

HOW TO IDENTIFY ACUTE MALNUTRITION IN A CHILD

(for children over 6 months)

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check OEDEMA

using your thumb, gently apply pressure to both feet for 3 seconds



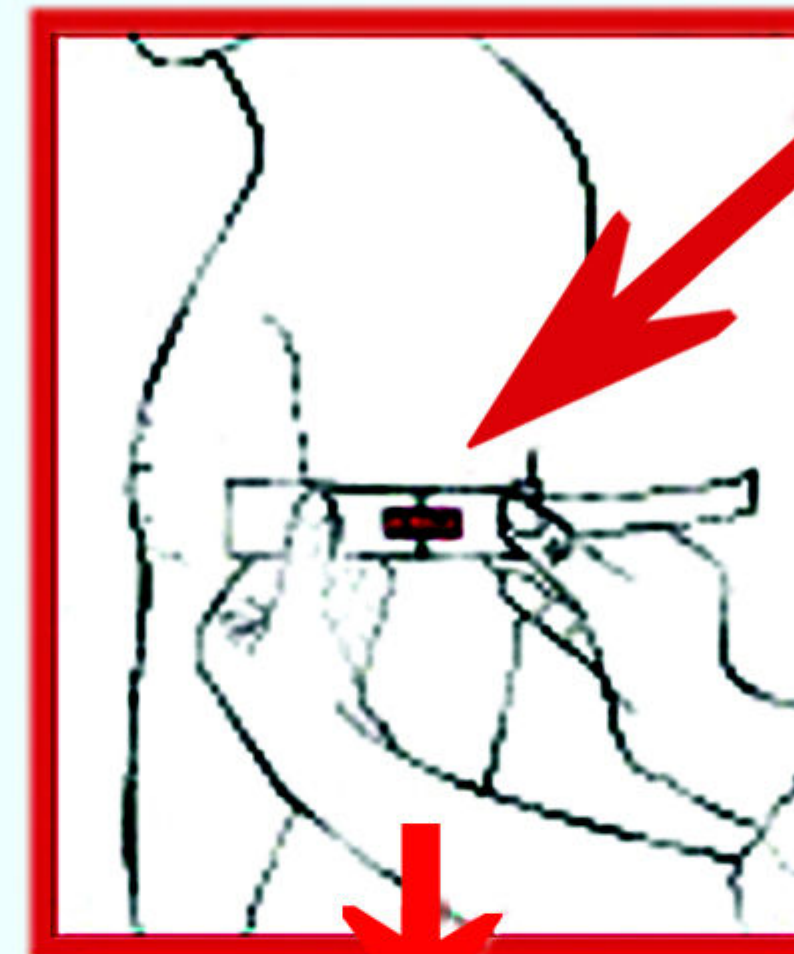
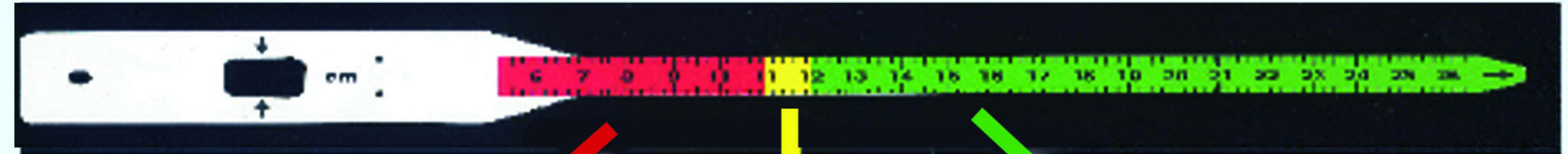
if a shallow print persists on both feet, then the child has oedema



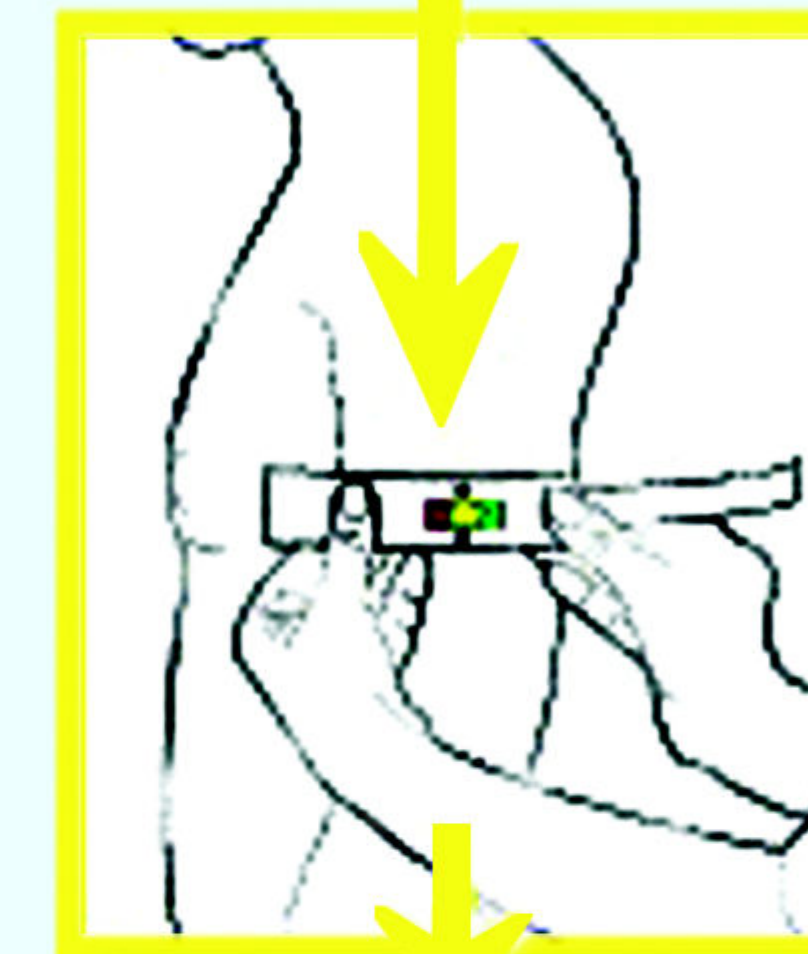
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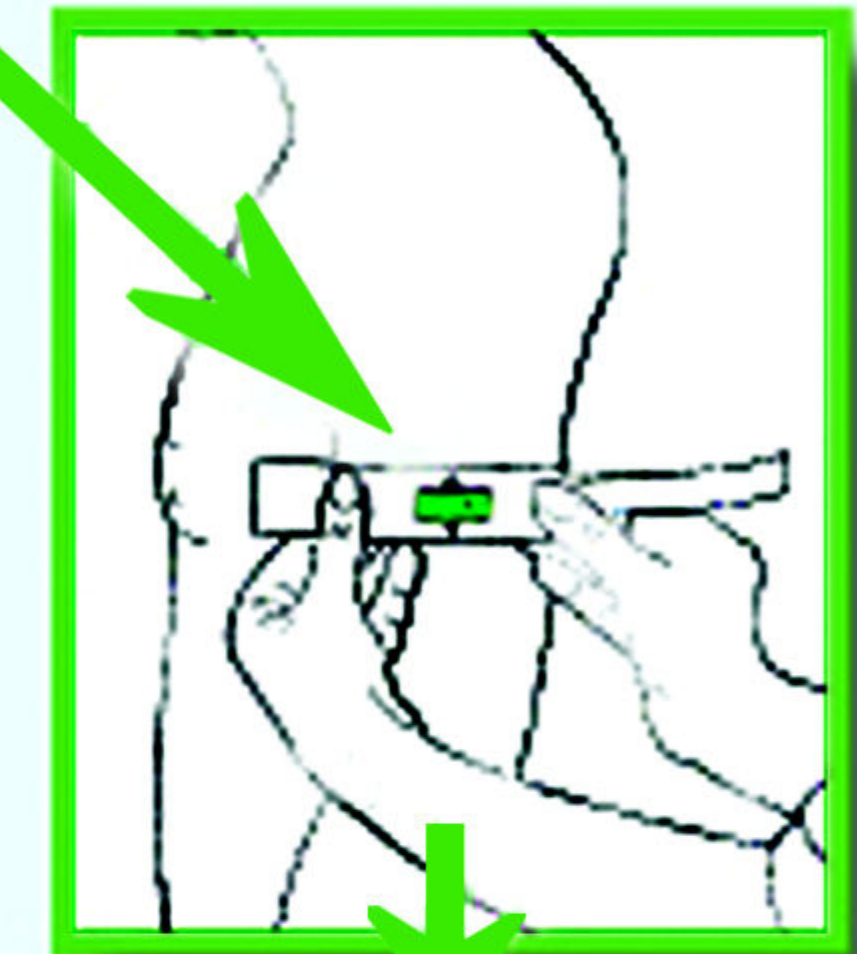
measure MUAC (left arm circumference)



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This child is moderately malnourished and needs additional enriched food (supplementary food)



This child is not malnourished, congratulations to the mother!



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