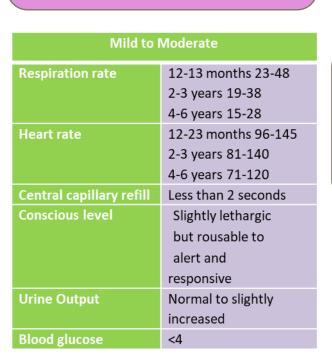
Gastroenteritis – 1 YEAR TO UNDER 6 YEARS.

Referral from primary care into the 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.



Additional input given at home visit by ACE team:

- Support and encouragement with fluid intake
- Parental confidence-building
- Monitoring effectiveness of treatment
- Recognition of dehydration and deterioration
- Test clean catch urine sample if temp > 38 AND child under 3 years OR vomiting with no diarrhea
- Education in managing future episodes



Call children's ACE service on 01274 27 3354

Be prepared to convey information required on referral pro-forma including observations. (if > 39 reconsider diagnosis).



Ensure child has been

- weighed
- prescribed oral rehydration therapy [at 1ml/kg every 10 minutes]
- has been given a 20ml syringe and parent/carer shown how to use it to give fluids
- 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:

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





Allow the child home to await contact from children's ACE service. Contact will be made 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

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