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## Treatment of dehydration

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**I've always wondered whether to rehydrate a child with, say, gastroenteritis using an intravenous drip or a nasogastric tube?**

In terms of child and parental comfort and tolerability, both have their advantages and drawbacks. Medically speaking, they are both safe and effective, although for very severe dehydration we prefer the intravenous route (and at the same time draw blood for any appropriate tests).

A recent study carried out in Minnesota suggests that more parents prefer the intravenous route for their dehydrated child. Click [here](#) for the abstract *on Parental preference for rehydration method for children in the emergency department*.

For other information:

- For parents regarding gastroenteritis [here](#).
- For Rotavirus immunisation [here](#).
- **You can also visit Dr Harry's Blog** <http://okidokiebaby.com/blog/tag/gastro/>

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