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Subject: RE: Hyponatraemia wallcharts

Dear Julian and all,

My personal feeling is Sept 03 is not 'incorrect', just not specific enough for children, with the current awareness of potential difficulties. The major concern with it still being used is that there now exists a much more prescriptive wallchart for children up to age 16 (Sept 07), and that if 2003 is still being used, it may erroneously be used for children as well, especially in adult wards. Perhaps we need a new wallchart to apply to patients > aged 16 to complement the paed's?

The related issue is the dissemination of info regarding IV fluid administration to children aged 13-16 on 'adult' wards. [REDACTED] appendix out in the main Royal a few weeks ago, and overnighted in the Burns ward, and I didn't see a paed's wallchart! I know adult physicians are wary of prescribing fluids in this situation. I looked after a 35kg 15 year old anorexic girl in a BCH medical ward very recently, and she would have needed her fluid requirements considered very carefully. Indeed the first of the hyponatraemic deaths highlighted was a previously healthy 12 year old girl, so this is a real issue, which Michael Trimble has been considering, and I will cc him in on this.

I don't think it would be enough to simply put up the paed's wallcharts in adult medical wards, I think there probably needs to be some sort of active education process to highlight the potential problems with IV fluids in older children on adult wards. Maybe it could be a DoH alert, or do they still happen?

All the best

Clodagh

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Hi,

Currently there are 3 wallcharts for use in Northern Ireland regarding Hyponatraemia.

1. PAEDIATRIC PARENTERAL FLUID THERAPY (1 month – 16 yrs) - September 2007.