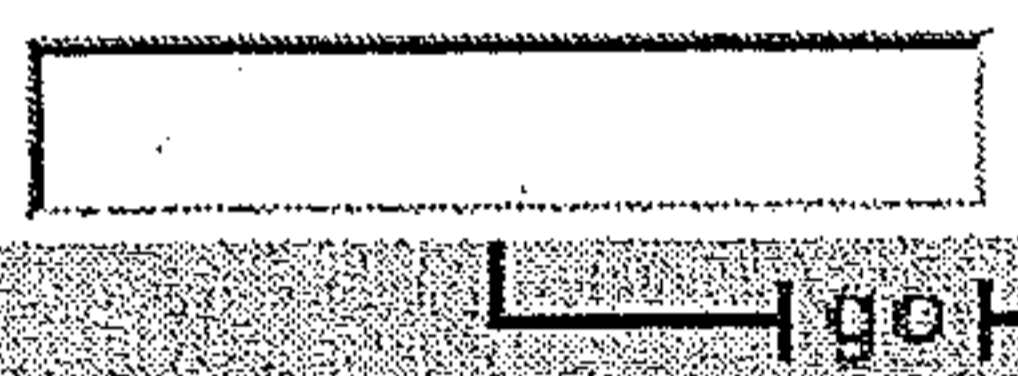
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Management of Hyponatraemia in the Adult Patient

In 2001 as a result of an approach by paediatricians who were concerned about the increase in the condition of hyponatraemia in children receiving intravenous fluids the Department of Health and Social Services and Public Safety set up a small multi-professional group to consider the production of guidelines. The outcome was a laminated wall chart that was intended to raise awareness of the problem with the recommendation that each unit should draw up its own protocol using the guideline advice.

Following this CREST decided to set up a sub-group to look at hyponatraemia in patients. The inaugural meeting of the group was held on 27 February 2002 and members agreed it would be beneficial to develop guidelines on the management of hyponatraemia in the adult patient.

Work on these is progressing and the group is aiming to publish its guidance early 2003.

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