

# **FLUID MANAGEMENT IN NEONATES AND INFANTS**

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# INTRODUCTION

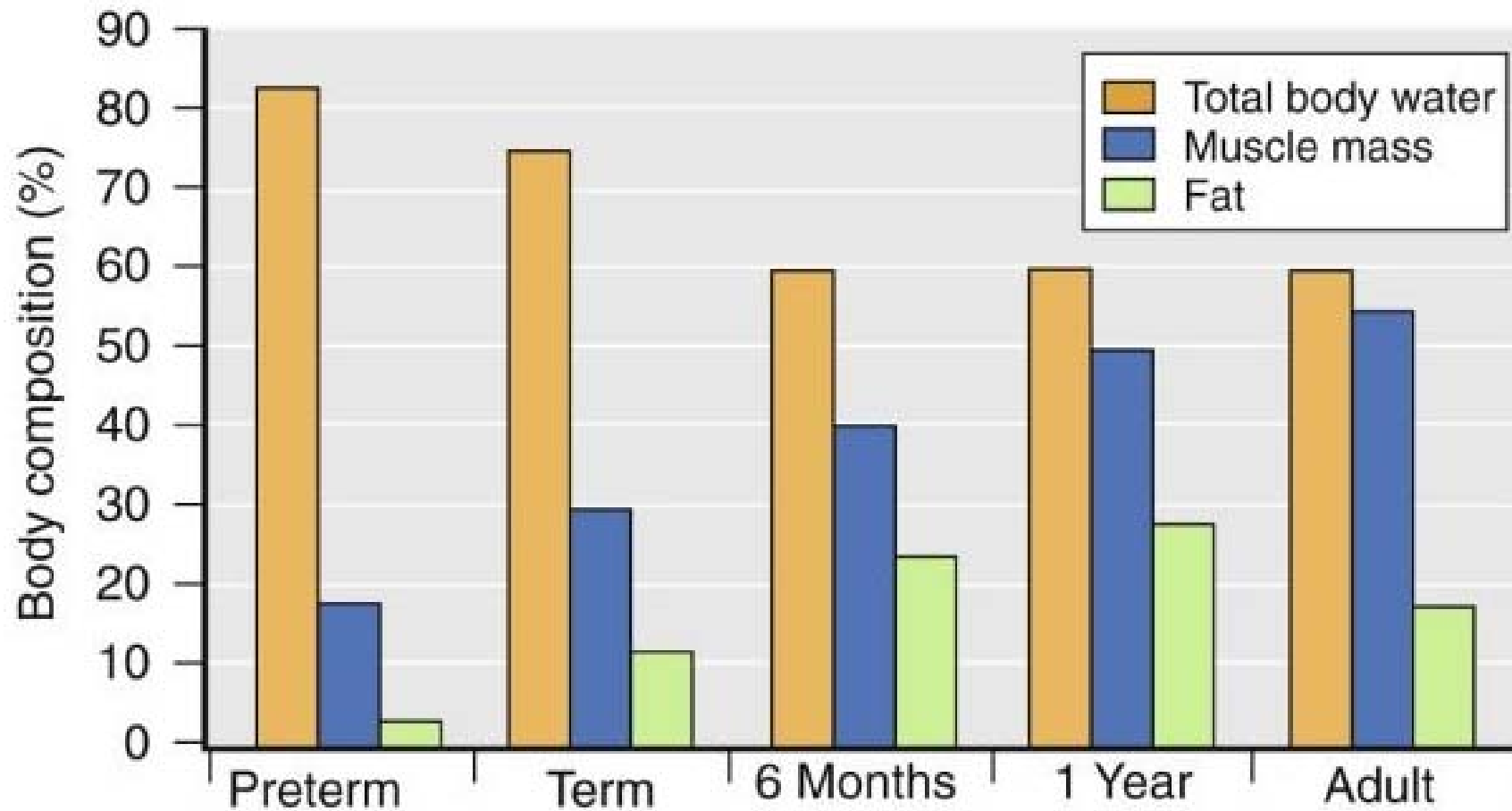
- WHY IS FLUID MANAGEMENT IMPORTANT IN NEONATES --
  - Physiology different from adults.
  - All don't need the same IV fluids (either in quantity or composition).
  - If wrong fluids are given, neonatal physiology is not well equipped to handle them.
  - Serious morbidity can result from fluid and electrolyte imbalance.

# NEONATAL PHYSIOLOGY

## HOW IT IS DIFFERENT???

- All babies are born with an excess of TBW, mainly ECF-
  - Adults have 60% water (20% ECF, 40% ICF)
  - Term neonates have 75% water (40% ECF, 35% ICF)
  - Preterm neonates have more water (23 wks: 90% : 60% ECF, 30% ICF)

# DISTRIBUTION OF BODY WATER



# NEONATAL PHYSIOLOGY

- High water content provides a large volume of distribution for water-soluble medications.
- Low fat and muscle content provides a small reservoir for drugs that depend on redistribution into these tissues for termination of drug effect.
- **ANAESTHETIC IMPLICATIONS –**
  - Water soluble drugs have larger volume of distribution, require larger initial dose eg., antibiotics, muscle relaxants
  - Drugs depending on redistribution into fat have longer clinical effect eg., thiopental
  - Drugs redistributing into muscle have longer clinical effect eg., fentanyl

# NEONATAL PHYSIOLOGY

- After birth, there is efflux of fluid from (ICF) to (ECF) .
- This floods the neonatal kidneys eventually resulting in a salt and water diuresis by 48-72 hours.
- This loss results in physiological weight loss in the first week of life.
- ECW compartment is larger in preterm neonates- the weight loss is greater.
- Term infants are loose up to 10% of their birth weight as compared to 15% weight loss in premature neonates.
- Failure to loose this ECF may be associated with morbidities like
  - Patent ductus arteriosus (PDA)
  - Necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC)
  - Chronic lung disease (CLD)

# NEONATAL PHYSIOLOGY

- **RENAL FUNCTION**

- At birth : Functionality is only 25 %
- Complete maturation of renal function - by 2 yrs of age
- $t_{1/2}$  of drugs excreted by glomerular filtration is prolonged
- The physiological range for urine osmolality in neonates 50mmol/L to 600 mmol/L in preterms and 800 mmol/L in term infants.



# NEONATAL PHYSIOLOGY

- **Cardiovascular physiology**

- Infants more sensitive to hypovolemia due to relatively low contractile mass/gram of cardiac tissue



limited ability to ↑ myocardial contractility

↓ in ventricular compliance



extremely limited ability to ↑ stroke volume

need to ↑HR to ↑cardiac output( Treppe effect)

# NEONATAL PHYSIOLOGY

- **Fluid losses-**

- Apart from sensible water loss, neonates have additional water losses due to evaporation from the skin and respiratory tract - insensible water loss (IWL)
- Insensible water losses -higher in preterm infants
- Evaporation through the skin -70% of IWL
- From the respiratory tract- 30% of IWL

# NEONATAL PHYSIOLOGY

- **Increased insensible water loss (IWL)**
  - Increased respiratory rate
  - Surgical malformations (gastroschisis, omphalocele, neural tube defects)
  - Increased body temperature: 30% increase in IWL per C rise in temperature
  - High ambient temperature: 30% increase in IWL per C rise in temperature
  - Use of radiant warmer and phototherapy: 50% increase in IWL
  - Decreased ambient humidity.
  - Increased motor activity, crying: 50-70% increase in IWL

- **Decreased insensible water loss (IWL)**
  - Use of incubators
  - Humidification of inspired gases in head box and ventilators
  - Use of plexiglas heat shields
  - Increased ambient humidity
  - Thin transparent plastic barriers – reduce upto 30% IWL

### **Anaesthetic concerns**

- Covering the neonate during transportation and during surgery
- Maintenance of OT temperature

# FASTING GUIDELINES

- EARLIER GUIDELINES-

Fasting Time (hr)

Age	Milk & Solids	Clear Liquids
<6 months	4	
6-36 months	6	
>36 months	8	3

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# NEW FASTING GUIDELINES

- EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF ANAESTHESIA ( 2011 )  
FASTING GUIDELINES –
  - 2 hours for clear liquids
  - 4 hours for breast milk
  - 6 hours for non human milk, Infant formula
  - 8 hours for solid food

## ADVANTAGES OF THESE LIBERAL GUIDELINES-

- Prevent dehydration and hypoglycemia
- Reduce the risk of aspiration

# **INTRAOPERATIVE FLUID THERAPY**

- **DEFICIT THERAPY-** TO COMPENSATE FOR DEHYDRATION OR FASTING
- **MAINTAINENCE THERAPY –** TO COMPENSATE FOR LOSS DUE IWL AND URINE
- **REPLACEMENT THERAPY-** FOR BLOOD LOSS AND THIRD SPACE LOSSES

# ASSESSMENT OF FLUID AND ELECTROLYTE STATUS

- **History:**
- **Physical Examination:**
  - Weight: Most important criteria
  - Skin/Mucosa: Altered skin turgor, sunken AF, dry mucosa, edema etc
- **Cardiovascular:**
  - Tachycardia can result from too much (ECF excess in CHF) or too little ECF (hypovolemia)
  - Delayed capillary refill can result from low cardiac output
  - Hepatomegaly can occur with ECF excess
  - Blood pressure changes very late



- Lab evaluation:
  - Serum electrolytes and plasma osmolarity
  - Urine output
  - Urine electrolytes, specific gravity
  - Blood urea, serum creatinine
  - ABG

<b>Clinical Sign</b>	<b>Mild dehydration (&lt;3% wt loss)</b>	<b>Moderate (3-10%)</b>	<b>Severe &gt;10%</b>
<b>General condition</b>	Alert, restless	Thirsty ,lethargic	Cold , sweaty, limp
<b>Pulse</b>	Normal rate, volume	Rapid, weak	Rapid, feeble
<b>respiration</b>	Normal	Deep rapid	Deep
<b>Systolic pressure</b>	Normal	Normal or low	Low, Unrecordable
<b>Reduced urine output</b>	NO	YES	YES
<b>Dry mouth</b>	NO	YES	YES
<b>Sunken eyes</b>	NO	YES	YES
<b>Ant. fontaneliae</b>	Normal	Sunken	Very sunken
<b>Reduced skin turgor</b>	NO (recoils instantly)	YES (1-2 secs)	YES (>2secs)
<b>Prolonged capillary refill time</b>	NO	May be slightly prolonged	YES (cool/mottled /pale peripheries)
<b>drowsiness</b>	NO	YES	Severe
<b>Estimated deficit</b>	30-50ml/kg	60-100ml/kg	>100ml/kg

# MANAGEMENT

## Goal:

- Allow initial loss of ECF over first week (as reflected by wt loss), while maintaining normal intravascular volume and tonicity (as reflected by HR, U O, lytes, pH). Subsequently, maintain water and electrolyte balance, including requirements for body growth.
- Individualize approach according to response of the child and age.

# DEFICIT DUE TO FASTING

- HOURLY REQUIREMENT BASED ON HOLLIDAY AND SEGAR – 100ml water for 100 calories expended

**4-2-1 rule-based on b. wt.**

Weight	Hourly fluid requirements
<10 kg	4 ml/kg
10-20 kg	40 ml + 2 ml/kg Above 10 kg
>20 kg	60 ml + 1 ml/kg Above 20 kg

**CHILDS RESPONSE  
TO FLUID THERAPY  
SHOULD ALWAYS  
BE MONITORED**

Millers anaesthesia 7<sup>th</sup> edition

# Fluid deficit due to fasting

## MANAGEMENT -

- Hourly maintenance requirements x hours of fluid restriction
- 50% 1st hour
- 25% each in next 2 hours

# MAINTAINENCE FLUID IN NEONATES

- MEETS THE LOSSES DUE TO IWL AND URINE

Birth weight	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
<1000g	80	100	120	130	140	150	160
1000 to 1500g	80	95	110	120	130	140	150
>1500g	60	75	90	105	120	135	150

\* Fluid and Electrolyte Management in Term and Preterm Neonates, Indian journal of pediatrics, volume 75 - march 2008

# MAINTENANCE FLUID

- **CHOICE OF FLUID ??????**
  - **Term Babies and Babies With Birth Weight > 1500 Grams**
    - DAY 1 - 10% Dextrose to maintain a glucose infusion of 4-6mg/kg/min
    - DAY 2 TO 7 - 10% Dextrose and sodium and potassium to be added after 48 hours
  - **Preterm Baby With Birth Weight 1000-1500 Grams**
    - DAY 1 - 10% Dextrose
    - DAY 2 TO 7 - 10% Dextrose and sodium and potassium to be added after 48 hours
    - AFTER DAY 7 - Fluids should be given at 150-160 ml/kg/day and sodium supplementation at 3-5 mEq/kg should continue till 32-34 weeks corrected gestational age.

# MAINTAINENCE FLUID DURING SURGERY

- The maintenance fluid used during surgery should be isotonic such as 0.9% sodium chloride or Ringer lactate /Hartmann's solution in infants.
- Neonates in the first 48 hours of life should be given dextrose during surgery.
- Maintenance fluid to be calculated by Holliday and segar for patients more than 4 wks of age.



# Guide for Maintenance Fluid Therapy

## Newborn Term

Day 1      50-60 ml/kg/day      D10 W

Day 2      80 ml/kg/day      D10 W

>Day 7      100-150 ml/kg/day      D5-D10 1/4 NS

## Older Child

4-2-1 rule (Holliday & Segar method)

# ROLE OF GLUCOSE IN PERIOPERATIVE PERIOD

- Lack glycogen stores
- Hyperglycemia is more commonly encountered
  - Response to anaesthesia and surgery
  - Anxiety
  - Pain
- Hypoglycaemia → brain damage
- Hyperglycemia → Osmotic diuresis → dehydration and electrolyte imbalance

**The present recommendations is that the replacement fluid used should either be free of dextrose or should not have more than 1% dextrose.\***

**\*Perioperative fluid therapy in pediatrics, Pediatric Anesthesia 2008 18: 363–370**

# EXCEPTIONS TO THIS ????

- Neonates in the first 48 hours of life
- Preterm and term infants already receiving dextrose containing solutions
- Children on parenteral nutrition preoperatively
- Children of low body weight (less than 3rd %tile) or having prolonged surgery.
- Children with diminished sympathetic response to regional anaesthesia.

# REPLACEMENT THERAPY

- FLUID MANAGEMENT FOR -
  - Third space losses
  - Blood loss

# THIRD SPACE LOSS

## SURGICAL TRAUMA

## 3rd SPACE LOSS

MINIMAL

MODERATE

SEVERE

4-7 ml/Kg/hr

6-10 ml/Kg/hr

15-20ml/kg/hr

– major abdominal

50ml/kg/hr

– surgery of NEC in  
premature infants

Balanced salt solution

– preferred

1-2 ml/Kg/hr

# BLOOD LOSS

## Determinants of Blood Transfusion

- 1) Estimated Blood Volume
- 2) Preoperative Hematocrit
- 3) Co-existing Illness

# ESTIMATED BLOOD VOLUME

Premature Neonates /kg

Full Term Neonates 95 - 100 ml / kg

Infants

80 ml / kg

# BLOOD LOSS

- “Davenport’s law”
- $MABL = \frac{EBV \times (\text{Starting Hct} - \text{Target Hct})}{\text{Starting Hct}}$ 
  - 1:1 blood/colloid
  - 3:1 crystalloid
- Replaced by PRBC
- $\text{Vol of PRBC} = \frac{(\text{Desired Hct} - \text{Present Hct}) \times EBV}{\text{Hct of PRBC}}$



# POSTOPERATIVE FLUID MANAGEMENT

- **RECOMMENDATIONS –**
  - Avoid dehydration and correct hypovolemia
  - Composition of fluid to be administered should be a compromise between sodium, energy requirements and osmolarity.
  - Beware of hidden fluid administration (drugs).
  - Monitoring of serum sodium and glucose in sick patients at least once daily.

- Early oral intake
- If oral intake is delayed, fluid therapy should be administered :
  - Provide basic metabolic requirements (4-2-1)
  - Replace ongoing losses (isotonic fluids)

# **ELECTROLYTE IMBALANCE IN PERIOPERATIVE PERIOD**

# ELECTROLYTE PHYSIOLOGY

## SODIUM

- Daily sodium requirement-2-4 meq/kg/day
- OBLIGATE SODIUM LOSERS
- Positive pressure ventilation and PEEP → natriuresis, water retention

## POTASSIUM

- Daily requirement- 2-4 meq/kg/day

# SODIUM IMBALANCE

## **HYPONATREMIA**

- The most frequent electrolyte disorder  
S .  $\text{Na}^+ < 135 \text{ meq/L}$
- Most common cause - administration of hypotonic fluids
- Others - Pituitary or adrenal insufficiency, brain injuries, brain tumours, stress ,pain, nausea and vomiting are all potent causes of ADH release.
- It has been recommended that hypotonic fluids should not be used for postoperative maintenance.

SMITHS Anaesthesia for Infants and Children 7<sup>th</sup> edition

- The early signs - non-specific
- The first presenting feature is a seizure or respiratory arrest.(s.sodium <125 meq/L)

### **Management**

- Medical emergency and transfer to PICU.
- Hyponatraemic seizures - respond poorly to anticonvulsants
- Initial management is to give an infusion of 3% NaCl Sol.
- One ml/kg of 3% sodium chloride will normally raise the serum sodium by 1mmol/l.

- The amount of Na required can be calculated according to the following formula:

$$\text{mmol of Na} = (130 - \text{present serum Na}) \times 0.6 \times \text{Wt (kg)}$$

- Targeted rate of correction 0.5meq/l/hr
- Rapid treatment- pontine myelinolysis
- Correction should be stopped if child is asymptomatic, or serum sodium > 125meq/l.
- The child with asymptomatic hyponatraemia does not require active correction with 3% sodium chloride solution.

# **HYPERNATREMIA**

Common cause- excessive water loss, restricted water intake.

- Signs of hypernatraemia are more severe when it develops rapidly or when the serum Na  $> 150\text{mmol/l}$ .

## **Management**

- **Replacement with 0.9% sodium chloride** given in boluses of 20ml/kg to restore normovolaemia.(hypovolemic hypernatremia)
- Complete correction : very **slowly over at least 48 hours**
- The serum Na should be corrected at a rate of no more than 12mmol/kg/day.
- In hypervolemic hypernatremia - diuresis followed by replacement with hypotonic fluids.



# POTASSIUM IMBALANCE

## HYPOKALEMIA

- Serum K < 3.5mmol/l
- Symptoms - cramps
  - arrhythmias
  - paralytic ileus

## Management

- oral supplements
- severe cases: IV correction not faster than 0.25meq/kg/hr to a maximum of 0.5meq/kg/hr

# POTASSIUM IMBALANCE

## HYPERKALEMIA

serum K > 5.5meq/l in infants and > 6meq/l in neonates

### **Immediate treatment**

- 10% Calcium gluconate- 100mg/kg per dose

### **Increase intracellular shift of potassium:**

- sodium bicarbonate-1-2mmol/Kg
- glucose-0.3-0.5g/kg/hr with 1 unit of insulin for every 5g of glucose
- nebulised salbutamol -2.5 to 5mg

**Removal of potassium :** calcium resonium 1g/kg per dose

furosemide -1 mg/kg

dialysis or haemofiltration

# COMMONLY USED IV FLUIDS

	NS	RL	Iso lyte P	Plasmalyte A	5D	Album in 5%	Hetastarch 6%
Na	154	130	26	140		150	154
K		4	21	5		<2.5	
Cl	154	109	21	98		100	154
Ca		3					
Mg			3	3			
Acetate			24	27			
Lactate		28					
Glucose			5		5		
Phosphate			3				
Osmolality	308	274		295	252	330	310

# Isolyte-P

- Earlier, most widely used maintenance fluid for younger children
- Ideal electrolyte concentration (Na 25 & K + 20 mEq/l)
- Contains acetate, which provides bicarbonate
- Provides magnesium and phosphate
- Provides 50 g /l of glucose to provide calories
- Uniform administration of fluid and electrolytes

- Not an ideal maintenance fluid for older children
- In children as weight increases, water requirement reduces rapidly,
- Sodium requirement remains static (2.5 mEq/kg)
- Children with greater weight will need I.V. fluids with greater sodium concentration
- For children with weight greater than 15 kg, additional sodium supplementation is needed
- Isolyte-M contains greater (Na = 40 mEq/l) sodium

# GOALS OF PERIOPERATIVE FLUID THERAPY

- Urine output 1 – 3 ml/kg/hr.
- Allow a weight loss 1 – 2% / day in 1st wk.
- Absence of Edema / Dehydration/ Hepatomegaly
- Urine Sp. gravity 1005 – 1015
- Euglycaemia 75 – 100 mg / dl
- Normonatremia 135 - 145 mEq / lit
- Normokalemia 4 – 5 mEq / lit

# CONCLUSION

- Understanding of neonatal physiology is important.
- Preoperative fasting should be confined to a minimum.
- Glucose containing fluids are best avoided.
- Restoration of the circulating volume and vital organ perfusion is the first priority in perioperative fluid management and is best accomplished with isotonic crystalloid.

- Replacement of fluid should be based on individual response to therapy.
- Symptomatic hyponatraemia and hyperkalaemia are the electrolyte disturbances that warrant emergency management.





**THANK YOU**

Calculate the fluid requirement of a 10kg breast feed infant scheduled for herniotomy??

- Fasting – 4 hours for breast milk , 2 hours for liquids  
Deficit due to fasting –  $40\text{ml} \times 4\text{hr} = 160\text{ml}$

Fluid requirement in 1<sup>st</sup> hour

80ml to be given in first hour + maintenance  
fluid requirement i.e  $4\text{ml/kg/hr} + 3^{\text{rd}}$  space  
loss i.e  $1\text{ml/kg/hr} + \text{blood loss}$

Fluid requirement in 2<sup>nd</sup> hour

$40\text{ml} + 40\text{ml} + 10\text{ml} + \text{blood loss}$

Fluid requirement in 3<sup>rd</sup> hour

$40\text{ml} + 40\text{ml} + 10\text{ml} + \text{blood loss}$

After 3<sup>rd</sup> hour in each hour

$40\text{ml} + 10\text{ml} + \text{blood loss}$

Choice of fluid - ringer lactate or balanced salt solution