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Dear Colleague

ACUTE ILLNESS IN CHILDREN: NEW TRAINING DVD

I am pleased to enclose a copy of a new DVD training aid on recognising acute illness in childhood: "Spotting the Sick Child". This product has been endorsed by the Faculty of A&E Medicine and by the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health. The DVD includes a large amount of video footage of children mildly/moderately and severely ill. It covers the top seven presenting acute illnesses in children, namely fever, difficulty in breathing, dehydration, fitting, head injury, rashes and abdominal pain.

It is especially geared for General Practitioners, A&E Doctors, Nurses, Health Visitors, Paramedics, Emergency Care Practitioners and Professionals in training.

The format is interactive with small, easily navigable sections and large screen capability. It is being distributed widely amongst health professionals in Northern Ireland. Stocks are limited and, when exhausted, copies may be purchased from www.ocbmedia.com/products_ssc.shtml

I would recommend to you the use of this DVD within your Trust or Practice and would ask that it is circulated to the relevant personnel for their personal use and also in any training roles they may have.

Yours sincerely

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