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Dear Colleague

NPSA CONSULTATION ON HYPOTONIC FLUIDS IN CHILDREN

The National Patient Safety Agency (NPSA) is undertaking a wide stakeholder consultation on recommendations intended to improve the safe use of intravenous infusions in children. These recommendations have been developed by a multidisciplinary external reference group which included a number of participants from Northern Ireland. Following consultation the NPSA plans to issue final documents in summer 2006.

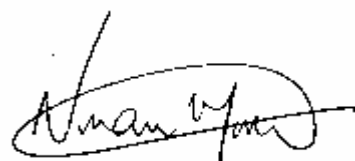
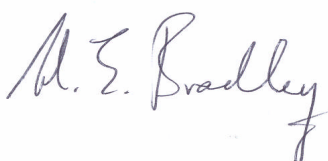
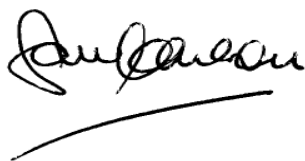
Attached is the consultation document and you are invited to respond directly to the NPSA by Friday 31st March 2006 using the response form. Please send the completed form by e-mail to paediatric-infusions@npsa.nhs.uk. For further information please contact Linda Matthew at NPSA, by e-mail, linda.matthew@npsa.nhs.uk or by telephone, 0207 9279356.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of existing guidance on the prevention and management of hyponatraemia. These comprise Departmental guidance on the prevention of



hyponatraemia in children which can be accessed on the DHSSPS website, www.dhsspsni.gov.uk, and the CREST guidance, *Management of Hyponatraemia in Adults (2003)* which can be accessed on the CREST website www.crestni.org.uk.

Yours sincerely



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