

# Oral Rehydration Solution (ORS) Recipes

## World Health Organization (WHO) Reduced Osmolarity “Home Prepared” ORS

- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons plus ¾ teaspoon sugar
- ½ teaspoon salt substitute (Morton’s)
- 1 ¼ teaspoons trisodium citrate dihydrate\*
- Water (to make 1 liter)

To a one liter container, add about 1/2 the needed water. Add the dry ingredients, stir well, then add the remaining water to make a final volume of one liter. Add Nutrasweet or Splenda-based flavoring of choice if desired.

Total sodium = 70 mEq  
Total potassium = 20 mEq  
Total carbohydrate = 27 g  
Osmolarity: 245 mOsm/L

*\*Available from Amazon or Prescribed For Life at \$12.95 a pound.*



## CeraLyte® 70

- 1 packet of CeraLyte 70®
- 1 liter (L) of water

Briskly mix 1 cup of warm water with CeraLyte® and shake until dissolved. Add additional cold water to make a one liter volume.

Total sodium = 70 mEq  
Total potassium = 20 mEq  
Total carbohydrate = 41 g  
Osmolarity: 235 mOsm/L



## TRIORAL™ Oral Rehydration Salts

- 1 packet of TRIORAL™
- 1 liter (L) of water

Dissolve entire contents of the packet in one liter of drinking water. Discard remaining solution after 24 hours.

Total sodium = 75 mEq  
Total potassium = 20 mEq  
Total carbohydrate = 13.5 g  
Osmolarity: 245 mOsm/L



## Tips for Taking an ORS

- ORS taste best when chilled.
- Sip throughout waking hours.
- Drink enough ORS to result in at least one liter of urine per 24 hours.
- Discard after 24 hours or freeze extra promptly.
- Consider freezing extra as ORS ice cubes to chill the next batch.
- Do not use regular ice cubes, as they will dilute the ORS components.

## Gatorade® G2 Low Calorie (Ready to Drink)

- 1 quart of ready to drink Gatorade® G2 Low Calorie
- ½ teaspoon salt

Add salt to ready to drink Gatorade G2 and shake well.

Total sodium = 68 mEq  
Total potassium = 3.2 mEq  
Total carbohydrate = 18.6 g  
Osmolarity: 256 mOsm/L



*Note: potassium levels in this Gatorade® G2 recipe are well below the recommended amount for an ORS.*