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Dr Maura Briscoe  
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Dear Maura

**Re: Paediatric Parental Fluid Therapy and Reducing the Risk of Hyponatraemia**


Further to our recent meeting and our email correspondence, I am writing to you to confirm the following actions:

Firstly, I have directed the Associate Dean for Foundation Training to implement our decision that all F1 and F2 doctors will complete the BMJ E-Learning module on reducing the risk of hyponatraemia when administering intravenous fluids to children. All F1 doctors who have not completed this module while at the undergraduate stage will be required to do so within four months of commencing their F1 programme. We will also ensure that all F2 doctors will complete the module as a requirement for the issuing of their end of programme certification.

Secondly, I have written to the Heads and Deputy Heads of the Schools of Anaesthesia/Intensive Care Medicine, Emergency Medicine, General Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Paediatrics and Surgery with both the regional chart on paediatric parental fluid therapy and the national patients safety agency workforce competence statement.

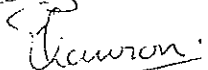
I have asked them to ensure that training in this area is delivered by their Schools and to advise me of their progress.

Yours sincerely

  
Chief Executive/Postgraduate Dean

cc. Ms A Carragher  
Ms M Roberts  
Miss G Diffin

(Associate Dean, Foundation, NIMDTA)  
(Administrative Director, NIMDTA)  
(Acting Hospital Training Co-ordinator, NIMDTA)

*Briege - I have confirmed with Dr Briscoe that no further action needs to be taken on this letter. Pl arrange to bring to cell - secondary care container. *

*6/6/08*