

Dietary Goals

A nutritional nutrition and food policy is set out to attain dietary goals(prudent diet) as under;

- Fat intake should be 15-30% of total daily intake
- Saturated fats should not constitute >10% of total energy intake
- Avoid excessive intake of refined carbohydrates
- Salt intake <5gm per day
- Proteins should be upto 10-15% of daily intake
- No or lesser Junk foods like colas, ketchups(empty calories)



Nutritional Problems in Public Health

- 1 Low birth weight(< 2500 gms)
- 2 Undernutrition (Underweight, Stunting, wasting, Severe acute malnutrition, Kwashiorkor and marasmus)
- 3 Xerophthalmia- vitamin A deficiency
- 4 Nutritional anemia- haemoglobin content of blood is lower.
- 5 Iodine deficiency disorders
- 6 Endemic fluorosis- occurs when drinking water has fluorine 3-5gm/dl . Dental fluorosis, skeletal fluorosis, genu valgum. Prevention is by substitution, chemical treatment.

Malnutrition

- It is defined as a pathological state resulting from the relative or absolute deficiency or excess of one or more essential nutrients.
- Forms of malnutrition:
 - Under nutrition
 - Over nutrition
 - Imbalance
 - Specific deficiency

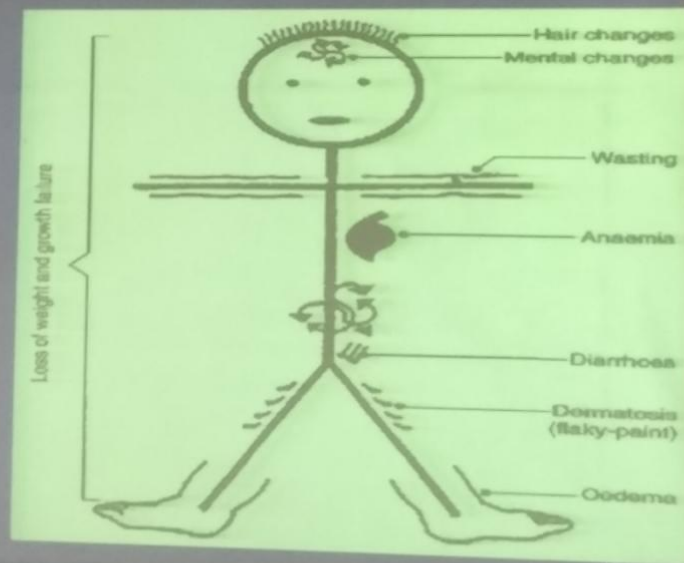
Protein Energy Malnutrition

- It is defined as a range of pathological conditions due to simultaneous deficiency of proteins and calories.
- Most severe form of malnutrition.
- Most common among children especially in 6 months – 3 years of age.
- 2 forms:
 - Marasmus
 - Kwashiorkor

- **Marasmus:** is a condition with muscle wasting, loss of S/C fat & very low body wt. due to gross lack of calories for a prolonged period along with shortage of proteins & other nutrients, seen in 6 – 15 months of age.



- **Kwashiorkor**: is a severe clinical condition due to protein deficiency along with varying amounts of calories, seen in 1 – 3 years of age.



Classification of PEM

- Gomez classification:

- based on weight for age %.

- $$\text{Wt. for age\%} = \frac{\text{wt. of the child}}{\text{wt. of a normal child of same age}} \times 100$$

- 90 – 110% : normal nutritional status
 - 75 -89% : 1st degree, mild malnutrition
 - 60 – 74% : 2nd degree, moderate malnutrition
 - Under 60% : 3rd degree, severe malnutrition

Waterlow's classification:

- Based on weight for height & height for age.

	W/H	>m- 2SD	<m- 2SD
H/A			
>m- 2SD		Normal	Wasted
<m- 2SD		Stunted	Wasted & Stunted

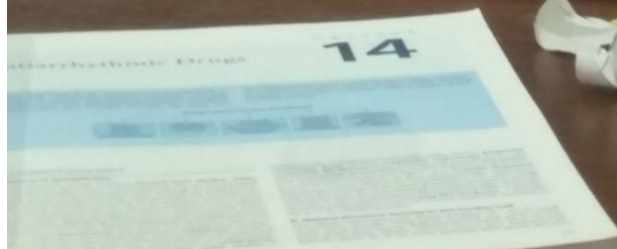
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- $\text{Height/Age}\% = \frac{\text{ht. of the child}}{\text{ht. of a normal child at same age}} \times 100$

Nutritional status	Stunting H/A %	Wasting W/H%
■ Normal	>95	>90
■ Mildly impaired	87.5 – 95	80 – 90
■ Moderately impaired	80 – 87.5	70 – 80
■ Severely impaired	<80	<70

Detection of PEM

- **Growth chart:** On this chart wt. of a child is plotted against his age. It is used for growth monitoring of children under 5yrs age.
- If wt of a child lies in the green area, child is considered to be well nourished.
- If wt of a child lies in yellow area, this means child is moderately malnourished & requires investigation for the cause/ rectification
- If wt. of a child lies in red area, this means child is grossly malnourished & requires immediate hospitalization & management

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Weight for age

■ Advantages:

- 1st indicator of PEM.
- Good basic indicator combining both acute & chronic malnutrition.
- Sensitive to small changes, can determine those who are borderline.
- It can be used before the age of 1 year.

■ Disadvantages:

- Not a sensitive one for a stunted child who is growing well.
- Not a sensitive one for a very tall child who may be malnourished.

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Shakir's tape

- It is used to measure the mid upper arm circumference. It yields a reliable estimation of body's muscle mass.
- If arm circumference is
 - More than 13.5 cm : satisfactory nutritional status
 - 12.5 – 13.5 cm : mild – moderate malnutrition
 - Below 12.5 cm : severe malnutrition

Arm circumference

■ Advantages:

- Indicator of severe current malnutrition, irrespective of stunting.
- Quick to use.
- Indicates changes in nutritional status over a short time.
- Can be used by non-literate health workers.
- Does not require age data which can be inaccurate or difficult to obtain.

□ Disadvantages:

- Can only identify children with severe malnutrition.
- Variations in measurement due to compression of tissues by shakir's tape.

Causes of PEM

- Inadequate diet both in quality & quantity.
- Parasitic & bacterial inf.
- Poor sanitation
- Wrong distribution of food among family members.
- Shortage of MCH services.
- Psychological factors
- Cultural factors

Prevention of PEM

■ Health promotion:

- Health education & distribution of supplements
- Promotion of breast feeding
- Development of low cost weaning foods
- Improvement of family diet
- Nutrition education
- Home economics & family environment
- Family planning & birth spacing

□ Specific protection:

- Protein & energy rich foods
- Immunization
- Food fortification

■ Early diagnosis & Treatment:

- Periodic surveillance
- Early diagnosis of any lag in growth
- Early diagnosis & treatment of inf. & diarrhea
- Early rehydration of children with diarrhea
- Supplementary feeding program during epidemics
- Deworming of heavily infested children

□ Rehabilitation:

- Nutritional rehabilitation services
- Hospital treatment
- Follow up care

Community Nutritional assessment

- Aims of nutritional assessment
- Methods of nutritional assessment
 - Clinical examination
 - Anthropometric measurement:
 - weight & height
 - arm circumference
 - skin fold thickness
 - Lab & biochemical tests
 - Functional assessment
 - Assessment of dietary intake
 - Vital statistics
 - Assessment of ecological factors

Ecology of Malnutrition

- Conditioning influences (diarrhoea, measles)
- Cultural influences (food habits, religion, food fads, cooking practices, child rearing practices,)
- Socioeconomic factors (poverty, education, sanitation)
- Food production
- Health and other services (nutritional surveillance, nutritional rehabilitation, Nutritional supplementation, Health education)

NUTRITION SURVEILLANCE:-

- **Nutrition surveillance** means monitoring the state of health, **nutrition**, eating behaviour, and **nutrition** knowledge of the population for the purpose of planning and evaluating nutrition policy. Especially in developing countries, monitoring may include factors that may give early warning of **nutritional** emergencies.

Characteristics of fish

- Fish meat is poor in vitamins, fish oils are good source of vitamin A & D.
- All fish liver oils are good source of growth promoting vitamins.
- Salt water fish & shell fish are rich in iodine.
- A fair source of mineral elements.

- Food fortification: It is the process of adding certain nutrients to the food in order to improve the quality of diet of a group, community or population.

- Food adulteration: It is the mixing, substitution, abstraction, concealing the quality, misbranding or putting up decomposed foods for sale.

Characteristics of fresh meat

- It should be reddish, neither pale pink nor purple in color
- Should have marbled appearance due to fat deposition among muscles
- Elastic to touch, no pitting on pressure
- Should not marst the fingers
- Should not have odor
- Should not shrink much on cooking
- Should become dry on standing

Milk

- Is the best food as contains essentials of balanced diet.
- Rich in vit B1 & B2, fats, Ca, good quality proteins.
- 80-85% water, low in Fe, too little roughage.
- Causes number of inf. as compared to other foods.
- Bacteria grow well so slight inf. cause serious disease.
- Decomposes readily, unlike other foods more difficult to harvest, handle, transport & deliver in clean fresh satisfactory condition.
- Milk products are more dangerous for health than the milk from which they are made.

Prevention of food borne diseases

■ Domestic measures:

Boiling of milk & water, Control of flies

Washing of hands, plates, vegetables & fruits

Sanitary disposal of refuse & extra

Protection of food by proper covering & boiling

■ Community measures:

Environmental sanitation, Safe water supply

Supervision of food premises & food handlers

Health education



Prevention of Meat borne diseases

- Inspection of meat

- Inspection of slaughter house:

slaughter house comes under health
section of Metropolitan corporation



Methods of Food Preservation

- Refrigeration
- Drying
- Salting & pickling
- Smoking
- Chemicals
- canning



Ministry of Health: Nutrition Wing

- National Nutrition Programme
- IDD Prevention Programme
- Vitamin A supplementation Programme
- World Food programme
- Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative (BFHI) Programme
- Nutrition Rehabilitation Unit (NRU) programme in NWFP
- Nutrition Support Programme in Sindh
- National food fortification programme



OSPE-1

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