Protein Energy Malnutrition and feeding requirements

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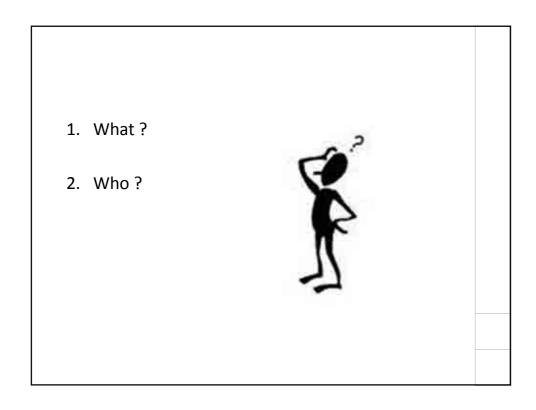


1. What?



What?

- Illness develop due to *inadequate* intake of
 - Protein
 - Energy

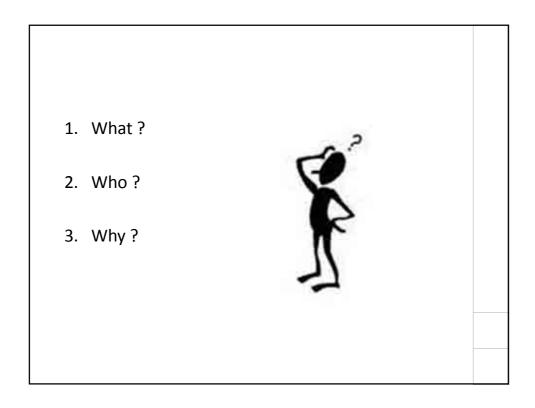


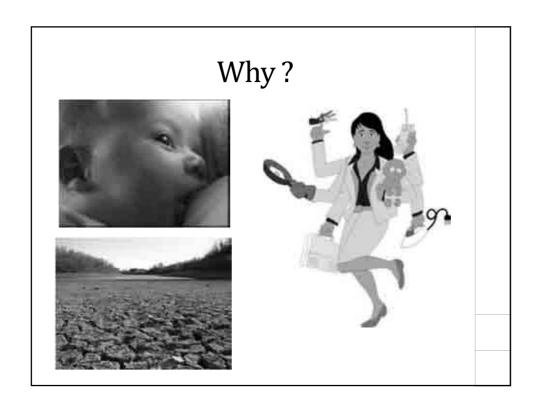


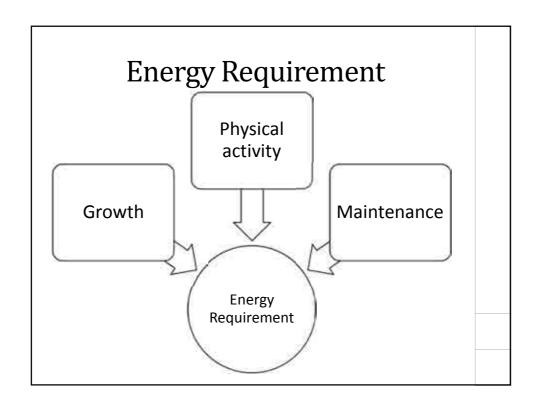


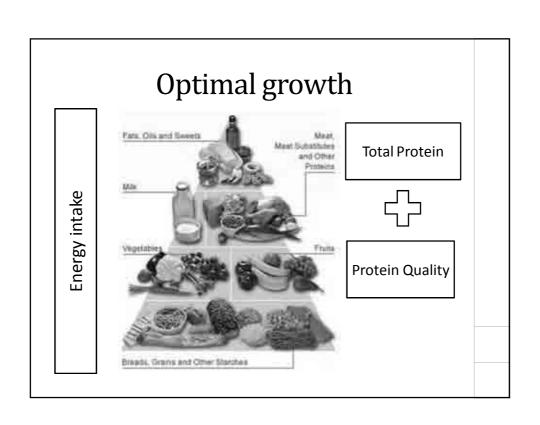
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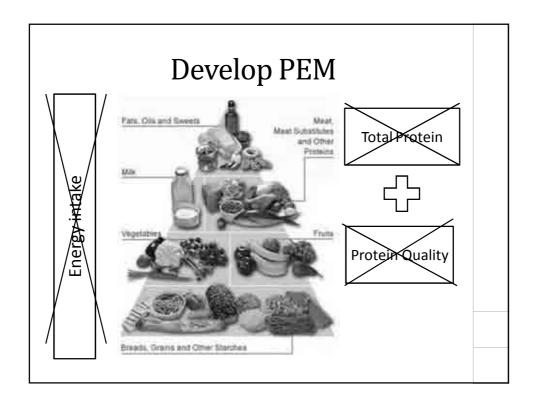
- Possible in any age group
- Less frequent in older individuals
- Requirements/ kg mass are not as great









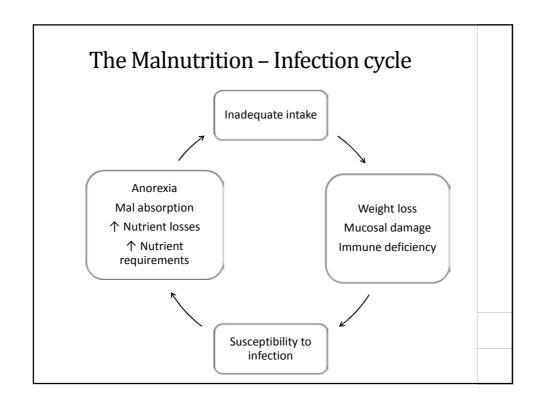


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 - HIV infection
 - · Chronic diarrhoea
 - · Mal absorption



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Clinical presentation

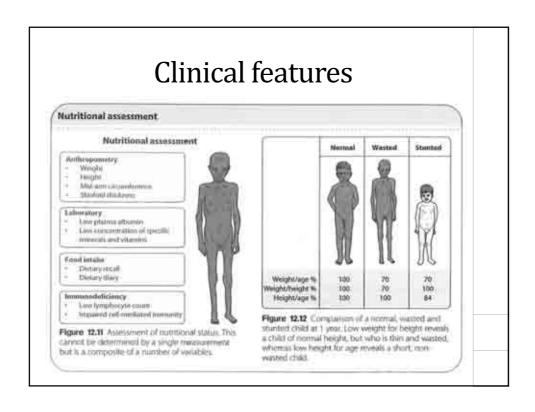
- Depends on:
 - Age
 - Degree of malnutrition
 - Duration of protein and energy deficiency
 - Previous nutritional status
 - Modifications produced by disease

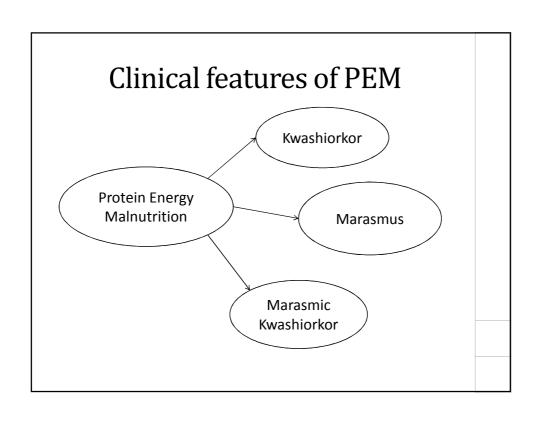
Growth parameters

- Weight for Age
 - Indicates past and present malnutrition
- · Weight for height
 - Present nutritional status
 - Indicates recent weight loss
 - Wasting
- · Height for age
 - Indicates Long term nutritional status
 - · Chronic growth delay
 - Stunting
- Mid upper arm circumference

Clinical assessment

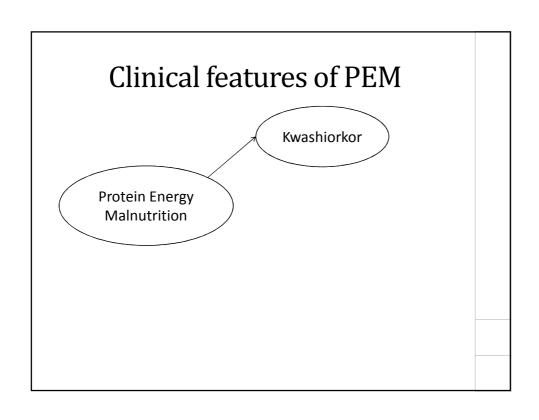
- Wide spectrum of disorders under PEM
- Previously used Waterloo and Gomez classification
- Now Z scores to help with diagnosis
- PLUS any signs of visible severe wasting
- PLUS presence of bipedal oedema





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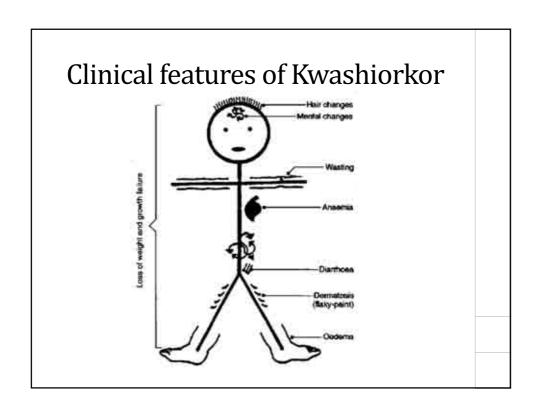


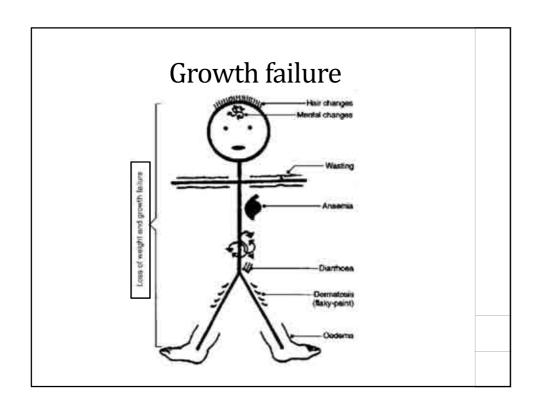
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Kwashiorkor

- Severe form of PEM
- Mostly after weaning from breast or bottle
- Present with:
 - Failure to thrive
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 - Anorexia
 - Diarrhoea
 - Skin and mucus membrane lesions
 - · Misery and apathy

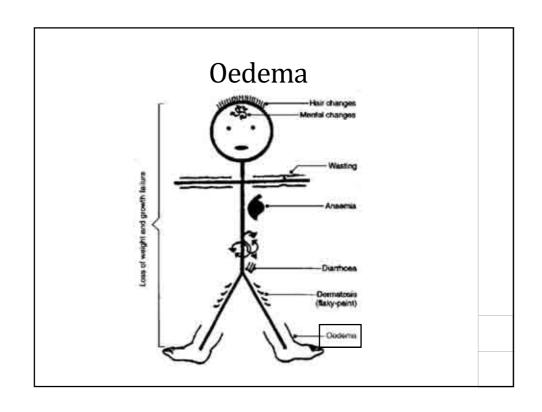








- Deceptively chubby appearance
- Due to oedema
- Excess subcutaneous fat from high carbohydrate diet
- Muscle wasting

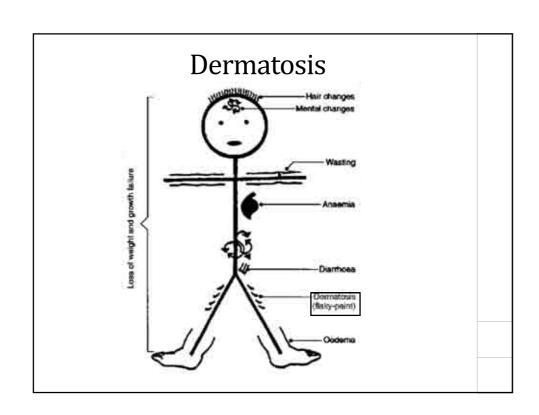


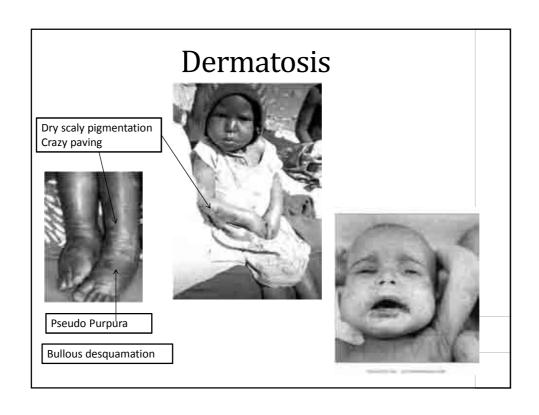
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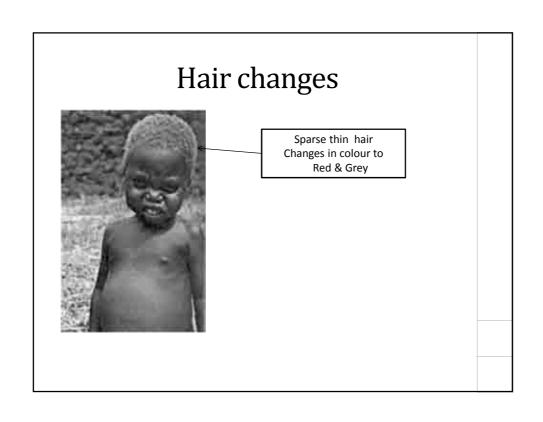


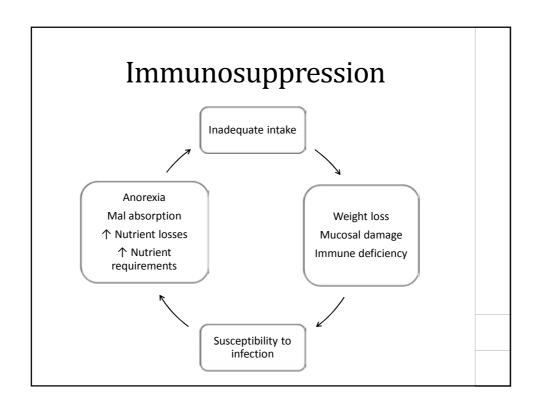
- First appear on dorsum of the feet or lower tibia
- Oedema helps to differentiate between marasmus and kwashiorkor
- Pathophysiology is complex

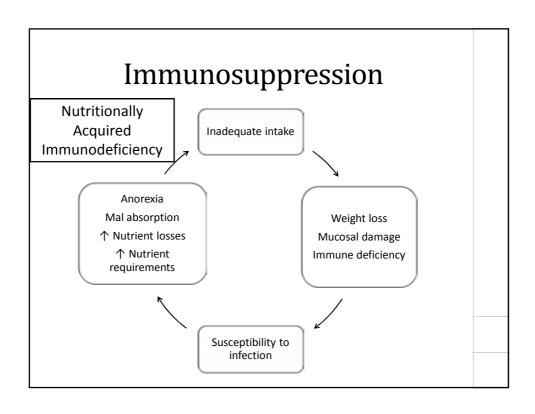






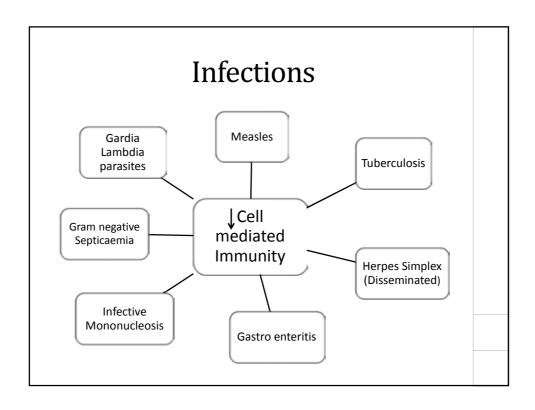


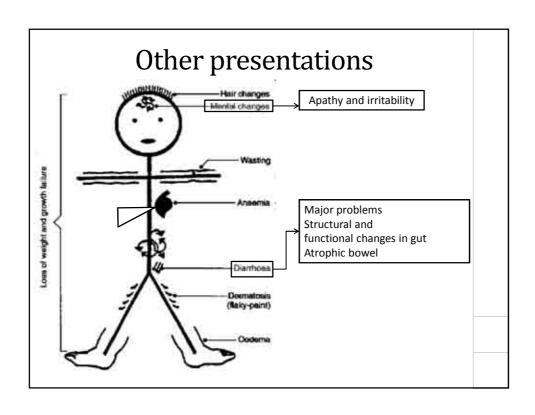


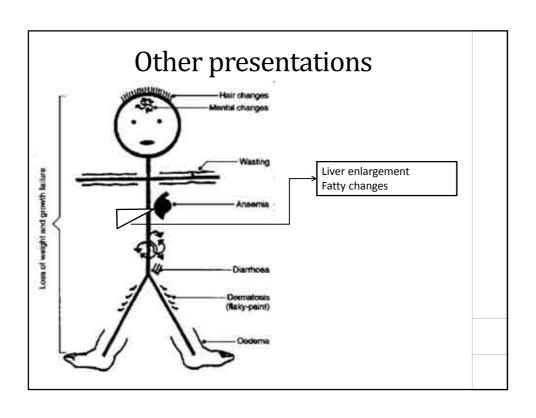


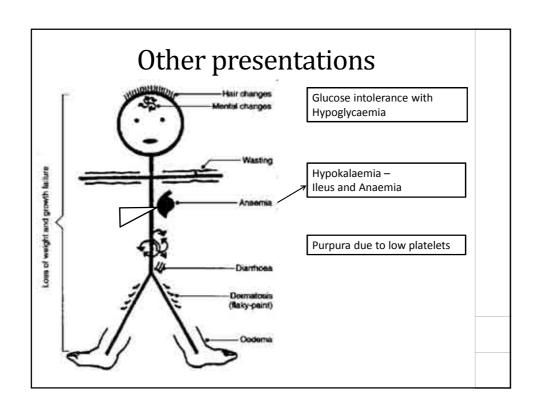
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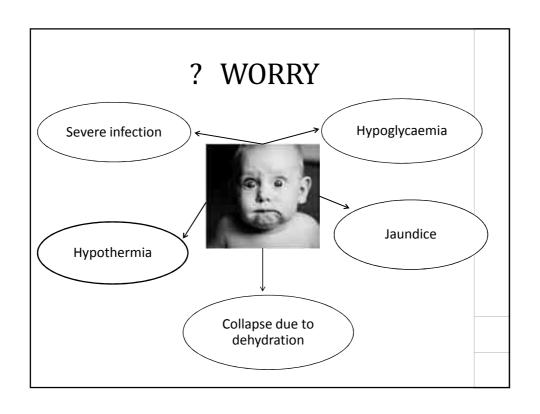
- Infections are often more severe
- Associated with complications
- · High mortality
- Deficiencies in Vit A and C
 Infection
- Zinc, Iron, Folate and trace elements

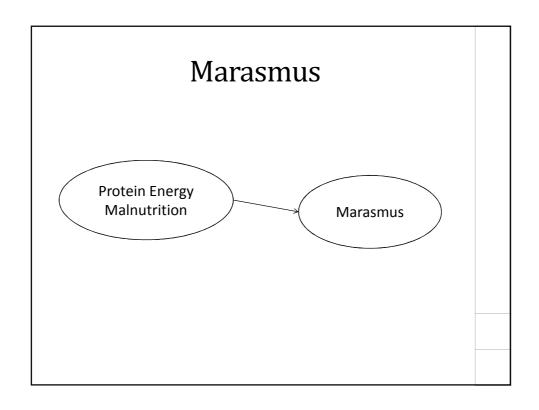






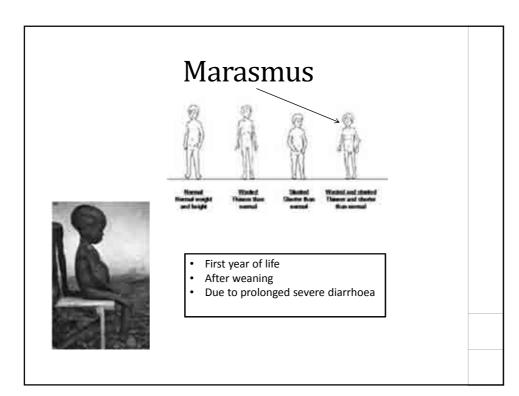






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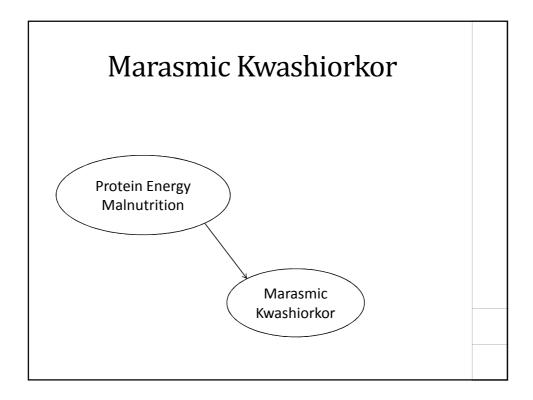
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- Differential Diagnosis
 - Chronic infections like TB
 - AIDS
 - Tropical infestations
 - · Psychological factors



Marasmic Kwashiorkor

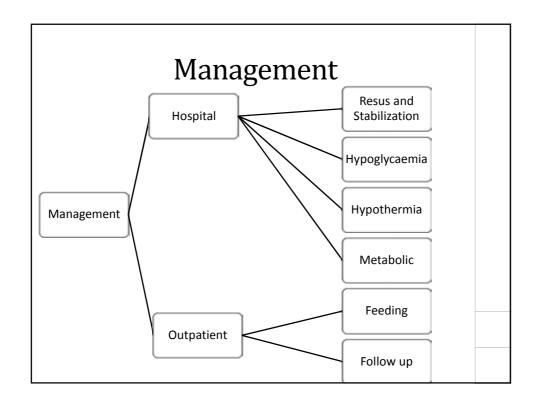
- Wasted forms
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- Clinical dermatosis
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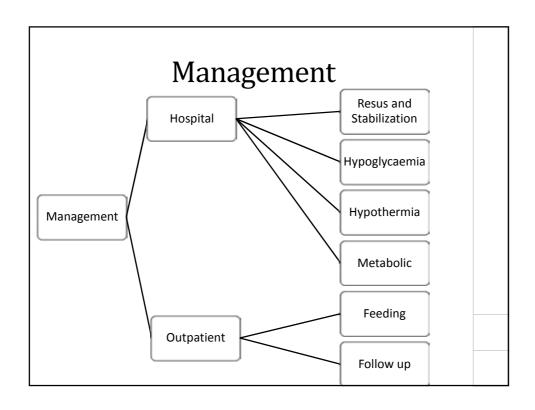
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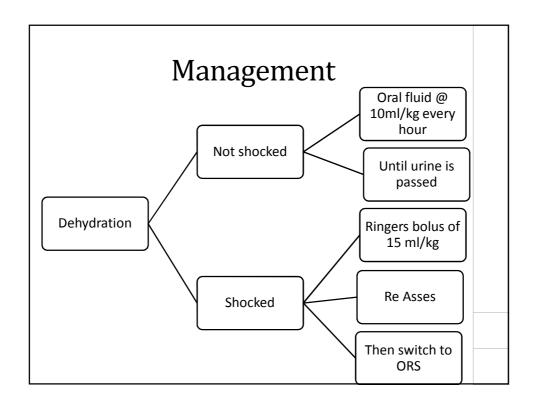
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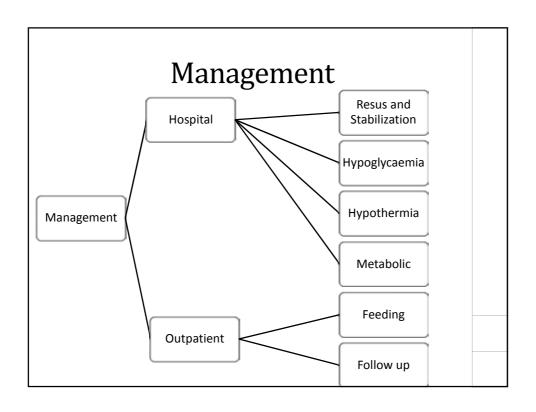


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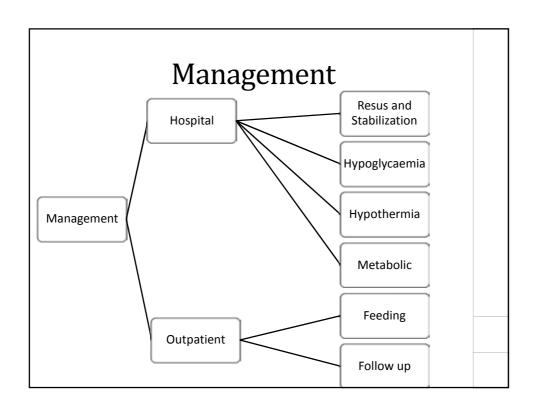






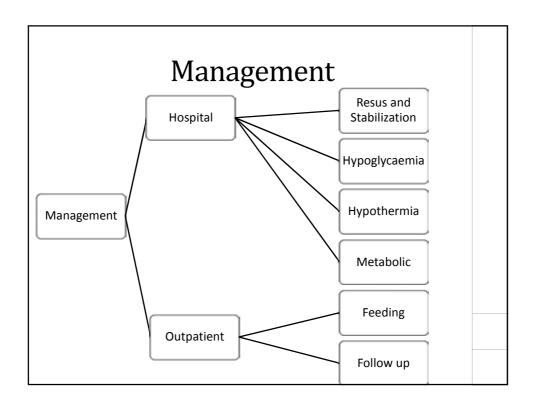
Hypoglycaemia

- Test blood glucose 3 hourly in first 24 hours
- If blood glucose < 3 mmol/L
 - Immediate feed or
 - Dextrose 10 %, ivi or per os
 - Sugar solution 10 ml/kg
- Monitor blood glucose until > 3 mmol/L
- Continue feeds
- If patient is symptomatic or unresponsive
 - 10 % dextrose ivi 5 ml/kg
- Continue feeds



Hypothermia

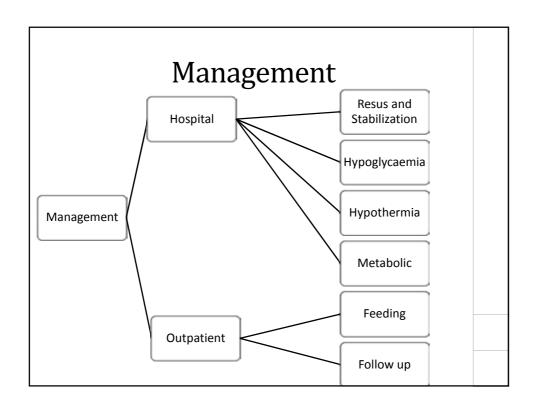
- Prevent hypothermia
- Treat hypothermia by
 - Checking temperature 3 hours post feed
 - If axillary temp < 36 ° C Warm the child urgently
 - Mother to child skin contact
 - · Place heater nearby
 - If no mother wrap child in a warmed blanket including head
 - Do not apply direct heat to the skin

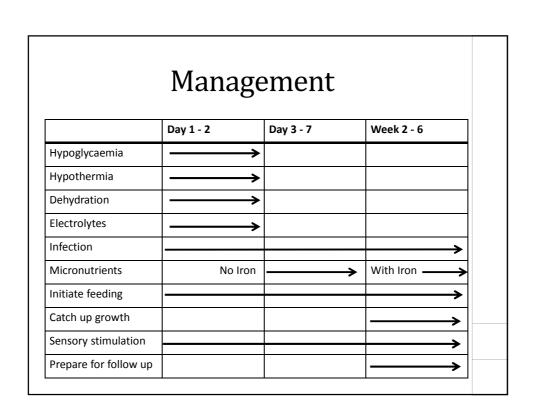


Other

- Treat for infection even if no signs
 - · Ampicillin and Gentamycin or Amikacin
 - For GIT infections treat for Gardia Lambdia
 - For dysentery treat with Cefotaxime or Ceftriaxone
- Mineral and micronutrient deficiencies
 - Potassium chloride solution 25 50 mg/kg/dose oral
 - · Magnesium sulphate
 - Vit A
 - Folic acid
 - Mutivitamin

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Feeding

- · Initial phase
 - · Begin feeding immediately
 - Use start up formula 130 ml/kg/day divided to give 3 hourly feeds
 - If hypoglycaemia or danger signs feed more regularly 2 hourly
 - If feeds refused or not taken give via Nasogastric Tube
- Rehabilitation
 - · When appetite returns
 - Increase the feeds to higher protein/calorie content
 - First give the same amount as start up formula then gradually increase to 200 ml/kg/day

Thanks for your attention!

