

UVA Nutrition



Homemade Oral Rehydration Solutions

Recipes below are from the patient guidebook, "A Patient's Guide to Managing a Short Bowel," where many more recipe options are available. To order a free copy, go to: https://www.shortbowelsyndrome.com/sign-up

Homemade Oral Rehydration Solution Recipes		
Base Beverage	Recipe	
Water	 4 cups of water ½ teaspoon table salt 2 Tablespoons sugar Optional: Crystal Light® to taste 	
Gatorade® G2	 4 cups Gatorade® G2 (or one, 32 ounce bottle) ½ teaspoon table salt **if it is too salty, try ½ teaspoon of salt per 32 oz. Some is better than not drinking at all. 	
Chicken Broth	Option 1:4 cups water1 dry chicken broth cube2 tablespoons sugar	 Option 2: 2 cups liquid broth (not low sodium!) 2 cups water 2 tablespoons sugar
Tomato Juice	 2 ½ cups plain tomato juice (not V8 or bloody mary mix) 1 ½ cups water 	
Cranberry Juice	 ¾ cup juice 3 & ¼ cups water ½ teaspoons table salt 	
Cereal-Based	 ½ cup dry baby rice cereal, cooked 2 cups water ¼ teaspoon table salt Combine ingredients. Mix until well dissolved & smooth. Refrigerate. Solution should be thick, but pourable & drinkable. 	