

# **Resuscitation and Maintenance Fluids**

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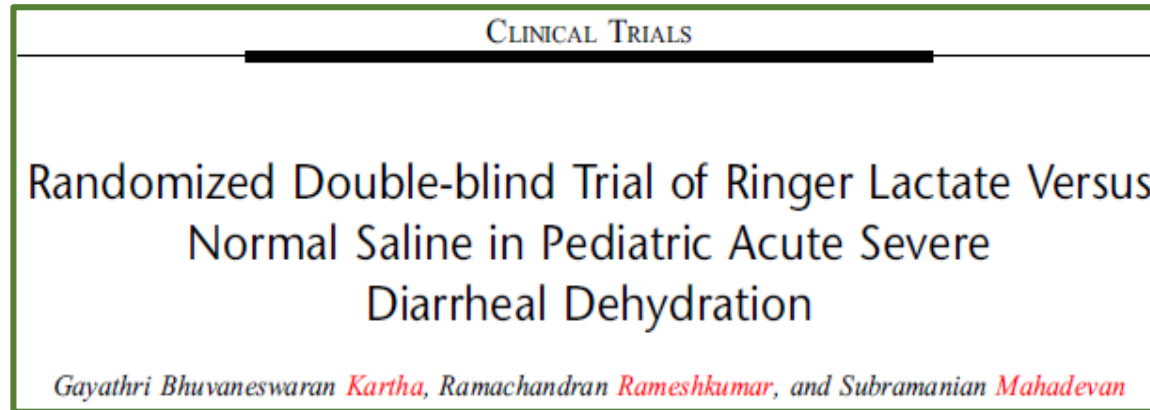
## Resuscitation fluid changes made to updated STGs and EML



- **Modified Ringers Lactate ADDED** as an alternative to Sodium Chloride, 0.9%

# Resuscitation fluids: Saline versus Ringers Lactate (1)

- The previous edition of the Paediatric STGs and EML only recommended 0.9% Sodium Chloride.
- The consideration of Modified Ringers Lactate was evaluated during the current review cycle.



A randomized trial comparing the effectiveness of Ringer lactate and normal saline for correction of paediatric acute severe diarrhoeal dehydration found that 38% of patients on Ringers lactate and 23% of patient on normal saline had improvement in clinical status and pH  $\geq 7.35$  after 6 hours, RR =1.63, 95% CI 0.8 to 3.4). No significant differences were seen secondary outcomes regarding electrolyte, renal and blood gas parameters, or hospital stay duration.

# Resuscitation Fluids: Saline versus Ringers Lactate (2)

- In addition to these agents being comparable in efficacy, the current costs of sodium chloride 0.9% and ringers lactate are equivalent:

Item	Price*
<b>Sodium Chloride; 0.9%; Infusion (parenteral); 1 L</b>	R10.59
<b>Ringer Lactate; Infusion (parenteral); 1 L</b>	R10.75

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*Note: Much large volume on National Contract for NaCl compared to Ringers Lactate. As volumes of Ringers increase, it would be expected this price to go down*

Modified Ringers Lactate was thus added as an alternative resuscitation fluid to sodium chloride, 0.9% in a shock, anaphylaxis, cardiac arrest and burns.

## Maintenance fluid changes made to updated STGs and EML



- **1/2 Darrows/Dextrose 5% REMOVED**
  - ✓ Replaced with Sodium Chloride 0.9%/Dextrose 5%

# Fluid composition

	Resuscitation		Maintenance			
	Modified Ringer's lactate	Sodium chloride, 0.9%	½ Darrows Dextrose, 5%	Sodium chloride, 0.9%/Dextrose, 5%	Paediatric Maintenance Solution	Balanced solution
<b>Na</b>	130	154	61	154	35	130
<b>K</b>	4		18	154	12	4
<b>Cl</b>	109	154	51		47	110
<b>Bicarb</b>			27			27
<b>Lactate</b>	28					
<b>Dextrose</b>			50	50	50	
<b>Osmolality</b>	272	308	434	560	372	273
<b>Tonicity</b>	Isotonic	Isotonic	Hypotonic	Hypertonic	Hypotonic	Isotonic
<b>pH</b>	6,5		5			7,4

Values expressed in mmol/L, except osmolality and pH

# Update in maintenance fluid recommendation for children

- Half-strength Darrow's solution has been used extensively for childhood dehydration in treatment internationally.
- Major adverse effect: **iatrogenic hyponatraemia**.

## SYSTEMATIC REVIEW

ESPNIC clinical practice guidelines:  
intravenous maintenance fluid therapy in acute  
and critically ill children— a systematic review  
and meta-analysis



# Update in maintenance fluid recommendation for children

PICO1

**Indication:** Does IV-MFT versus other hydration therapies (none, oral or enteral route) impact on clinical outcomes?

**No significant difference** in length of stay but trend towards a reduction in length of hospital stay in patients receiving enteral fluids

PICO2

**Tonicity:** Do isotonic solutions versus hypotonic solutions (as IV-MFT) impact on clinical outcomes?

**Yes,** isotonic solutions significantly decrease the risk of hyponatremia compared with hypotonic fluids

PICO3

**Balanced fluids:** Do balanced solutions versus non-balanced solutions (as IV-MFT) impact on clinical outcomes?

**Yes,** the length of acute care or PICU stay were slightly but significantly decreased in children receiving balanced solutions

PICO4

**Composition:** Does the composition of IV-MFT in terms of glucose, electrolytes (P, Mg, Ca K), vitamins and trace elements impact on clinical outcomes?

**Not able to be answered** in a meta-analysis

PICO5

**Amounts:** Does the use of a restrictive IV-MFT volume versus the standard Holliday and Segar calculated volume impact on clinical outcomes?

**Yes,** a restrictive strategy was significantly associated with a lower change in plasma sodium



# Update in maintenance fluid recommendation for children

Half strength Darrow with glucose 5% is the **more costly** option compared to saline 0.9%/dextrose 5% option

	Half Darrow With Glucose; 5%; Infusion (parenteral); 500 ml	Sodium Chloride, Dextrose; 0.9%, 5%; Infusion (parenteral); 1 L	Sodium Chloride, Dextrose; 0.9%, 5%; Infusion (parenteral); 200 ml
Current contract price*	R12.86	R12.37	R22.28
Price per litre	R25.72	R12.37	R111,40

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Thus removed: replaced with Sodium Chloride 0.9%/Dextrose 5% solution

# Important points to note:

**Most children should receive maintenance fluids orally or via nasogastric tube**

**All children receiving IV fluid should be re-assessed frequently (4 hourly)**

**For rehydration, the oral or nasogastric route is preferred**

**Rapid rehydration over 4 hours (vs slow rehydration) is preferred**

# Zinc dosing in children

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# Zinc dosing

## Zinc (mineral and micronutrient supplementation) for diarrhoea in children

- Zinc supplementation for diarrhoea:
  - shorter durations of diarrhea,
  - reduced number of stools and stool output,
  - reduced risk of persistent diarrhea and
  - may reduce the risk of subsequent illness and increase weight gain.
- Oral zinc: **vomiting** due to strong metallic taste and tendency to cause **gastric irritation**

### The previous zinc dosing recommendations in acute diarrhoea were:

- Zinc (elemental), oral, for 14 days:
  - If < 10kg: 10 mg/day
  - If > 10kg: 20 mg/day

## Evidence: Zinc dosing in diarrhoea

- Randomised, double-blind, controlled trial.
- Included 4500 children (6-59 months of age) with acute diarrhoea.
- Assigned to receive either 5, 10 or 20 mg zinc daily for 14 days.
- Primary outcomes:
  - diarrhoea duration more than 5 days;
  - number of stools, and;
  - occurrence of vomiting within 30 minutes of zinc administration.



Dhingra U et al. Lower-dose zinc for childhood diarrhea – A randomized, multicenter trial. NEJM. 2020, 383:1231-1241.

# Findings

OUTCOME	20mg	10mg	5mg	Difference
<b>Diarrhoea for more than 5 days</b>	6.5%	7.7%	7.2%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Difference between the 20 mg and 10 mg groups was 1.2 percentage points (upper boundary of the 98.75% confidence interval [CI], 3.3).</li> <li>• Difference between the 20-mg and 5-mg groups was 0.7 percentage points (upper boundary of the 98.75% CI, 2.8).</li> <li>• Both of which were below the non-inferiority margin set of 4 percentage points.</li> </ul>
<b>The mean number of diarrheal stools</b>	10.7	10.9	10.8	<p>Difference between the 20-mg and 10-mg groups was 0.3 stools (upper boundary of the 98.75% CI, 1.0).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Difference between the 20-mg and 5-mg groups was 0.1 stools (upper boundary of the 98.75% CI, 0.8).</li> <li>• Both of which were below the non-inferiority margin (2 stools).</li> </ul>
<b>Vomiting within 30 minutes after administration occurred</b>	19.3%	15.6%	13.7%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Risk was significantly lower in the 10-mg group than in the 20-mg group (relative risk, 0.81; 97.5% CI, 0.67 to 0.96).</li> <li>• Risk was also significantly lower in the 5-mg group than in the 20-mg group (relative risk, 0.71; 97.5% CI, 0.59 to 0.86).</li> <li>• Lower doses were also associated with less vomiting beyond 30 minutes after administration.</li> </ul>

# Zinc in Diarrhoea: Recommendation Updated

- Lower doses had non-inferior efficacy compared to standard 20 mg daily dose.
- Recommendation in STGs and EML updated to recommend 10mg/day for all children with diarrhea:

## **Mineral and micronutrient supplementation**

All children with diarrhoea.

- Zinc (elemental), oral, 10 mg/day for 14 days.

## **Benefits:**

- Improves safety: less vomiting
- No compromise of efficacy
- Decreased cost

# Thank you