Monitoring

More prolonged use of I.V. fluid replacement therapy will require at least daily monitoring of Urea / Electrolytes and a reasonable assessment of ongoing fluid losses and urine output. More frequent assessment may be required if losses are excessive or clinical course not as expected.

The responsibility for requesting and interpreting laboratory investigations remains with the patient's clinician, but Paediatric Medical staff will provide advice on fluid management on an ad hoc basis.

Reference: "Prevention of hyponatraemia in Children"

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