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Dr. Norman Morrow,
Chair,
Pharmaceutical Contracting Executive Group,
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FL copy to Dr. Morrow for information

Dear Dr Morrow,

NPSA Patient Safety Alert 22; reducing the risk of hyponatraemia when administering intravenous infusions to children – regional clinical guidelines

As part of the ongoing reporting with regard to Trust implementation of the abovementioned Patient Safety Alert, I enclose a copy of the Western Trust's Paediatric Parenteral Fluid Therapy algorithm.

Most of the fluids used by the Trust are widely available as part of the NI medicinal products contract. Hartmann's solution with 3% glucose has been procured by the Trust as a special from Fresenius Kabi. The decision to use this fluid was made as a result of clinical audit carried out within the Trust, following discussions with the NPSA and has been endorsed by the Chief Executive. The clinical use of this fluid is in accordance with the abovementioned algorithm and is being audited.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Friel

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Head of Pharmacy and Medicines Management

cc: Chair, Regional Paediatric Fluid Therapy Working Group
Dr. P. Stewart, Consultant Anaesthetist, WHSCT
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