Course 3: Management of malnutrition

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- D: National Guidelines for integrated management of acute malnutrition
- 📋 : Power point handouts
- X Case studies: Management of malnutrition: OTP and in patient care
- *C*: Reductive adaptation notes

MANAGEMENT OF MALNUTRITION

- Content overview
 - definitions
 - patho physiology of malnutrition
 - causes of malnutrition
 - categories of malnutrition
 - diagnosis of acute malnutrition
 - nutrition education and counseling
 - nutrient based interventions

Objective

- To equip health service providers with knowledge and skills through:
 - enhancing understanding on best practices
 - prevention of malnutrition by early identification
 - Effective management of malnutrition in order to improve treatment outcomes including morbidity and mortality

Course 3a : Introduction to Management of acute malnutrition

Definitions

- Malnutrition is defined as any nutritional disorder. It may result from an unbalanced, insufficient, or excessive diet or from impaired absorption, assimilation, or use of foods
- Over-nutrition a condition of excess nutrient and energy intake over time. Over nutrition may be regarded as a form of malnutrition when it leads to morbid obesity.
- Obesity an abnormal increase in the proportion of fat cells, mainly in the visceral and subcutaneous tissues of the body.
- Under-nutrition malnutrition caused by an inadequate food supply or an inability to use the nutrients in food.

Continued...

- **Oedema** the abnormal accumulation of fluid in the interstitial spaces of tissues such as the pericardial sac, intrapleural sac, peritoneal cavity, or joint capsules.
- Food security refers to physical and economic access to food of sufficient quality and quantity
- **Nutrition security** refers to secure access to food coupled with sanitary environment, adequate health services, and knowledgeable care to ensure healthy life.
- **Z score** a normalized value created from a member of a set of data by expressing it in terms of standard deviations from the median.

Causes of malnutrition

- Food: Inadequate household food security (limited access or availability of food)
- Nutrition: Inadequate access to food coupled with unsanitary environment, inadequate health services, and lack of knowledgeable care to ensure healthy life.
- Health: Limited access to adequate health services and/or inadequate environmental health conditions.
- Care: Inadequate social and care environment in the household and local community, especially in regard to women and children.

Conceptual framework of malnutrition (UNICEF 1991)



Pathophysiology of Undernutrition

Reductive adaptation

Reductive adaptation is defined as the physiological response of the body to under nutrition i.e. Systems slow down and do less in severe acute under nutrition in order to allow survival on limited nutrient resources especially calories.

Pathophysiology of undernutrition



INTRODUCTION TO PATHO-PHYSIOLOGY OF MALNUTRITION

PHYSIOLOGICAL BASIS FOR TREATMENT OF MALNUTRITION

Cardiovascular system (1)

- Cardiac output and stroke volume are
- reduced
- Infusion of saline may cause an
- increase in venous pressure
- Any increase in blood volume can easily produce acute heart failure;
- Any decrease will further compromise tissue perfusion

Cardiovascular system (2):

- Blood pressure is low
- Renal perfusion and circulation time are reduced
- Plasma volume is usually normal and
- red cell volume is reduced

LIVER (1)

- Synthesis of all proteins is reduced
- Abnormal metabolites of amino acids are produced c
- Capacity of liver to take up, metabolize and excrete toxins is severely reduced
- Energy production from substrates such as galactose and fructose is much slower than normal

LIVER (2)

- Gluconeogenesis is reduced, which increases the risk of hypoglycaemia during infection
- Bile secretion is reduced

GENITOURINARY SYSTEM (1)

- Glomerular filtration is reduced
- Capacity of kidney to excrete excess acid or a water load is greatly reduced
- Urinary phosphate output is low
- Sodium excretion is reduced
- Urinary tract infection is common.

GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM (2)

- Production of gastric acid is reduced
- Intestinal motility is reduced
- Pancreas is atrophied and production of digestive enzymes is reduced
- Small intestinal mucosa is atrophied; secretion of digestive enzymes is reduced
- Absorption of nutrients is reduced

IMMUNE SYSTEM (1)

- All aspects of immunity are diminished
- Lymph glands, tonsils and the thymus are atrophied

Cell-mediated (T-cell) immunity is severely depressed

- IgA levels in secretions are reduced
- Complement components are low
- Phagocytes do not kill ingested bacteria efficiently

IMMUNE SYSTEM (2)

- Tissue damage does not result in inflammation or migration of white cells to the affected area
- Acute phase immune response is diminished
- Typical signs of infection, such as an increased white cell count and fever,

are frequently absent

 Hypoglycaemia and hypothermia are both signs of severe infection and are

usually associated with septic shock

ENDOCRINE SYSTEM

- Insulin levels are reduced and the child has glucose intolerance
- Insulin growth factor 1 (IGF-1) levels are reduced
- Growth hormone levels are increased
- Cortisol levels are usually increased

CIRCULATORY SYSTEM

- Basic metabolic rate is reduced by about 30%.
- Energy expenditure due to activity is very low
- Both heat generation and heat loss are impaired; the child becomes hypothermic in a cold environment and hyperthermic in a hot environment

CELLULAR FUNCTION

- Sodium pump activity is reduced and cell membranes are more permeable than normal,
- which leads to an increase in intracellular sodium and a decrease in intracellular potassium and magnesium
- Protein synthesis is reduced

SKIN, MUSCLES AND GLANDS

- THE skin and subcutaneous fat are and glands atrophied, which leads to loose folds
- Many signs of dehydration are unreliable; eyes may be sunken because of loss of subcutaneous fat in the orbit
- Many glands, including the sweat, tear and salivary glands, are atrophied; the child has dryness of the mouth and eyes and sweat production is reduced
- Respiratory muscles are easily fatigued; the child is lacking in energy

Categories of Under nutrition

- Acute and Chronic under nutrition.
- Children can have a combination of both acute and chronic under nutrition.
- Acute under nutrition is categorized into Moderate and Severe acute under nutrition, determined by the clients degree of wasting (*is an indicator of acute undernutrition, the result of more recent food deprivation or illness*).
- All cases of bi-lateral oedema are categorized as severe acute under nutrition.

Categories of under nutrition continued...

- Chronic under nutrition is determined by a patient's degree of stunting (the result of prolonged food deprivation and/or disease or illness), i.e. when a child has not reached his or her expected height for a given age.
- To treat a patient with chronic under nutrition requires a long-term focus that considers household food insecurity in the long run; home care practices (feeding and hygiene practices); and issues related to public health.

Assessment

- Anthropometry
- Biochemical
- Clinical
- Dietary
- Economic (social-economic status)

Indicator	Severe acute under	Moderate acute under nutrition	Mild acute under nutrition		
	nutrition				
Children 6 months to 59 months					
Weight for height / Length Z scores	< - 3 Z score	Between – 3 to < -2 Z score	Between -2 to < -1 Z score		
Weight for height / Length % of median	< 70% W/H	Between 70 – 80 % W/H	Between 80 – 90%		
MUAC	< 11 cm (under 5s)	11 –13 cm (under 5 s)			
Bilateral pitting Oedema	Oedema (+) present	Oedema absent	Oedema absent		
Children 5 – 9 years					
BMI for age Z scores	<-3 Z score	Between – 3 to < -2 Z score	Between -2 to < -1 Z score		
MUAC	< 13.5 cm	Between 13.5 – 14.5 cm			
Bilateral pitting Oedema	Oedema (+) present	Oedema absent	Oedema absent		
	Adole	scents 10 – 17 years			
BMI for Age Z score	< - 3 Z score	Between -3 and -2 Z score	Between -2 to < -1 Z score		
MUAC	<16 cm	Between 16 – 18.5cm			
Bilateral pitting Oedema	Oedema (+) present	Oedema absent	Oedema absent		
Adults 18 years and above					
BMI	< 16 cm	Between 16 – 17 kg/m ²	Between 17 – 18.5 kg/m ²		
	- <16 cm - 16-18.5cm plus one of the	16 - 18.5cm with no relevant			
MUAC	following: 1. Inability to stand 2. Apparent dehydration	clinical signs. Few relevant social criteria			
Oedema	Oedema (+) present	Oedema absent			
Pregnant or postpartum women					
28 MUAC	< 22 cm	Between 22 - 23 cm	Between 23 – 24 cm		
Oedema	Oedema (+) present	Oedema absent			

Course 3b: Severe malnutrition 1–

recognition and early treatment

Objectives

- Learn to recognise severe malnutrition
- Learn to manage <u>ALL</u> the problems present in these children
- Understand new approaches to feeding and recognise it as the <u>primary treatment</u>.

Definitions of Severe PEM (1)

WHO Classification:

	+ Oedema	No oedema
(WHZ <-3)	Severe wasting + oedema*	Severe wasting

* If there is severe oedema the weight may appear reasonable initially.

Definitions of Severe PEM (2)

WHO Classification:

	+ Oedema	No oedema		
WHZ <-3	Severe wasting + oedema*	Severe wasting		

Two simple signs are useful for classification

Clinical Diagnosis / Definition

- Presence of visible severe wasting
 - Buttocks, thighs, shoulders
- Presence of symmetrical oedema with supporting evidence for kwashiorkor:
 - Skin changes
 - Hair changes
- Weight for age (Road to Health Card Chart)
- Should be the <u>minimum</u> form of assessment

Clinical Diagnosis





But you have to look.....it is often missed

Why is detecting malnutrition important?

- In many hospitals the <u>commonest</u> reason for death of a child in hospital is PEM
- Case fatality of severe malnutrition in hospital in Africa is 30-40% (3 or 4 out of 10 die in hospital)
- If it is not recognised it is not treated properly and deaths are not prevented.

Kwashiorkor – where logic fails



Source: KEMRI /Wellcome Trust

Protein deficiency

Treatment with a high protein diet
Kwashiorkor – where logic fails



Source: KEMRI /Wellcome Trust



Severe malnutrition



Severe malnutrition



Electrolyte / Mineral Deficiencies

- Potassium:
 - Potassium supplements help <u>reduce</u> oedema
 - Muscle weakness / apathy
 - Reduced cardiac output.
- Magnesium (convulsions / arrhythmias)
- Zinc (diarrhoea / skin disease)
- Copper (anaemia)
- Selenium (heart failure)

Source: KEMRI /Wellcome Trust



Electrolytes / Minerals – What about <u>Sodium</u>?

- Total body sodium is often increased
 - Expansion of extracellular fluid volume
 - Leakage of sodium into cells sick cell syndrome
- Giving sodium (iv fluids / salty foods) can be dangerous

What other problems do these children commonly have?



10 Step Approach



Hypoglycaemia and Hypothermia

- All new admissions with malnutrition should be kept warm until there are signs of recovery.
- iv or ngt glucose for those who are unconscious or very severely ill with no glucose measurement.
- Immediate ngt feeding for conscious children with blood glucose < 3mmol/l

Dehydration

- Shock is treated with special fluid plans and Half-Strength Darrow's with 5% dextrose.
- Oral rehydration is with ReSoMal.
- Feeding must be started by 12 hours.

Oral re-hydration in Severe Malnutrition.

All concentrations are in mmol/l	Na+	K+	Osmolarity Glucose	Osmolarity
<u>New</u> WHO / UNICEF ORS	75	20	111	
<u>Rehydration Solution</u> for <u>Malnutrition</u> – ReSoMal*.	45	40	~ 200 Glucose &saccharose	

*Add 2 WHO ORS '500ml' sachets to <u>2 litres</u> water rather then 1 litre, then add 50g (5 teaspoons) sugar and 60 mmols Potassium Chloride (3 10ml iv vials of strong potassium, 20mmols/10mls)

Composition of RESOMAL

nutriset BP 35 76770 MALAUNAY FRANCE Fax : (33) 2 35 75 61 61 E-mail : nutriset@nutriset.fr Référence : Management of severe mainutrition : a manual for physicians and other senior a manual for physicians and other senior health workers. World Health Organisation. Geneva 1999

net 84 g

Concentration/litre : Glucose 55 mmol, saccharose 73 mmol, potassium 40 mmol, sodium 45 mmol, chloride 70 mmol, citrate 7 mmol, magnesium 3 mmol, zinc 300 umol, copper 45 umol

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Osmolarity of the solution : 294 mEq/litre

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2 liters
of
water



Oral re-hydration in Severe Malnutrition

- Resomal 5ml/kg every 30 mins for 2 hours.
- Use an ngt early.
- Then 5 10 mls/kg each hour for a maximum of 10 hours
 - Give 10 if the child thirsty / severe dehydration, 5 if not.
- Introduce starter milk (F-75) at 4 hours and slowly replace Resomal with starter milk over 12 hours.
- Continue breast feeding throughout.

Electrolytes & Minerals

- All severely malnourished children have potassium deficiency.
- All should receive an extra 4mmol/kg/day of oral potassium (after stopping ReSoMal).
- Ideally should receive Mg, Zn, Cu and Se as part of mineral mix – added to milk feed.

Infection

- Up to 1/3rd children with malnutrition who die have septicaemia / bacteraemia
- Fever and other signs of infection are not helpful in identifying these children when there is severe malnutrition.
- <u>ALL</u> children with severe malnutrition sick enough to be in hospital should be started on Penicillin (or Ampicillin) and Gentamicin for at least 5 days.
- In addition they receive oral metronidazole and treatment for thrush if present.

Vitamin A deficiency



Vitamins

• Vitamin A:

 With Eye signs: 200,000 iu on admission, on Day 2 and on Day 14 (100,000 iu if aged < 12 months).

- Without Eye signs: stat dose appropriate for age

Multivitamins – 1 tablet twice daily for 14 days.

First feeding.

 Feeds need to be prescribed – they are treatment!

Questions?

Course 3c: Severe malnutrition 2-

nutritional treatment

Objectives

- Understand the link between observed pathophysiological abnormalities and treatment.
- Consider the priorities and aims of immediate nutritional management.
- Non-nutritional management is considered elsewhere.

What are the problems faced in providing acute nutritional therapy?



- Reduced appetite and willingness to feed
- Fatty liver with reduced synthetic functions
- Absorption of nutrients is probably adequate but may be reduced by diarrhoea and small bowel bacterial overgrowth
- Reduced renal ability to excrete sodium
- Impaired cardiac contractility

A state of physiological 'standby' – awaiting gentle reawakening

Gentle nutritional rescue – the process of feeding

- Immediate feeding
- Small volume / frequent feeding because of small stomach capacity and precarious physiology
- Vomiting is NOT a contraindication to feeding
- Routine insertion of a naso-gastric tube should be considered
- Feeds are the 'drug' to cure malnutrition, they are a priority (after correction of dehydration if required).

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Energie	446 kcal	750 kcal	Biotine	60 µg	100 μg
Protéines	5 % de l	énergie	Ac. pantothénique	3 mg	5,1 mg
Lipides	31 % de l	'énergie	Vitamine K	24 µg	40 μg
Vitamine A	0,9 mg	1500 µg	Socium	<87 mg	< 150 mg
Vitamine D	18 µg	30 µg	Calcium	560 mg	950 mg
Vitamine E	20 mg	34 mg	Phosphore	330 mg	560 mg
Vitamine B1	59 mg	100 mg	Magnésium	50 mg	85 mg
Vitamine B1	0,5 mg	0,8 mg	Zinc	12,2 mg	20,5 mg
Vitamine B2	1,2 mg	2,7 mg	Iode	100 µg	170 μg
Niacine	5 mg	8,5 mg	Potassium	775 mg	1320 mg
Vitamine B6	0,6 mg	1 mg	Cuivre	1,7 mg	2,8 mg
Ac. folique	200 µg	340 µg	Sélénium	30 µg	47 μg
Vitamine B12	1,6 µg	2,7 µg	Fer	<0.3 mg	< 0.5 mg

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Note that this is

The feed content – 1 litre of F75

Ingredient	Amount
Dried skimmed milk	25g
Sugar	100g
Vegetable Oil	27mls
Mineral solution	20mls
Water	make up to 1000mls

Mineral solution ideally contains minerals and trace elements – if not available at least add 40mmols potassium (2x 10mls iv KCl vials) to each 1000mls of feed

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The feeding plan – a prescription

- What is the weight?
- Marasmus
 - 130 ml/kg/day start-up feed
- Kwashiorkor / marasmic kwashiorkor:
 - 100 mls/kg/day start-up feed
- Ideally given in 12 two hourly feeds, or, if not possible, 8 three hourly feeds
-this means at night too!

What would this provide?

	Marasmus 130 mls/kg/day	Kwashiorkor 100 mls/kg/day	
Calories	100 kcal/kg/day	75 kcal/kg/day	
Protein	1 – 1.5 g/kg/day	0.75 – 1.3 g/kg/day	

Why do we not give more?

- The body really cannot tolerate more
- Too vigorous re-feeding has been associated with <u>increased mortality</u>.
- Too much sugar can cause an osmotic diarrhoea
- Higher protein contents are usually associated with higher sodium contents that can make oedema worse and precipitate heart failure.

Feeding this child? – 10kg

- Total 24 hour feeds?
- 3 hourly feed volume?



Feeding this child? – 10kg

- Total 24 hour feeds?
 - 1300 mls
- 3 hourly feed volume?
 - 165 mls



Standard initial nutritional prescription...age 3 yrs, 10 kg



F-75	165 mls 3 hourly
Potassium chloride 5mmol tabs (crushed in feed)	2 tabs qds
Vitamin A (has eye signs)	200,000 iu stat, on day 2 and day 14
Multivitamin	1 tab twice daily

When to change from rescue feeding?



- Return of appetite:
 - 2 to 3 days after admission in those with no oedema and modest levels of activity
 - 5 to 7 days after admission in those with severe lethargy / severely ill at admission
- Oedema:
 - You <u>do not</u> have to wait for resolution of oedema before changing to recovery feeding if the child has a good appetite.
- Feed with cup / cup and spoon

Weight gain in the first week



- Rescue feeding is usually NOT associated with weight gain
- Weight loss may even occur in children whose oedema is improving
- Do not panic!
 - Ensure at least 100 mls/kg/day of starter feed has been given.
 - Early recovery involves loss of body water (reducing weight) and increases in cellular mass (increasing weight)
- Appetite and activity level denote recovery in the first week, <u>not</u> weight change.

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ref Emergency Rule/ Issue (UNER October 1995).

F100 : to be mixed with 2litres of water. Note it has vitamir


Contains peanut paste, vegetable fat, dry skimmed milk, dry whey, sugar minerals & vitamin complex



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is a Nutriset product

The feed content – 1 litre of F100

Ingredient	Amount
Dried skimmed milk	80g
Sugar	50g
Vegetable Oil	60mls
Mineral solution	20mls
Water	make up to 1000mls

Mineral solution ideally contains minerals and trace elements – if not available at least add 40mmols potassium (2x 10mls iv KCI vials) to each 1000mls of feed

What would this provide?

	F75 – Starter 100mls	F100 – Catch-up 100mls
Calories	75 kcal	100 kcal
Protein	0.9 g	Зg







Increase each feed by 10mls until some is not eaten – usually achieve 180 – 200 ml/kg/day Good appetite, clinically stable

F100, volume increasing until appetite satisfied

Preparation of small quantities of resomal, F75 AND F100 therapeutic milk

OBJECTIVES

Be able to:

Adequately reconstitute small quantities of ReSoMal,F75 and F100 therapeutic milk

■Use appropriate household measures while measuring volumes of ReSoMal,F75 and F100 You can use the NUTRISET measuring scoop to measure the right quantity of powder to prepare small quantities of ReSoMal,F75 and F100

WARNING

The following data is ONLY valid with the NUTRISET measuring scoop

Nutriset measuring scoops are easily recognisable. They are RED with the NUTRISET logo embossed on the handle

PREPARATION OF RESOMAL

Mix 1 level scoopful of ReSoMal into 140ml of water

PREPARATION OF F-75 THERAPEUTIC MILK Mix 1 level scoopful of F-75 therapeutic milk powder into 20ml of water

PREPARATION OF F-100

• Mix 1 level scoopful of F100 therapeutic milk powder into 18 ml of water

Prescribing RUFT

 How many packets would you give a two years old who weighs 10kg and has kwashiorkor and is in the translation period?

Then what?



Rehabilitation

- Introduce solid foods and increase to 5 <u>appropriate</u> meals a day.
- Continue snacks in between
- Continue breast feeding
- Continue mineral supplements for 2 weeks
- Start oral iron and mebendazole therapy after 1 week
- Monitor progress
- Provide stimulation / play
- Educate the family and prepare for discharge

Monitoring 1

Rescue		
Fever / Hypothermia	Recovery	
Glucose	Fever / Hypothermia	
Respiration	Respiration	
Heart Rate	Heart Rate	
Weight	Weight	Rehabilitation
Oedema	Oedema	Weight

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Monitoring 2

- Intake of feed should be monitored throughout
- If there is concern for heart failure (个HR, 个RR) in the rescue phase reduce feed volumes for 24 hours.
- Weight gain in recovery / rehabilitation phases:
 - Poor, <5g/kg/day, full re-assessment
 - Moderate, 5 10g/kg/day, check intake adequate, is there untreated infection
 - Good, >10g/kg/day

When to discharge?

- Completed antibiotics
- Good appetite and gaining weight
- Lost any oedema
- Appropriate support in the community or home
- Mother / carer:
 - Available
 - Understands child's needs
 - Able to supply needs

10 Step Approach



Questions?

Summary

- The rescue phase of nutritional support requires gentle introduction of calories and small amounts of protein.
- Potassium, vitamins and ideally other minerals should routinely be given
- Recovery feeding starts as the appetite returns and is gradually scaled up.

 You are asked to see a 2 year old boy in OPD who is said to have severe wasting and look very unwell.

What do you do?

Rx -1

- 1. Oxygen 1-2 l/min via nasal prongs.
- 2. IV HSD in 5%Dextrose120mls in 1 hr- 70 drops per min.
- 3. IV 10% dextrose 35 mls over 5min
- 4. Keep warm.
- 5. KCl 10mmol added in tds feed
- 6. IV X-pen 700,000 IU 6 hrly.
- 7. IV Chloramphenicol 175 mg 6 hrly.
- 8. IM Quinine 105mg stat then 70 mg 12hrly.

Rx- 2

- 8. Vit A 200,000IU stat. Eye changes ???
- 9. Multivit 1 tab BD for 2 weeks.
- 10. Folic acid 2.5 mg on alt days.
- 11. Zinc 20 mg OD for 2 weeks.
- 12. F75; 910 mls in 24 hrs 115 mls 3hrly

Fluid plan -Resomal 70mls hourly

Resomal 0800hrs – 70mls Resomal 0900hrs- 70 mls Resomal 1000hrs-70 mls

F75 1100hrs – 70 mls

Resomal MD – 70mls Resomal 1300hrs- 70 mls Resomal 1400hrs-70 mls

F75 1500hrs – 70 mls

Resomal 1600hrs- 70mls

Then F75; 115mls every 3 hrs Resomal 70mls after every loose stool

Summary.

- The risk of death in children with severe malnutrition is very high.
- The children have many problems and each needs treating.
- The 10 steps approach allows each problem to be treated
- Feeding should not be a high protein diet.

OUT PATIENT CARE....



OBJECTIVES

- Increase coverage and access to treatment
- Timeliness: Case finding and treatment before malnutrition escalate
- Appropriate care: effective treatment for those who can be treated at home

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

 Those with severe acute malnutrition (SAM) with no medical complications are treated at OTP and are given RUTF and routine medicines to take home.

 Only applicable in a setting where OTP has been established and RUTF available

TRIAGE...ADMISSION CRITERIA

MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND APPETITE TEST

SAM <u>with</u> <u>complications</u>	SAM <u>without</u> complications	Moderate Acute malnutrition
•Nutritional oedema ++,+++ OR •Marasmic Kwashiorkor	•WHZ<-3	without complications
(WHZ<-3 OR/MUAC<115mm with any grade of oedema)	OR •MUAC<115mm	WHZ>-3 and <-2
OR •WHZ<-3(OR WHM<70%)	OR	Or MUAC > 115mm and
•MUAC<115mm •Nutritional oedema +	•Nutritional oedema + AND	<125mm
No appetite and /or	•Appetite	Supplementary Feeding
complications(IMCI danger signs) Infants	•Clinically well	
6months unable to suckle or visibly	•Alert	
In Patient Care	Out Patient Care	

APPETITE TEST (1)

Why to conduct one?

- Major medical complications lead to loss of appetite
- It is mainly metabolic malnutrition that causes death. Often the only sign of severe metabolic malnutrition is a reduction in appetite
- → A poor appetite means that the child has a significant infection or a major metabolic abnormality such as liver dysfunction, cell membrane damage, electrolyte imbalance. These children are at immediate risk of death and neeed inpatient care.

APPETITE TEST (2)

How to conduct one?

- In a separate area
- Explain to care giver how
- Care giver washes hands
- Care giver offers RUTF
- Child need to be offered plenty of water

APPETITE TEST (3)

Result of the appetite test

A child who takes the minimum amount for their weight as indicated in the table has passed

A child that does not take at least the amount of RUTF indicated in the table has failed

Kg	Sachets
<4	1/8 to 1⁄4
4-6.9	1⁄4 to 1/3
7-9.9	1/3 to 1/2
10-14.9	1⁄2 to 3⁄4
15-29	³⁄₄ to 1
>30	>1

FOOD RATIONS (1)

Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF)

- This is a specialized food that is:
- developed specifically for the recovery of severe malnutrition at home.
- energy-dense, mineral/vitamin-enriched product equivalent to F100 with added iron.
- It contains the required energy and micronutrients to meet the nutritional needs of the severely malnourished child.
- oil-based, ready-to-use product that has a low risk of contamination. It provides approximately 530Kcal per 100g.
- Used for nutrition rehabilitation in the community and is effective when the patient receives a weekly supply of take home RUTF. Why?

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FOOD RATIONS (2)

Ration

- The ration given to a severely malnourished child is based on the intake requirement of between 150-200 kcal/kg/day.
- The amount of RUTF to be consumed per day is based on the weight of the child

FOOD RATIONS (3)

Class of weight (kg)	RUTF	
	sachet per day	sachet per week
3.5 - 3.9	1.5	11
4.0 - 5.4	2	14
5.5 - 6.9	2.5	18
7.0 - 8.4	3	21
8.5 - 9.4	3.5	25
9.5-10.4	4	28
10.5 - 11.9	4.5	32
≥ 12	5	35

ROUTINE MEDICATION

Medication	Direct admission to out-patient community nutrition care	
Vitamin A	One (1) dose on the fourth week (fourth visit)	
Folic Acid	One (1) dose at health facility on admission, if signs of anaemia	
Amoxicillin	Give first dose at the health facility and give remainder of treatment to the parent/caregiver with instructions to give twice daily for seven days at home	
Malaria	According to national protocol	
Measles (children 6 months and older)	1 vaccine on the fourth week (fourth visit)	
Iron	None: sufficient iron is in RUTF	
De-worming (children >1 year old)	1 dose on the second week (second visit)	

MONITORING

Task	Frequency
Patient attends health facility	weekly
Patient receives replacement RUTF	weekly
Health worker checks weight	weekly
Health worker checks MUAC	weekly
Health worker checks height	monthly
Health worker checks vital signs: temperature, pulse & respiration rate	weekly
Health worker conducts Appetite Test	weekly
Health worker does medical check	weekly
Health worker fills in patient card and ration card	weekly

HOME CARE

Community health workers and Care givers are playing a key role in the recovery of the child (!!!)

- Ensure food eaten (only RUTF)
- Give safe water to drink
- Wash hands
- Do not share RUTF with other members
- Seek CHW if concerned with patient's condition
- Give routine medicine
- Attend health facilities for weekly visits
- Keep child warm

TRANSFER TO INPATIENT CARE

If the outpatients develops any of the following, the patient is transferred to the in-patient facility:

- Failure of appetite test
- Increase or develop oedema
- Re-feeding diarrhea that leads to weight loss
- Weight loss for 3 consecutive weighing, or 2 weeks
- Weight loss of more than 5% of body weight at any visit
- Static weight for 3 consecutive weighing
- Fulfilling any criteria of 'failure to respond' (next slide)

FAILURE TO RESPOND

Out Patient Community Nutrition Care		
Criteria for failure to respond	After	
Primary failure to respond		
Failure to gain any weight (non-oedematous children)	21 days	
Failure to start to lose oedema	14 days	
Oedema still present	21 days	
Weight loss since admission to program (non-oedematous children)	14 days	
Secondary failure to respond		
Failure of Appetite test	At any visit	
Weight loss of 5% of body weight	At any visit	
Weight loss for two successive visits	14 days	

POSSIBLE CAUSE OF FAILURE

- Community care is inappropriate for patients to go directly to out-patient care
- Poorly conducted appetite test
- Inadequate instructions given to mothers
- Inaccurate quantity of RUTF dispensed to child
- Health facility long distance
- Share of food with siblings...or caregivers
- Micronutrients deficiency
- Mal-absorption
- Unwilling or too busy care giver

DISCHARGE CRITERIA FROM OTP TO SFP

Cured	 W/H >80% (where there is SFP) or W/H >85% (in the absence of SFP) for two consecutive measurements and MUAC >11.0cm and No oedema for two consecutive visits. W/H -2 Z-score (where there is SFP) W/H -1 Z-score where there is no SFP Children admitted on MUAC, or stabilised from an inpatient facility, are discharged from the outpatient community nutrition care after a minimum of two months.
Defaulted	Absent for two consecutive visits
Died	Died while registered in the out-patient community nutrition care
Non-recovered	Has not achieved discharge criteria within four months. Link the child to other programmes e.g. IMCI, OVC, HBC, ART Clinics, or targeted food distributions.