

Fluid therapy in children

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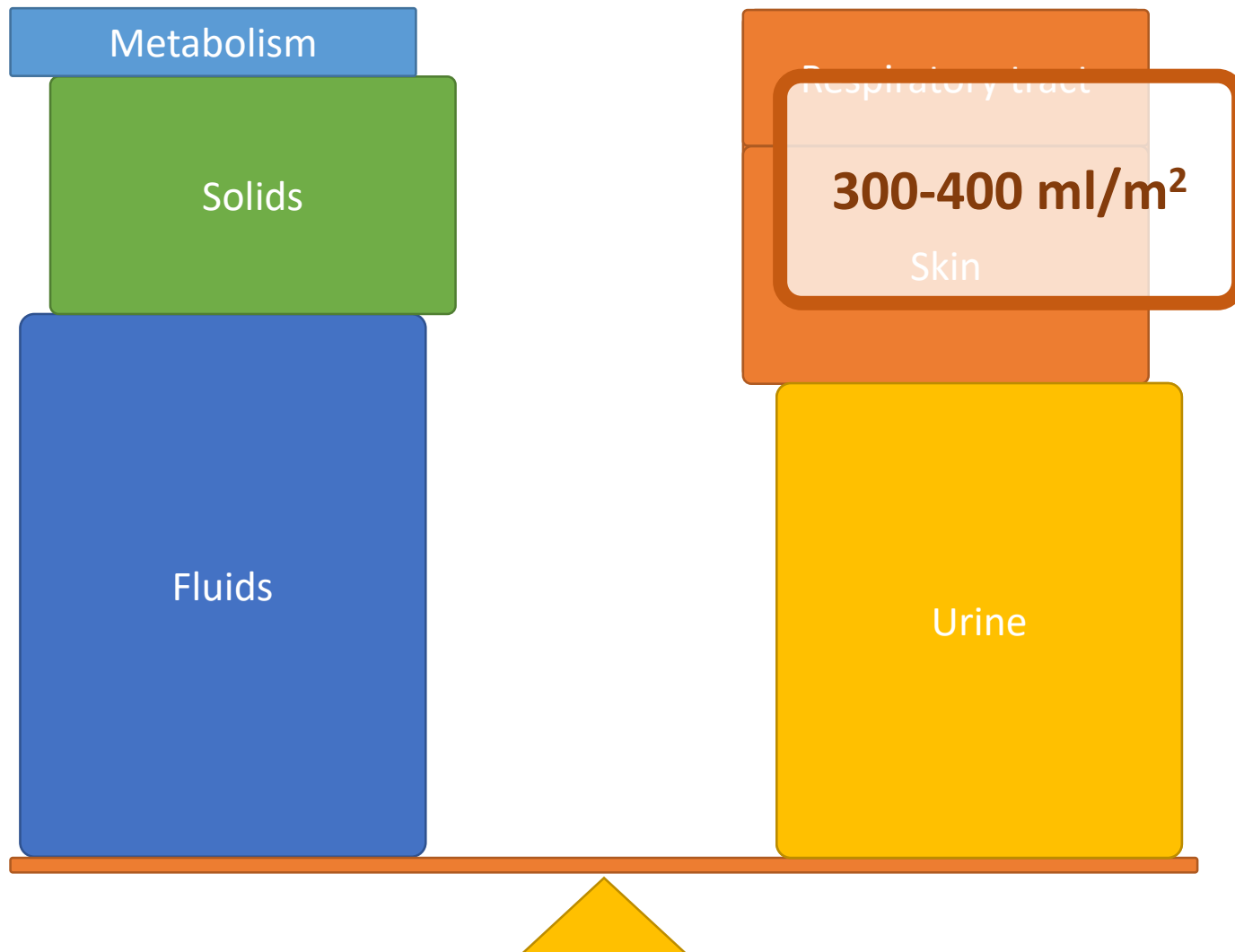


A close-up photograph of a young girl with blonde hair drinking water from a metal fountain. Water is splashing around her mouth and on her face. The image is used as a background for text boxes.

Why do we drink water?

Because we lose it...

Bilans płynów



Fluid therapy

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Maintenance

Replacement

Maintenance needs

	Maintenance / 24 h
< 10 kg	100 ml/kg
10 – 20 kg	1000 ml + 50 ml/(kg > 10 kg)
> 20 kg	1500 ml + 20 ml/(kg > 20 kg) Max 2400 ml/24 h

Holliday MA, Segar WE. The maintenance need for water in parenteral fluid therapy. Pediatrics 1957; 19:823-32

Maintenance needs - neonates



Age [days]	Maintenance / 24 h
1	50 – 60 ml/kg
2	70 – 80 ml/kg
3	80 – 100 ml/kg
4	100 – 120 ml/kg
5 - 28	120 – 150 ml/kg

National Clinical Guideline Centre. London: National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (UK); 2015 Dec. **National Institute for Health and Care Excellence:** Clinical Guidelines. IV Fluids in Children: Intravenous Fluid Therapy in Children and Young People in Hospital.

Maintenance needs

- Alternative method:

300-400 ml/m² + diuresis

- Obese patients, kidney failure

Which fluid to choose?

- In children and young people use **isotonic glucose-free crystalloids** that contain sodium in the range 131 – 154 mmol/l
- In neonates use **isotonic crystalloids** that contain sodium in the range 131 – 154 mmol/l **with 5-10% glucose**

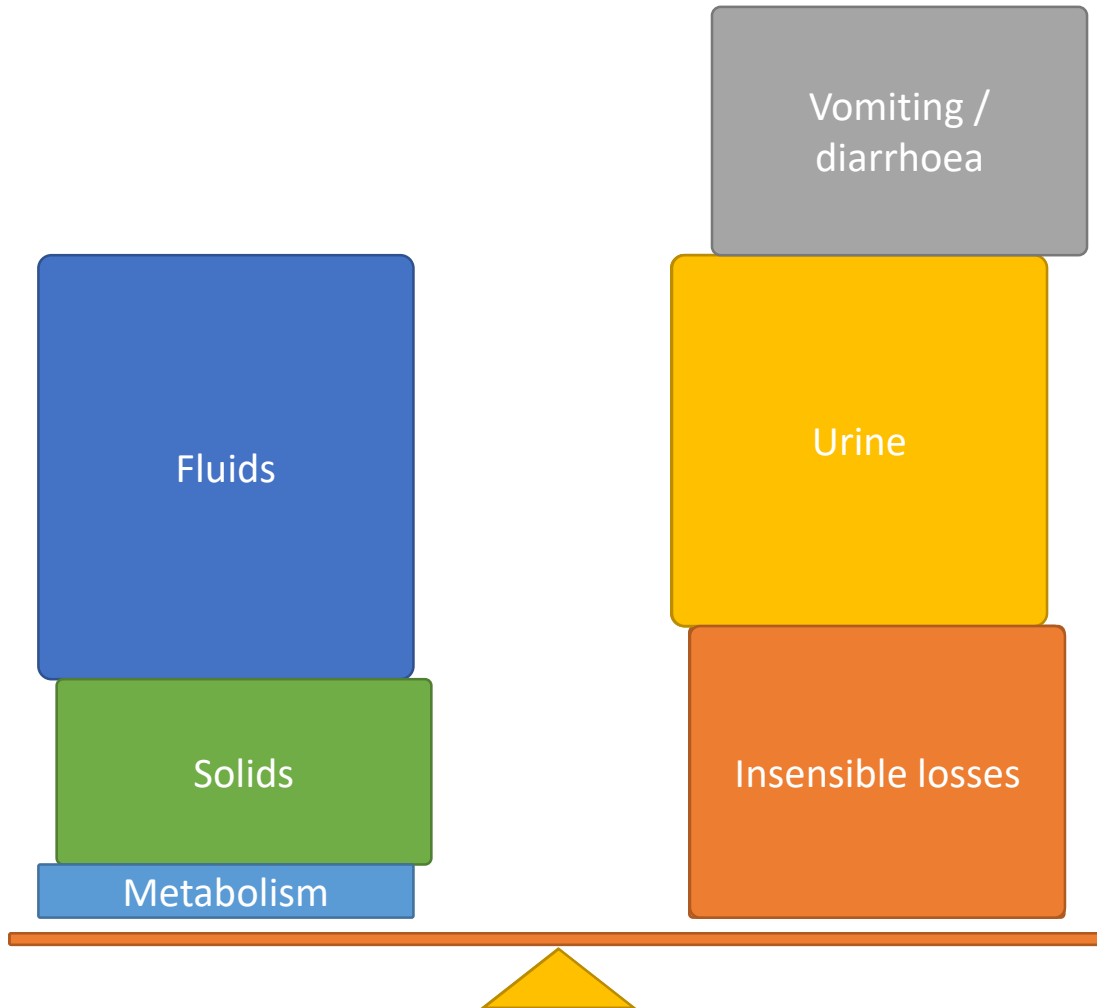


Fluid therapy

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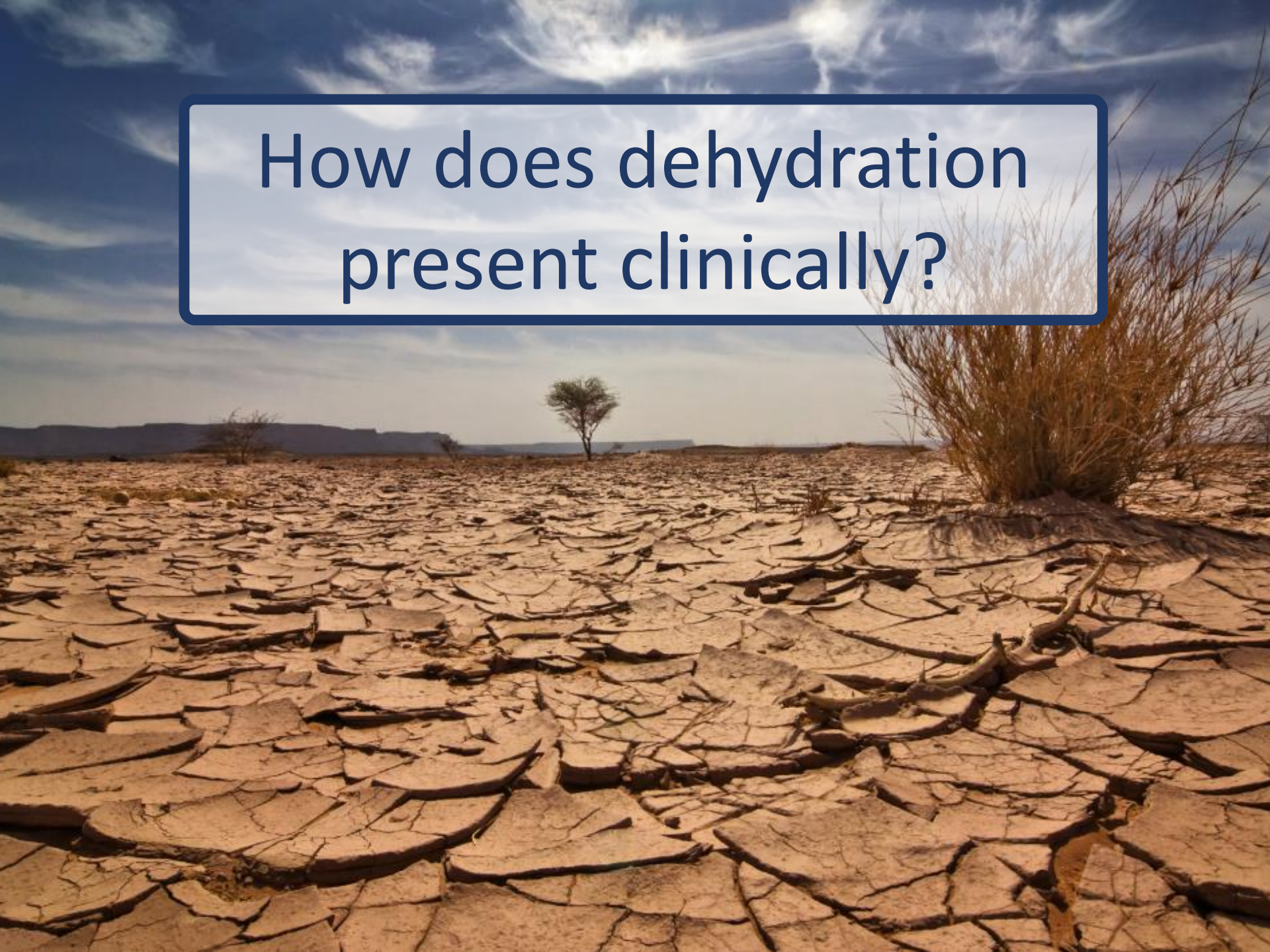
Dehydration



Children:

- Frequently present with gastroenteritis
- Have higher body surface to body mass ratio
- Depend on their carers

How does dehydration
present clinically?



No dehydration	Clinical dehydration	Hypovolaemic shock
Alert and responsive	Altered responsiveness (eg. irritable, lethargic)	Decreased consciousness
Appears well	Unwell or deteriorating	-
Eyes not sunken	Sunken eyes	-
Moist mucous membranes	Dry mucous membranes (except for „mouth breather”)	-
Normal BP	Normal BP	Hypotension
Normal breathing pattern	Tachypnoea	Tachypnoea
Normal capillary refill time	Normal capillary refill time	Prolonged capillary refill time
Normal HR	Tachycardia	Tachycardia
Normal peripheral pulses	Normal peripheral pulses	Weak peripheral pulses
Normal skin turgor	Reduced skin turgor	Obniżone napięcie skóry
Normal urine output	Decreased urine output	-
Skin colour unchanged	Skin colour unchanged	Pale or mottled skin
Warm extremities	Warm extremities	Cold extremities

CDS – clinical dehydration scale

	General appearance	Eyes	Tears	Mucous membranes
0	Normal	Normal	Present	Moist
1	Thirsty, restless or lethargic, but irritable when touched	Slightly sunken	Decreased	"Sticky"
2	Drowsy, limp, cold, sweaty and/or comatose	Very sunken	Absent	Dry

0	no dehydration
1-4	some dehydration
5-8	moderate or severe dehydration



ORT – Oral rehydration therapy

- Preferred method
- ORS – oral rehydration solution
(50-60 mmol/l Na⁺)

50-100 ml/kg over 3-4 hours

- Then covering maintenance needs
and ongoing losses



Intravenous fluid therapy

Indications:

- Shock
- Dehydration with altered level of consciousness or severe acidosis
- Worsening of dehydration or lack of improvement despite oral or enteral rehydration therapy
- Persistent vomiting despite appropriate fluid administration orally or via NG tube
- Severe abdominal distension and ileus

Fluid resuscitation



20 ml/kg

Balanced crystalloid

10 min

Balanced / buffered crystalloids

- Strong ion difference (SID) similar as in serum (ca. 40 mmol/l)
- Decreased mortality, acute kidney injury, vasoactive treatment needs
- **Ringer Lactate, Hartmann, Optilyte, Sterofundin**

Fluid resuscitation



- Neonates – glucose-free crystalloid
10–20 ml/kg over < 10 min



Fluid resuscitation



- You can give up to 60 ml/kg fluid, but you must titrate it to clinical markers of **cardiac output** and **fluid overload**

Rehydration

- **20 ml/kg/h over 2-4 hours,**
then covering maintenance need and replacing ongoing losses
- Add KCl 20 mEq/L when diuresis is present
- **1 ml 15% KCl per 100 ml fluid**

Thank you!

