

Severely malnourished children need special care. This book provides simple, practical guidelines for treating these children successfully and takes into account the limited resources of many hospitals and health units in developing countries. It is intended for doctors, nurses, dietitians and other health workers with responsibility for the medical and dietary management of severely malnourished children, and for their trainers and supervisors. The guidelines are authoritative and hospitals using them report substantial reductions in mortality. For example, mortality rates of 30-50% have fallen to 5-15%. The instructions are clear, concise, and easy to follow and the information is consistent with other WHO publications. The aim is to help improve the quality of inpatient care and so prevent unnecessary deaths.

The guidelines can be used as a practical ten-step treatment tool and as additional support material to a WHO training course on the management of severe malnutrition.



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