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Julian

I would support this if the paediatric wallchart cannot be modified due to cost. However I am concerned that there has been lack of clarity around this issue, particularly in the context of the forthcoming Public Inquiry. If the cost of modifying the Paediatric Wallchart is not too expensive, I think that reissuing the Paediatric Guidance at the same time as the Adult Guidance would be the best option. Maybe Nicola could advise on the cost issue?

Best wishes

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Hi,

There has been some confusion and/or different interpretation of the term "1 month – 16 years".

Some people have taken it to mean "up to the 16th birthday" while others have taken it to mean "up to and including the 16th year".

Clearly, we need a consistent approach.

Ideally, we should have this clarified on the Paediatric Fluid wallchart. Is it to be re-issued? I assume this would be expensive. Also, it is already up on walls all over the province (or it should be). A reissue would mean replacing all of them.

If reissuing the wallchart is not being considered, my suggestion would be that we should make it clear on the paediatric fluid balance charts that are currently being redesigned. Something like "to be used for children up to their 16th birthday" (i.e. it should actually say that on the chart) and also have the new adult GAIN guideline indicate on it's front page that it applies from the patient's 16th birthday.

Between those 2 measures we should cover any confusion.

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Importance: High

Karen


GAIN were not involved with the paediatric guidance and therefore I am unable to help with this.

I have copied to Dr Ian Young, Dr Julian Johnston, whom I think had some involvement in this.

Guys, can you advise on this one?

Thanks

Nicola


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Nicola
Can we change the age on the paediatric guidance before re-issue with the adult guidance? What would be involved?
Karen

From: Harper, Carolyn
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Subject: FW: Hyponatraemia and fluids - Paediatric guidelines - Age cut-off

Karen/Jim are you content if I reply yes

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Subject: RE: Hyponatraemia and fluids - Paediatric guidelines - Age cut-off

Carolyn

In view of this, we can change the age cutoff on the adult guideline. However, could the paed guidelines also be modified before they are reissued to clarify that they mean up the 16th birthday? In view of all of this discussion, it is apparent that the current wording (from one month to 16 years) is not sufficiently clear on this point.

Best wishes

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Following confirmation from Jarlath who chaired the paediatric guideline group, the paediatric guidelines are intended for use up to the 16th birthday. The adult guidelines should therefore reflect that.

To clarify the situation for frontline staff, when the adult guidelines are ready, it would seem to make sense to issue them along with the existing paed guidelines. SQS Directorate in DHSSPS will liaise with GAIN on this when the guidelines are ready for issue.

I hope this clarifies the way forward

Carolyn

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Cc: 'Alexander Maxwell'; I.Young [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: hyponatraemia

Peter

It is clear that many adult physicians and surgeons in Belfast would prefer not to use the paediatric guidelines. However, in Belfast since over 13's are admitted to adult wards, the 16/17 cutoff will make little difference. It could impact on other Trusts, but we do not have any definite information about this. We will see what Carolyn comes back with before deciding how to proceed.

Best wishes

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Subject: RE: hyponatraemia

The reason that I brought this up is that many paediatric departments only admit children up to their 16th birthday. In fact in RBHSC our cut off is the 13th birthday. If the adult guideline starts at the 17th birthday then all 16 yr olds in adult wards will have to be managed with the paediatric guideline and I am not sure this is what adult physicians and surgeons will want.

Peter

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Subject: RE: hyponatraemia

I am seeking advice on this and hope to get back to you tomorrow/in next few days

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Subject: RE: hyponatraemia

Ian,

Further to my last email, I understand the form of words used on the NHSCT fluid balance chart is

"This prescription chart must be used for all non-neonatal children up to the 16th birthday"

Clearly, if we adopt this interpretation the adult guidelines will have to change their starting age.

Julian.

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Subject: RE: hyponatraemia

Peter

Thanks! We discussed this at some length at one of the early meetings as we felt it was not entirely clear, but the view of the other members of the group (including at least one paediatrician who had been on the paediatric guideline group) was that the DOH guideline refers to children up to their 17th birthday. The actual wording is "one month to sixteen years", not "one month to the sixteenth birthday". Our view was that a healthcare professional dealing with a patient aged 16yrs would believe that the patient fell within the description "one month to sixteen years". This is how the paediatric guideline has been interpreted by many in the Belfast Trust, and in at least some of the other Trusts.

It may be that Carolyn and yourself are correct, but if a significant group of others can take a different interpretation it suggests that the wording of the paediatric guideline is unclear. This is obviously an important issue and I would like some definitive guidance if we are to change the current position taken in the adult guideline. Perhaps Carolyn could confirm in writing on behalf of the Department that the Paediatric guideline is intended to apply only up to the 16th birthday? In this case we would clearly need to change our current interpretation and wording.

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Hi Ian

I have just spoken to Carolyn Harper who, like myself, feels that the DOH Guideline regarding hyponatraemia in children refers to children up to their 16th birthday. After this time they are in their seventeenth year. If this is the case and if the adult guideline refers to individuals who are 17 years and above we have missed out individuals in their seventeenth year. So I guess the adult guideline would have to include all who are 16 years and above.

Peter

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Dear all

Please find attached version 1.5 of the guidance. A number of changes were made at last week's meeting, so please conduct a final check and circulate comments. This needs to be finalised in early January, and no further meetings of the group are planned before the guidance is published. The wallchart will be amended in line with the agreed guidance and will be circulated in due course. Two specific additional issues arise:

- 1) The CMO has confirmed that he would like to maintain clear separation between this guidance and the paediatric guidance. Therefore, this guidance is for 17 years and above, with all younger individuals being

managed in line with the paediatric guidance. No statement about use of clinical judgement in older children will be included.

- 2) Several recent papers cast doubt on the accuracy of the formulae used to predict change in sodium, currently highlighted in red on page 10. I attach one example. I am inclined to exclude the formulae, as I think that they provide a false sense of security when hypertonic saline is administered, potentially leading to problems. I would be grateful for comments.

Best wishes

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