

**CHILDREN'S AMBULATORY CARE EXPERIENCE (ACE) SERVICE**

Child aged 1 year to under 6 years who has gastroenteritis, with mild to moderate clinical signs of dehydration. The child should have parameters within the range below and be able to manage 4 hours without clinical assessment.

**Mild to Moderate**

<b>Respiratory Rate</b>	1-2 years- 25-35 2-5 years 20-30
<b>Heart Rate</b>	1-2 years- 100-150 2-5 years- 95-140
<b>Central Capillary Refill</b>	Less than 2 seconds
<b>Conscious Level</b>	Slightly lethargic but reusable to alert and responsive
<b>Urine Output</b>	Normal to slightly decreased

**Additional input given at home visit by ACE team:**

- Support and encouragement with fluid intake
- Parental confidence-building
- Monitoring effectiveness of treatment
- Education in managing future episodes
- Recognition of dehydration and deterioration
- Check urine sample if temp > 38 and vomiting with no diarrhea.

**Call children's ACE service on 01274 27 3354**

Be prepared to convey information required on referral pro-forma including pulse, RR and temperature (if > 39 reconsider diagnosis).

Ensure child has been weighed and has been prescribed oral rehydration therapy [1ml/kg/every 10 minutes) with 20ml syringe and parent/carer knows how to administer. If temperature >38C AND child under 3 years OR vomiting with no diarrhea provide bottle for clean catch urine collection and testing

**Ensure parent/guardian has been given:**

1. Copy of children's ACE service information leaflet
2. Verbal safety-net advice and has also consented to share information with ACE.
3. Patient leaflet for GE and asked to record fluid volumes

Allow the child home to await contact from children's ACE service. This will be within 2 hours of initial referral.

**Exclusions:**

- History/suspicion of metabolic, renal or electrolyte disorder
- History/suspicion of diabetes
- Complex congenital heart disease
- Inflammatory bowel disease
- Stoma
- Immunodeficiency
- Suspected surgical abdomen. (*bilious vomiting, blood in stools, tender/rigid abdomen*)
- Child is outside age range for pathway