



Considerations when Implementing the ViCTOR Fluid Management Chart

1. Identify a dedicated site champion

It is essential that each organisation identifies a key champion(s) (consider medical, nursing and allied health disciplines) to facilitate the introduction of the ViCTOR Fluid Management Chart.

Together the champions should oversee:

- Ideally, the development (or refinement) of the organisation's paediatric and/or neonatal fluid management guidelines. This may include considerations such as appropriate 'IVC flush' volume according to the weight of the patient and whether routine normal saline flushes are documented.
- these guidelines or procedures are well known by staff.
- Consideration of local blood transfusion documents and whether they are adequate for paediatric/neonatal patients
- a promotional campaign across the organisation to ensure education sessions regarding the introduction and use of the charts are provided to medical, nursing and allied health staff (ie pharmacists and dieticians) .

2. Education and promotion

It is essential that *staff at all levels* know that the charts are going to be implemented and more importantly know *how* to use the charts. This is especially relevant for the prescribing and review of total fluid intake.

Education should be directed to paediatric and neonatal staff (as the main users of the chart), however education may also need to include emergency department staff, anaesthetists, recovery staff and any other adult teams that work with paediatric patients.

The project team recommends a widespread promotion campaign of at least 2 weeks, with the accompanying teaching plan, video and posters all provided to assist in the use and promotion of the charts.