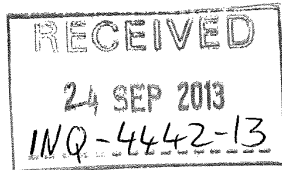




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Paediatric Department,
Antrim Hospital,
45 Bush Road,
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19th August 2013.

Dear Ms Dillon,

Re: your reference AD-0638-13

I have received your correspondence and checked my records as requested. I am able to provide a copy of one email dated 27/04/2003 to seven colleagues who acted as facilitators for the audit in their hospitals. The eighth hospital was Antrim and I took responsibility for this. The email of 27/04/2003 indicates that I had sent an earlier email regarding the audit. I think the content would have been similar. As the numbers recruited on the first attempt on 27th May 2003 were small, the exercise was repeated on 5th June 2003 and again on 14th January 2004. There would have been some similar email correspondence from me to the facilitators leading up to those dates but I do not have copies

The original data forms were sent to me. I do not know if the returning hospitals made their own copies. I made no copies. There was no additional information submitted with the data sheets. The data was collated for analysis and reported as a group result. A full summary report was sent to the Chief Medical Officer in August 2004. Copies were also sent to each facilitator of the audit. I do not have copies of the brief acknowledgement correspondence I would have sent along with the report. The results were tabled for and presented at the annual Paediatric Specialty Advisory Committee meeting in Castle Buildings on 5th October 2004.

In July 2004 Dr Kottyal and I submitted a paper fully outlining the results of the audit and our analysis to the Ulster Medical Journal and requested that the Editor consider it for publication and emphasised its importance. I have enclosed correspondence confirming this. This request was eventually granted and the paper was subsequently accepted for publication when peer review was satisfactory. The results were also presented at a regional workshop on the clinical care of children hosted by the CMO on 6th January 2005. I have enclosed correspondence confirming this. The paper was published in the Ulster Medical Journal in September 2005. At this point the original data forms were still in my possession. Shortly after this I shredded the data sheets as there was no additional clinical information for me to extract from them and I regarded this to be in accord with good clinical audit practice.

I have no knowledge of any other audit of the guidelines having been conducted before this one.

Yours sincerely,

Jarlath McAloon
Consultant Paediatrician

Jarlath McAloon
27/04/2003 16:10

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cc: M.Shields [REDACTED]
cc:
Subject: audit of regional guidelines on prevention of hyponatraemia with
IV fluids

Dear Colleagues

further to my earlier email on this audit proposal there is a consensus that we should proceed. I am nominating Tuesday 27th May as the day for the Province wide audit. I suggest that the snapshot take place between 12md and 2pm with every paediatric child in our units (non neonatal and not ICU) who is on IV fluids identified and an audit form completed. Each unit will have its own data for inhouse analysis but I also want to collate the information for a report to SAC paed's which will mean the local coordinator removing personal identifiers when the forms /copies are sent on.

I have attached a further copy of the audit form with some minor changes from before. The form and associated instructions I think are clear but if there are any queries at all or suggestions before the start date let me know. In due course please also let me know the names of the trainees involved and please ask them to keep the date of the audit confidential from their colleagues to make the audit as reflective as possible. Please also ensure that non paediatric consultant colleagues are aware that their staff may be included in the audit unless they raise objections.

I will send you all on a hard copy of the form for photocopying in case your attachment below is scrambled.

Could you all confirm that you are happy to proceed as proposed.

With best wishes,



PAEDIATRIC PARENTERAL FLUID THER
Jarlath

From the Chief Medical Officer

Dr Henrietta Campbell CB

To: Chief Executives HSS Trusts
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Your Ref:
Our Ref: CW11-3-04
Date: 9 November 2004

Dear Colleague

Workshop on Clinical Care of Children

Thursday, 6 January 2005
Dunadry Hotel, Antrim
9.30 am – 4.30 pm

I am writing seeking nominations for the above workshop to discuss good practice in the management of children admitted to hospitals throughout Northern Ireland.

There have been a number of issues, relating to the care of children in hospital, raised through the Specialty Advisory Groups. I feel that these need explored further with the relevant professional colleagues particularly in light of National policy documents, such as the National Service Framework for Children and NICE guidance.

The objective of the day is to discuss the safety and effectiveness of care for children and how this can be strengthened within our hospitals. The workshop will provide an opportunity to share information, promote best practice and identify areas of further work.

I am seeking nominations of individuals who are keen to champion change and work to strengthen the services provided for children in hospital. Multi-disciplinary representation will be important and I ask you to consider nominations from the following:

- Consultant Paediatricians / Junior staff;
- Consultant Surgeons / Junior staff;

- Consultant Anaesthetists / Junior staff;
- Accident and Emergency Consultants / Junior staff;
- Nurses from Surgical and Paediatric Wards and Accident and Emergency Departments;
- Pharmacists;

From the Chief Medical Officer
Dr Henrietta Campbell CB



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Our Ref: cw1-2-05
Date: 12th January 2005

Dear Dr McAloon *Jarleth*

Re : Workshop on Clinical Care on Children

Thank you very much for your succinct and informative presentation at our recent workshop. You provided a very important contribution into the day and it was evident from the evaluations that the information was well received and understood.

I'm sure you will agree that a lot of very important issues were highlighted and we have a clear understanding now of the work that needs done.

Thank you once again for giving your time and expertise and I look forward to working with you and other colleagues in the future to improve the care of our children.

Yours sincerely

pp Claire Willis

**Dr Henrietta Campbell
CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER**

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September 2004.

Dr J.M. Gibson,
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Ward 21,
Royal Victoria Hospital,
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Dear Dr Gibson,

We wish to request your reconsideration of our paper detailing a prospective Province wide study of IV fluid prescribing practice, adherence to guidance on measures to prevent hyponatraemia developing and our suggestions for practical solutions to address some of the difficulties identify by the study. We originally described and submitted the material in the form of an audit and you returned it without review indicating that the Journal no longer accepts audit reports.

We are hopeful that you may be able to accept our revision for review. We would highlight that the study was prospective, provides new information and identifies problem areas for which potential solutions are suggested. While inevitably an element of the study can be described as audit this is also true for papers that have been published in the Journal recently, including one with a member of the Editorial Board as a listed author¹.

The subject of our paper is not only important, as evidenced by the recent Editorial in the Journal² and a number of directives from the CMO to Trusts and the Training Committees through the Postgraduate Dean, but also continues to be of non-medical news print and television journalistic interest. Further, at the CMOs request the original DHSSPSNI guidance with which our paper deals is to be reviewed by the original working group and we have made our data available to the CMO who had originally requested through the paediatric SAC that such a study be undertaken. In our opinion the UMJ is the appropriate medical journal to reach the local paediatric, surgical and anaesthetic audience that needs so be kept informed and consequently we are reluctant at this point to submit the material for consideration for publication elsewhere. No conflict of interest exists.

Yours Sincerely,

Dr J McAloon

Dr R Kottyal

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