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**Why so salty?
IV fluids in the PICU**


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Objectives

- Review AAP recommendations for intravenous fluids components in hospitalized children
- Debate the available evidence regarding hypotonic versus isotonic intravenous fluids, balanced versus non-balanced intravenous fluids
- Describe potential adverse effects of intravenous fluids in the critically ill population
- Design an intravenous fluid plan for a critically ill child



Patient Case #1

18-month old, 12-kilogram, previously well child admitted to the PICU with acute hypoxic respiratory failure due to suspected viral bronchiolitis.

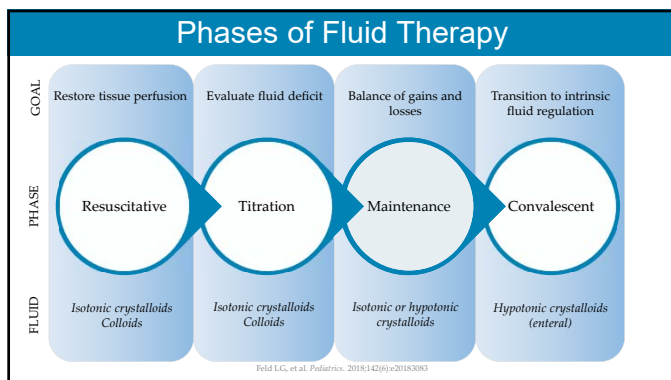
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Phases of Fluid Therapy



Rationale for Selection of Intravenous Fluid Products

Hypotonic IV Fluids

- Follows published electrolyte daily requirements for children
- Averts hyperchloremic metabolic acidosis
- Avoids acute hyponatremia

Isotonic IV Fluids


- Addresses inappropriate ADH secretion
- Avoids acute hyponatremia thus subsequent neurological sequelae



American Academy of Pediatrics Recommendation


Patients 28 days to 18 years of age requiring maintenance IVFs should receive isotonic solutions with appropriate potassium chloride and dextrose because they significantly decrease the risk of developing hyponatremia.

Evidence Quality: A
Recommendation Strength: Strong

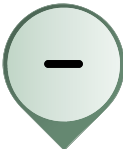


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Benefits, Harm, and Exclusions



- More physiologic fluid
- Less hyponatremia



- Acute kidney injury
- Fluid overload
- Hyperchloremic metabolic acidosis
- Hypernatremia



- Neurosurgical disorders
- Cardiac disease
- Hepatic disease
- Cancer
- Renal dysfunction
- Diabetes insipidus
- Severe burns
- NICU patients
- <28 days or >18 yr


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Pediatric Populations in Meta-Analyses

Studies	N	Age	Med/Surg	Setting
Brazel 1996	12	12 y – 18 y	Surg	PICU
Neville 2006	42	6 mo – 14 y	Med	Ward
Montanana 2008	122	29 d – 18 y	Surg	PICU
Yung 2009	61	30 d – 18 y	Both	PICU
Kannan 2010	114	3 mo – 12 y	Med	Ward
Neville 2010	124	6 mo – 15 y	Surg	Ward
Choong 2011	218	6 mo – 16 y	Surg	Mixed
Rey 2011	84	2 y – 10 y	Both	PICU
Saba 2011	37	3 mo – 18 y	Both	Ward
Coulthard 2012	79	4 y – 14 y	Surg	PICU

BY THE NUMBERS:

- Total patients = 893
- PICU patients = 358 (40%)
- Surgical ICU patients = 307 (85%)
- Excluded neonates, heart failure, renal insufficiency, shock
- Most studies 24 hours duration



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Patient Case #2

18-month old, 12-kilogram, previously well child admitted to the PICU with acute hypoxic respiratory failure and septic shock.

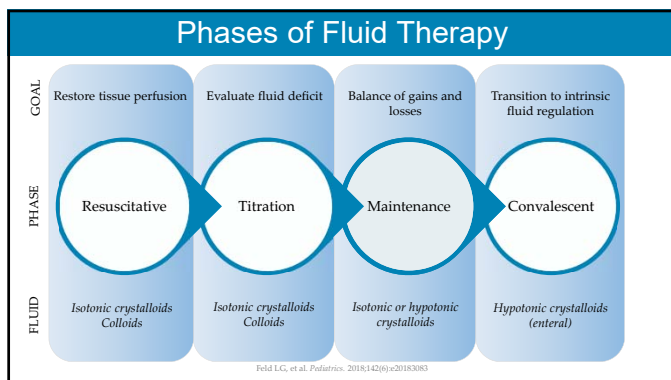
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What are "Balanced Fluids"?

Fluid	Sodium (mEq/L)	Chloride (mEq/L)	SID	Potassium (mEq/L)	Calcium (mEq/L)	Magnesium (mEq/L)	Buffer (mEq/L)	Osmolarity (mOsm/L)	Osmolality (mOsm/kg)	pH (range)
Human Plasma	135-144	95-105	40	3.5-5.3	2.2-2.6	0.8-1.2	20-30 bicarbonate	308	288	7.35-7.45
Plasma-Lyte® 148*	140	98	42	5	--	3	27 acetate 23 gluconate	294	271	5.5 (4-8)
Plasma-Lyte® A*	140	98	42	5	--	3	27 acetate 23 gluconate	294	271	7.4 (6.5-8)
Normosol®-R*	140	98	42	5	--	3	27 acetate 23 gluconate	294		6.6 (4-8)
Normosol®-R pH 7.4*	140	98	42	5	--	3	27 acetate 23 gluconate	295		7.4 (6.5-7.6)
Lactated Ringers	130	109	21	4	2.7	0	28 lactate	273	254	6.5 (6-7.5)
0.9% NaCl	154	154	0	--	--	--	--	308	286	5.6 (4.5-7)
0.45% NaCl	77	77	0	--	--	--	--	154		5.6 (4.5-7)
0.225% NaCl + D5W	38.5	38.5	0	0	0	0	0	329		4.5 (3.5-6.5)

*Multiple electrolyte injection, Type 1, USP is the generic name for Plasma-Lyte® A and 148, and Normosol®-R and Normosol®-R pH 7.4.
Strong ion difference, SID

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Pediatric Experience with Balanced Fluids

Hypothesis	Resuscitation with balanced fluids is associated with improved outcomes compared with normal saline in pediatric sepsis	
Design	Multi-center, retrospective database review	N = 12,529
Comparison	NS (unbalanced fluid) and LR (balanced fluid)	NS-only = 10,379, LR-only = 459
Inclusion	< 18 years Admitted to PICU Jan 2000 – Dec 2013 Diagnosis of pediatric severe sepsis or septic shock	
Duration	3 days from hospital admission	
Primary Outcome	30-day hospital mortality	21 (4.6%) vs 23 (5%), p=0.69
Secondary Outcome	Presence of AKI PICU LOS Hospital LOS	49 (10.7%) vs 45 (9.8%), p=0.32 Median 5.5 vs 5.8 days, p=0.27 Median 10.5 vs 11.9 days, p=0.01

Acute kidney injury, AKI; continuous renal replacement therapy, CRRT; length of stay, LOS; lactated ringers, LR; normal saline, NS; pediatric intensive care unit, PICU

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Pediatric Experience with Balanced Fluids

Objective	Evaluate outcomes in children receiving balanced fluids for resuscitation in pediatric sepsis	
Design	Multi-center, retrospective database review	N = 36,908
Comparison	NS (unbalanced fluid) and multiple electrolyte solutions (balanced fluid)	NS-only = 30,166 and MES-only = 2,398
Inclusion	< 18 years Admitted to PICU Jan 2004 – Dec 2012 Diagnosis of pediatric severe sepsis	
Duration	72 hours from end of first bolus	
Primary Outcome	In-hospital mortality	15.9% vs 12.5%, p=0.007
Secondary Outcome	Prevalence of AKI CRRT use Vasoactive infusion days Hospital LOS	19.2% vs 16%, p=0.028 7.2% vs 5.4%, p=0.028 3.3 vs 3 days, p<0.001 18.1 vs 21 days, p<0.001

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Pediatric Balanced Fluid Studies: Take Away Points

- Large heterogeneous populations reviewed, few exclusions
- Hyperchloremia is likely not helpful
- Trend favoring balanced fluids for improved renal outcomes

- All retrospective studies
- Outcomes have not had consistent association favoring balanced fluids


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Which is the best choice for an IV fluid bolus?

- 5% Albumin
- LR
- 0.9% NaCl
- Plasmalyte-A




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Summary and Final Thoughts


WHAT WE KNOW

Isotonic fluids are recommended mIVF for children to protect from hyponatremia
 Unbalanced fluids have been associated with poor mortality and renal outcomes in children and adults

WHAT WE DO NOT KNOW

What is the best IVF in special populations? (i.e., CVICU, ECMO, neonates)
 Will the widespread use of 0.9% NaCl for mIVFs increase clinically significant hyperchloremic metabolic acidosis?
 Is there a true causation of balanced fluids and improvement of ICU-related outcomes in children?
 Are isotonic-balanced solutions superior to 0.9% NaCl for the mIVF in the pediatric ICU?

Future study: PRoMPT BOLUS – Pragmatic pediatric trial of balanced versus normal saline fluid in sepsis: a pilot feasibility study
 Sponsor: Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
 Status: Active, not recruiting




Study information available at <https://clinicaltrials.gov>

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