

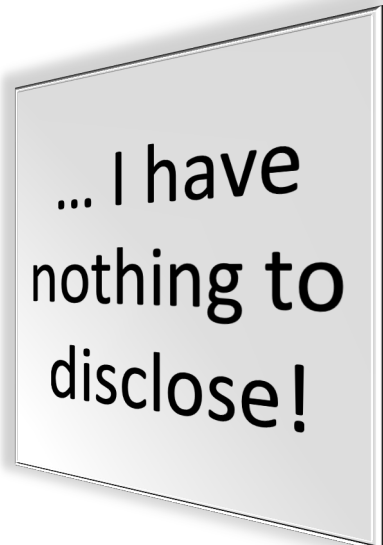
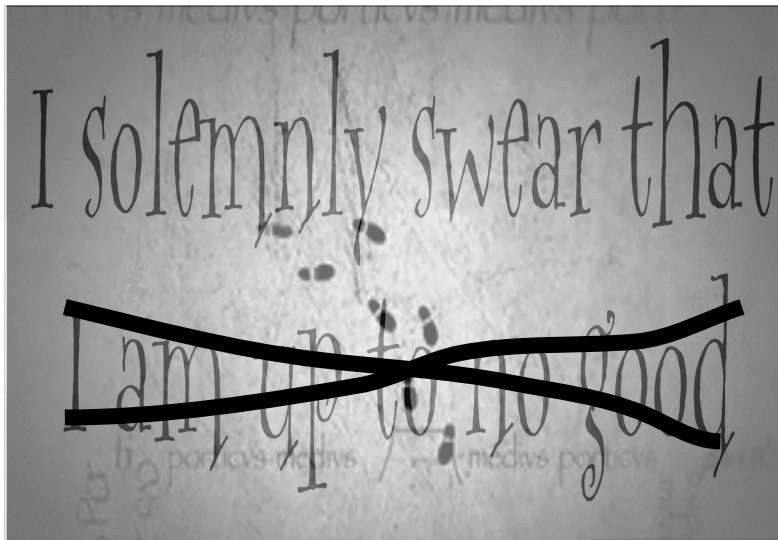
# Diving Into Murky Waters

## Perioperative Fluid Management in Pediatric Anesthesia

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Picture: Harry Potter



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## NPO Guidelines Updates



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## NPO Guidelines Updates

**Clear liquids → 2 hours**

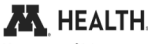
**Breast milk → 4 hours**

**Solids → 6-8 hours**

### Reality


- Children strictly NPO up to 12 hrs
- > 80% strictly NPO for > 4 hrs

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**Association of Paediatric Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland (APA)**

**Society for Paediatric Anaesthesia of New Zealand and Australia (SPANZA)**

**Canadian Pediatric Anesthesia Society (CPAS)**

Clear liquid fasting times for elective general anesthesia and sedation can be reduced to 1 hour, unless clinically contraindicated.


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RESEARCH REPORT

Pediatric Anesthesia WILEY

Impact of clear fluid fasting on pulmonary aspiration in children undergoing general anesthesia: Results of the German prospective multicenter observational (NiKs) study

Christiane E. Beck<sup>1</sup> | Diana Rudolph<sup>2</sup> | Christoph Mahn<sup>3</sup> | Alexander Etspüler<sup>4</sup> |

- Multicenter study, 12093 children (10/2018-12/2019)
- Clear liquids up to 1 hour before anesthesia
- No increased incidence of regurgitation/pulmonary aspiration
  - Regurgitation (0.26%)
  - Suspected aspiration (0.08%)
  - Confirmed aspiration (0.03%)
- Risk groups: Age 1-3 years, Emergent procedures
- Postoperative respiratory distress rare after aspiration



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RESEARCH REPORT

Pediatric Anesthesia WILEY

Ultrasound assessment of gastric emptying time after intake of clear fluids in children scheduled for general anesthesia—A prospective observational study

Christiane E. Beck<sup>1</sup> | Thurgkai Chandrakumar<sup>1</sup> | Robert Sumpelmann<sup>1</sup> |

“ ... gastric emptying time of children after intake up to 5 mL/kg clear fluids was < 1 hour in a clinical setting ... ”

- 24 children of ages 4-17 → “mimic clinical conditions”
- Variable amount/type of fluids (water/apple juice/orange juice)
  - 20 children < 5 ml/kg → gastric antral area back to baseline within 60 min
  - 4 children > 5 ml/kg → gastric antral area remains enlarged after 60 min
    - 2 with water, 2 with juice



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# 4-2-1 Rule

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## Origins

- Introduced in the 1950ies
  - Developed for hypotonic **maintenance fluids**
  - **Not** designed for perioperative setting
  - Based on physiology knowledge of the time
    - perioperative ADH release/insulin resistance
  - “Normal child” in no acute distress

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## Perioperative use of 4-2-1 Rule

- No accurate calculation of preop fluid deficits
  - Ignores physiologic fluid preservation
  - Overestimates preop fluid deficit
- Calculates running rate based on caloric requirements
  - Caloric requirements roughly correlates with BSA
  - BSA roughly correlates with weight
- Probably fine for healthy kids
  - May overestimate needs for kids at risk of fluid overload



Holliday et al., "The maintenance need for water in parenteral fluid therapy", Pediatrics, 1957  
Holliday et al., "Fluid therapy for children", facts, fashions and questions", Arch Dis Chil. 2007  
Cote and Lerman, A Practice of Anesthesia for Infants and Children, 6th Edition



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# The “ideal” pediatric perioperative fluid

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## The “ideal” pediatric perioperative fluid

- **Physiologic osmolality + Na<sup>+</sup>**
  - prevents hyponatremia
- **Low Glucose concentration (1-2.5%)**
  - prevents hypoglycemia, hyperglycemia, gluconeogenesis
- **Buffered with metabolic anions**
  - prevents acid-base imbalance (hyperchloremic acidosis, etc.)

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## Europe Pediatric Perioperative solutions

Polionique B66  
E148 G1  
ELO-PAED  
RL-Glc

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## Available fluids in the USA

Fluid	pH	Theoretical Osmolarity (mosm/L)	Actual osmolality* (mosm/kg H <sub>2</sub> O) / at Glucose 4 mmol/L	Na (mEq/L)	Cl (mEq/L)	K (mEq/L)	Ca (mEq/L)	Mg (mEq/L)	Buffer (mEq/L)	Glucose (mmol/L)
Human Plasma	7.4	291	287	140	104	4.5	5	1.7	Bicarb. 25	2.8-5
NaCl 0.9%	5.5	308	290	154	154	0	0	0	0	0
Lactated Ringers	6.5	274	258	130	109	4	3	0	Lactate 28	0
Ringer's Acetate	7.4	295	290	140	98	5	0	3	Acetate 27 (Gluconate 23)	0
D5 NaCl 0.9%	4.0	586	290	154	154	0	0	0	0	278
D5 NaCl 0.45%	4.0	432	147	77	77	0	0	0	0	278
D10 NaCl 0.2%	4.0	623	68	34	34	0	0	0	0	555
D5 LR	5.0	552	258	130	109	4	3	0	Lactate 28	278

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\* Temperature independent, preferred in biological systems

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## “Perioperative pediatric solutions\*”

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E148 G1 Paed (BS-G1)	6.0	352	275	140	118	4	2	2	Acetate 30	55.5
Polionique B66	?	309	240	120	108.3	4.2	2.8	0	Lactate 20.7	50.5
ELO-PAED	?	356	278	142	126	4	1	1	Acetate 24	55.5
RL-Glc	?	331.5	257	130	109	4	3	0	Lactate 28	55.5

**Why is the ideal  
pediatric perioperative  
fluid isotonic?**

# Hyponatremia

*Pediatric Anesthesia* 1998 8: 1-4  
 Editorial  
*Postoperative hyponatraemic encephalopathy following elective surgery in children*  
 ALLEN I. ARIEFF MD

- Arieff (1998):
  - **Up to 15000 deaths** due to perioperative hyponatremia per year in the US (women + children at risk)
  - **Extrapolated** numbers based on study results
- Perioperative use of hypotonic fluids
  - ... still happens in peds
  - Maintenance therapy from the floor → continued in OR



Ayus, J. et al. "Brain damage and postoperative hyponatremia: The role of gender" *Neurology*. 1996  
 Arieff, A. et al. "Postoperative hyponatraemic encephalopathy following elective surgery in children". *Pediatric Anesthesia*, 1998



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## My own M&M case report

Female, 3.6 kg  
 Ex 22-week  
 (now 42w5d)

NICU IVF: D10/0.2% NaCl  
 23.2 ml/hr (6.4 ml/kg/hr!!)

Stopped IVF  
 Ringer Acetate  
 boluses

Exploratory  
 laparotomy  
 +  
 Ileostomy  
 takedown

New onset  
 Hyponatremia  
 139 → 129 mmol/L

No obvious  
 sequelae

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<b>CHEMISTRY</b>								
Sodium	139	129	130	130	130	131	134	141



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# Pediatric Hyponatremia

- Up to 30% of pediatric electrolyte abnormality
- **Elevated ADH** → hyponatremia risk
  - Perioperative/postoperative stress, Pain, Nausea
  - Critical illness, Hypovolemia, Resp. failure, CNS disorders, ...
- **Hypotonic IVF** → **Iatrogenic Hyponatremic Encephalopathy**
  - Brain edema, Seizures, Morbidity, Mortality, ...
  - Worse in peds → less “swelling room”
  - May happen after minor procedures!!



Feld, L, et al. “Clinical Practice Guideline: Maintenance Intravenous Fluids in Children”, Pediatrics Dec 2018



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## Rapidly developing iatrogenic hyponatremia in a child following tonsillectomy

Umit Taskin, MD; Omer Binay, MD; Cigdem Binay, MD; Ozgur Yigit, MD

<b>5 year old Female</b> <b>No weight</b> <b>Tonsillectomy</b>	<b>D5/0.18% NaCl</b> <b>1000 ml 5 hours after T+A</b> <b>Pain with swallowing</b>	<b>Hyponatremia</b> <b>139 → 119 mmol/L</b>
<b>D5/0.18% NaCl</b> <b>500 ml</b> <b>During anesthesia</b>	<b>D5/0.18% NaCl</b> <b>500 ml 6 hours after T+A</b> <b>Due to “PONV” (!!)</b>	<b>NaCl 3% infusion</b> <b>Improved neuro status</b> <b>NA 135 mmol/L</b>
	<b>Tonic Clonic Seizure</b> <b>Fixed + Dilated Pupils</b>	<b>No long term sequelae</b>



Taskin U, et al. Rapidly Developing Iatrogenic Hyponatremia in a Child following Tonsillectomy. Ear, Nose & Throat Journal. 2012;91(11):486-487.



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CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE Guidance for the Clinician in Rendering Pediatric Care

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**Clinical Practice Guideline:  
Maintenance Intravenous  
Fluids in Children**

Leonard G. Feld, MD, PhD, MMM, FAAP; Daniel R. Neuspiel, MD, MPH, FAAP; Byron A. Foster, MD, MPH, FAAP

**“... Patients 28 days to 18 years  
of age requiring maintenance  
IVFs should receive isotonic  
solutions with appropriate KCl  
and dextrose because they  
significantly decrease the risk of  
developing hyponatremia”**

**Evidence quality: A  
Recommendation  
strength: strong**

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**Includes:**  
Patients > 28 day, surgical,  
postop, ICU, Med/Surg floor

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## Exemptions

- Significant free water loss
  - Renal concentrating defects (nephrogenic DI)
  - Voluminous diarrhea/Severe burns
- Severe hypernatremia
- Neonatal ICU + patients < 28 days
  - corrected < 44 weeks post conception
- Neurosurgical disorders
- Severe renal, cardiac or liver disease
- Cancer/Hematology

Missing  
evidence?

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# Why is the ideal pediatric perioperative fluid low in glucose?

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## Perioperative stress

### Insulin resistance

Administered glucose does not get absorbed

### Glucagon/Epinephrine/Cortisol

Catabolism → Gluconeogenesis  
Rebound hyperglycemia

## Perioperative Hyperglycemia

**"Prevention over Correction"**  
**Insulin infusion over bolus**

**Correction:**  
Glucose >250 mg/dl  
Diabetic/transplant surgery

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## Hyperglycemia “side effects”

- Intraventricular hemorrhage
- Retinopathy of prematurity
- Necrotizing enterocolitis
- Bronchopulmonary dysplasia
- Osmotic diuresis
- Renal injury
- Impaired immunity
- Delayed wound healing
- Neuronal lactic acidosis



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## Preemie/Neonate Glucose metabolism

- Require glucose up to 300 mg/kg/hr
  - Brain function/development
- Gluconeogenesis → prevents hypoglycemia
  - Fat and protein catabolism
  - Rebound hyperglycemia
- **Adequate** glucose substitution
  - prevent catabolic response/rebound

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*British Journal of Anaesthesia* 1990; 64: 419-424

**INFLUENCE OF FLUID REGIMENS ON PERIOPERATIVE BLOOD-GLUCOSE CONCENTRATIONS IN NEONATES**

L. E. LARSSON, K. NILSSON, A. NIKLASSON, S. ANDREASSON AND

*Acta Anaesthesiol Scand* 1993; 37: 170-175

**Metabolic consequences of different perioperative fluid therapies in the neonatal period**

K. SANDSTRÖM, K. NILSSON, S. ANDREASSON, A. NIKLASSON<sup>1</sup> and L. E. LARSSON

- Prospective studies in neonates
- Dextrose 10% versus Ringer's Acetate (RA)
  - 4 ml/kg/hour + RA boluses
  - Hyperglycemia both groups → even 8 hours postop
  - Hypoglycemia only during first hour of anesthetic
- Surgical stress releases epinephrine and glucagon
  - Neonates metabolize fat tissue for gluconeogenesis



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

**A novel isotonic balanced electrolyte solution with 1% glucose for intraoperative fluid therapy in neonates: results of a prospective multicentre observational postauthorisation safety study (PASS)**

Robert Sümpelmann<sup>1</sup>, Thomas Mader<sup>2</sup>, Nils Denhardt<sup>1</sup>, Lars Witt<sup>1</sup>, Christoph Eich<sup>3</sup> &

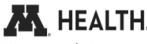

- 66 neonates
- Weight: 0.65-4.6 kg
- Variable procedures
- Fluids → balanced, isotonic, 1% Glucose
- Mean running rate → 10 ml/kg/hr
  - **No incidence of hypoglycemia/hyperglycemia**
  - No hemodynamic issues/fluid overload
- Neonates need intraoperative monitoring of labs
  - especially in long/invasive procedures





Sümpelmann R., et al. A novel isotonic balanced electrolyte solution with 1% glucose for intraoperative fluid therapy in neonates: Results of a prospective multicentre observational Postauthorisation Safety Study (PASS) *Paediatr Anaesth.* 2011



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ 45 babies &gt; 35 weeks</li> <li>□ Weight → 1.6-2.8 kg</li> <li>□ Elective open TEF repair               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ <b>Group D1</b> → Lactated Ringer's (LR) with 1% dextrose at 10 ml/kg/hr</li> <li>□ <b>Group D2</b> → LR with 2% dextrose at 10 ml/kg/hr</li> <li>□ <b>Group D4</b> → D10/NS 0.2% (4 ml/kg/hr) + LR 6 ml/kg/hr → 4% dextrose</li> </ul> </li> <li>□ <b>Intraoperative</b> → no hypoglycemia/hyperglycemia in D1, D2, D4</li> <li>□ <b>Postoperative</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ <b>D1</b> → catabolism, insulin resistance, acidosis, rebound hyperglycemia</li> <li>□ <b>D2+D4</b> → significantly less derangements</li> </ul> </li> <li>□ <b>Conclusion</b> → Neonates may benefit from 2-4% Glucose</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Pediatric Anesthesia ISSN 1155-5645</p> <p>RESEARCH REPORT</p> <p><b>Dextrose-containing intraoperative fluid in neonates: a randomized controlled trial</b></p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Priyankar K. Datta<sup>1</sup>, Dilip K. Pawar<sup>1</sup>, Dalim K. Baidya<sup>1</sup>, Souvik Maitra<sup>1</sup>, Ajisha Aravindan<sup>1</sup>,</p>	
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Glucose in older children ...			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ IVF with <b>1% dextrose</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Net rise in blood glucose during surgery</li> <li>□ Normalized within one hour postop</li> </ul> </li> <li>□ IVF with <b>2-2.5% dextrose</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Significantly greater glucose rise</li> </ul> </li> <li>□ IVF with <b>5% dextrose</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Consistent hyperglycemia</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p style="font-size: x-small;">Datta et al., "Glucose for Children during Surgery: Pros, Cons, and Protocols: A Postgraduate Educational Review." <i>Anesth Essays Res.</i> 2017</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Suempelmann et al., "Perioperative intravenous fluid therapy in children: guidelines from the Association of the Scientific Medical Societies in Germany", Pediatric Anesthesia, 2017</p>	 <p style="font-size: x-small;">University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital</p>	 <p style="font-size: x-small;">UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA Driven to Discover<sup>SM</sup></p>

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# Why is the ideal pediatric perioperative fluid balanced/buffered?

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## Limited Evidence ...

- Systematic, well powered studies are scarce ...
- **Stenson (2018)<sup>1)</sup>** → Retrospective analysis
  - **Hyperchloremia** → independently associated with poor outcomes among children with septic shock
- **Emrath (2017)<sup>2)</sup>** → Retrospective analysis
  - **Exclusive** use of balanced fluids versus **exclusive** use of unbalanced fluid in pediatric severe sepsis for first 72 hours
  - Improved survival, decreased AKI, and shorter duration of vasoactive infusions with balanced fluids

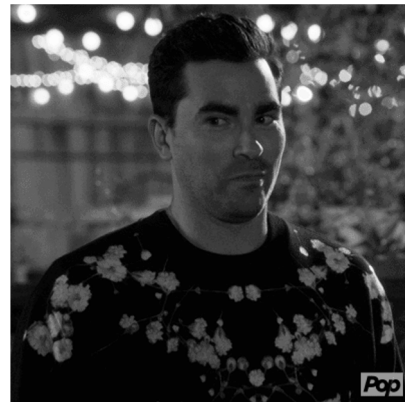
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## NaCl 0.9%

- Decreased renal blood flow<sup>1)2)</sup>
- Hyperchloremic acidosis
  - Postop increased Acute kidney injury (AKI)<sup>1)2)</sup>
  - Chloride-Restriction → Less AKI in ICU patients<sup>3)</sup>
  - Liberal chloride use → more AKI after liver Tx<sup>4)</sup>
  - Increased risk for hyperkalemia, coagulopathy

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## AKI Hydration Status



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## Perioperative AKI - Causes

- **Prerenal Causes** (up to 70%) → poor kidney perfusion
  - Hypovolemia + Hypervolemia
  - **Invasive pro** (cardiac surgery)
  - Loss of cardi (s)
- **Renal causes** (
  - HUS, inflamm ns,
  - pyelonephrit
- **Postrenal caus**
  - Tumor lysis s, is
  - Kidney stones, congenital malformations in ureter/bladder/urethra

**Fluid Overload  
Euvolemia**

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## Fluid overload

- Healthy children tolerate liberal fluid strategies
- Premies/Neonates/Sick children are at risk
  - **Unchecked fluid administration**
  - **“Maintenance rate” + ADH surge**
  - Flushing medications in preemies/neonates
    - Flush volume exceeds cardiac stroke volume
    - Creates strain on heart
- Procedures with “uncharted” fluid administration
  - Heart catheterization, IR procedures, etc.

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## Pediatric euvoolemia ... difficult to assess

- Blood pressure
  - Reflection of autonomous nervous system
- CVP + IVC ultrasound → unreliable in peds
- Pulse pressure variation → less established in children
- NIRS/O<sub>2</sub> extraction may act as proxy
  - in absence of heart dysfunction/anemia
- **There is always urine output ...**



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## Perioperative urine output<sup>1)2)</sup>

- Perioperative ADH release
  - Decreased urine output
  - Increased fluid retention
- UOP does not correlate with hydration status

**Additional fluids do not significantly increase UOP under GA<sup>3),4)</sup>**

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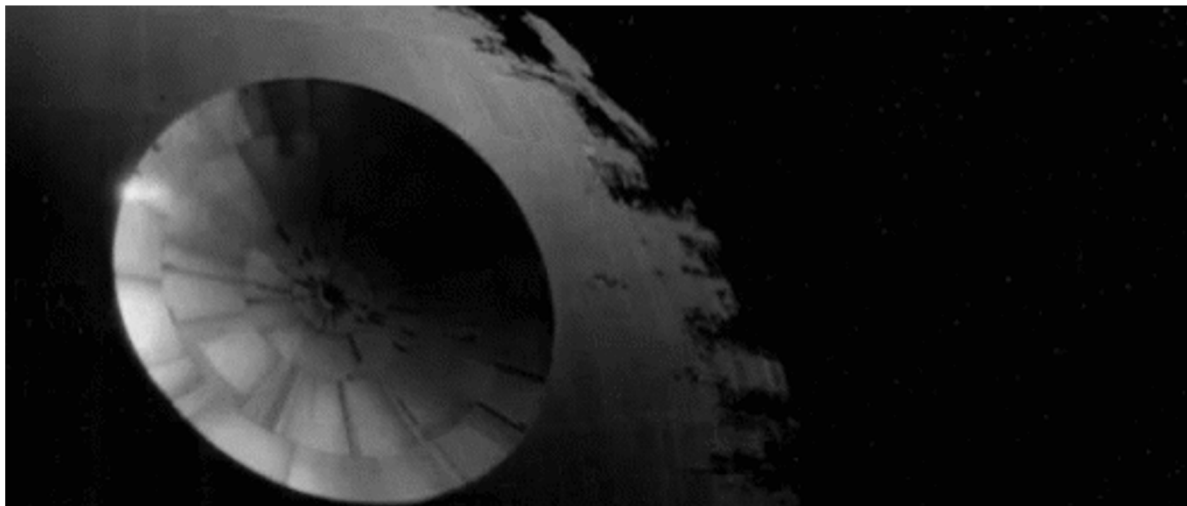


## Perioperative Urine Output + AKI <sup>1)2)</sup>

- Low UOP (under GA) does **NOT** correlate with AKI
- Fluid restrictive vs. liberal fluid approach
  - Equal AKI risk
  - Higher Risk of AKI with fluid overload
- Diuretics/Mannitol do not prevent AKI
  - May increase AKI risk → pre-Renal Injury

**Diuretics are meant for hypervolemia, not for low UOP**

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# Perioperative fluid management concepts

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## “Standard” case (UMN)

**(Relatively) Short case**  
Limited fluid shift/blood loss  
“Normal” NPO time  
No major comorbidities

**Age 48 months +**  
**Total perioperative volume**  
**10-20 ml/kg**  
**Isotonic + balanced fluids**

**Age 12-47 months**  
**Total perioperative volume**  
**20-30 ml/kg**  
**Isotonic + balanced fluids**

Glucose rarely required

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## Complex Cases (UMN)

**Patients < 10 kg or < 12 months**

**LR with 2% Glucose**

10 ml/kg/hr over first hour or 10 ml/kg bolus over 30 minutes

Slow down based on fluids and glucose

Start slower, if arrives with IVF

Lactated Ringer's/Ringer's Acetate for additional fluid boluses

## Complex Cases (UMN)

**Patients > 10 kg or > 12 months**

**Lactated Ringer's/Ringer's Acetate**

**Goal directed therapy**

**Glucose only with hypoglycemia risk**

Insulinomas  
Metabolic Disease  
Liver transplant  
Very long cases

## Complex Cases (UMN)

**Patients arriving with IVF (5-10% Glucose)**

**Switch to Lactated Ringer's + 2% Glucose**

or

**Decrease running rate by 50% (or more)**

**Patients arriving with TPN**

**Continue TPN at 50-100% rate from floor**

**Check Glucose content**

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## "Standard" postop strategy

- Switch back to preoperative fluids (5-10% Glucose)
  - Acceptable to maintain normoglycemia
- Avoid hypotonic fluids
  - ADH remains elevated up to 12 hours
  - Consider decreased running rate (2/1/0.5)
- **Correct hypovolemia with isotonic, balanced fluids**
- **Alternative** → enteral feeding (if possible)
  - Less need for glucose containing fluids

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# Fluid therapy summary ... in one slide

Low aspiration risk with Clear liquids up to one hour before induction	Isotonic + balanced IVF for fluid resuscitation	<b>Background infusion</b> (preemies/neonates/infants)  Isotonic (hyponatremia)  Glucose 1-2.5% (glucose overload + rebound hyperglycemia)  Balanced (Acidosis, AKI)
Correct fluid deficits before induction in complex cases	Avoid glucose containing IVF for fluid resuscitation	
Colloids have minimal known benefits Consider as 2 <sup>nd</sup> line		



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Picture: Gladiator