

Errata for CMAM Training Modules, July 2009

The *Training Guide for Community-Based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM)* used admission and discharge criteria that were consistent with international guidance for management and treatment of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) at the time of the guide's November 2008 release. However, the World Health Organisation (WHO) has since updated some of its recommended admission/discharge criteria for programmes and services that address SAM in children. WHO now recommends:

- Using weight-for-height (WFH) z-score based on the WHO child growth standards for admission/discharge criteria instead of WFH as a percentage of the median based on the National Centre for Health Statistics (NCHS) growth reference
- Raising the mid-upper arm circumference (MUAC) admission cutoff to 115 mm from 110 mm for severe acute malnutrition
- Using new criteria for discharge based on: weight gain of 15 percent, oedema free for 2 consecutive visits, and child is clinically well and alert. These discharge criteria are used for all admissions, regardless of the admission criteria used.

These recommendations should be adapted to take into account national guidelines and local considerations.

A fact sheet explaining the new recommendations is available at http://www.unscn.org/Publications/html/task_force/who_growth_standards_final.doc.

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