



## DEHYDRATION / DIARRHEA CHART REVIEW TEMPLATE (03-20-25)

HOSP. CODE/VISIT DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ PT AGE/SEX: \_\_\_\_\_ MR #: \_\_\_\_\_ MD REVIEWER: \_\_\_\_\_

**INCLUSIONS:** All patients 3 months to 5 years of age with a discharge diagnosis of acute gastroenteritis, or diarrhea and dehydration or vomiting and dehydration. **EXCLUSIONS:** Chronic diarrhea ( $\geq 7$  days duration)

### 1) TRIAGE / HISTORY / PHYSICAL EXAM:

- 1a) Respiratory rate recorded at triage
- 1b) Heart rate recorded at triage
- 1c) Temperature recorded at triage
- 1d) Weight Kg recorded at triage
- 1e) B/P recorded if  $\geq 3$  yrs at triage
- 1f) Number, frequency of stools recorded
- 1g) Duration of diarrhea recorded
- 1h) Presence/absence of vomiting recorded  
\_\_\_\_ Vomiting present \_\_\_\_ No vomiting
- 1i) Urine output documented. (Any indication including number of wet diapers and time of last urination)

### 2) PHYSICAL EXAMINATION:

- 2a) Mucous membranes documented \_\_\_\_ Moist  
(normal) \_\_\_\_ Dry
- 2b) Skin turgor status documented  
(If 2a is normal, document 2 points)  
\_\_\_\_ Normal \_\_\_\_ Abnormal (tenting/decreased)
- 2c) Mental status documented  
\_\_\_\_ Alert, normal \_\_\_\_ Lethargic, abnormal  
(decreased interaction with caregiver)
- 2d) Skin perfusion recorded:  
Color: \_\_\_\_ Normal \_\_\_\_ Pale  
Capillary Refill: \_\_\_\_ Normal ( $< 2-3$  sec)  
\_\_\_\_ Abnormal ( $> 3$  sec)  
Pulse Quality: \_\_\_\_ Normal \_\_\_\_ Decreased  
(If any of the above = full credit)
- 2d) abdominal Assessment/re-assessment

NOTE: On the basis of history, determine whether patient has mild, moderate, or severe dehydration:

- \_\_\_\_ No Dehydration: Normal mental status and VS, moist mucous membranes
- \_\_\_\_ Mild Dehydration: Dry mucous membranes, +/- tachycardia
- \_\_\_\_ Moderate Dehydration: Skin, mucous membranes abnormal, sunken eyes, mental status normal
- \_\_\_\_ Severe Dehydration: Abnormal mental status /VS

**Note: Complete either "No/Mild Dehydration" OR "Moderate/Severe Dehydration" (NOT BOTH)**

### 3) NO OR MILD DEHYDRATION:

- 3a) For no or mild dehydration was oral rehydration attempted?
- 3b) If oral rehydration was attempted was glucose/ electrolyte solutions used?
- 3c) Were intravenous fluids given?
- 3d) Was re-assessment in clinical status documented at discharge for mild dehydration

### 4) MODERATE OR SEVERE DEHYDRATION:

- 4a) If moderate or severe dehydration, or if vomiting persisted, were intravenous fluids given?
- 4b) If intravenous fluids given, were they isotonic to ECF? (e.g., NS, D5NS)
- 4c) At least 2 assessments after initiating therapy are documented, unless patient was admitted prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup> assessment for moderate or severe dehydration
- 5) DISPOSITION: (30 points)**
- 5a) When children discharged home, were there instructions to begin age-appropriate diet?
- 5b) When child discharged home, were prescriptions for antidiarrheal medications given? (e.g., Lomotil)

5c) **If patient was hospitalized, or transferred, were vital signs documented prior to disposition?**