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# FAILURE TO THRIVE

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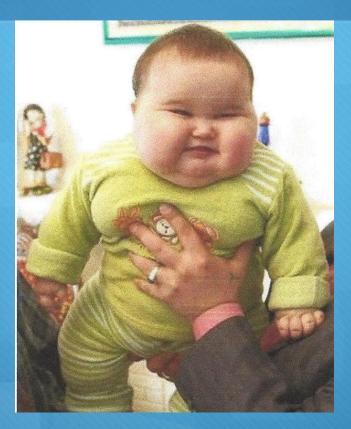


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## Bigger Problem!!!

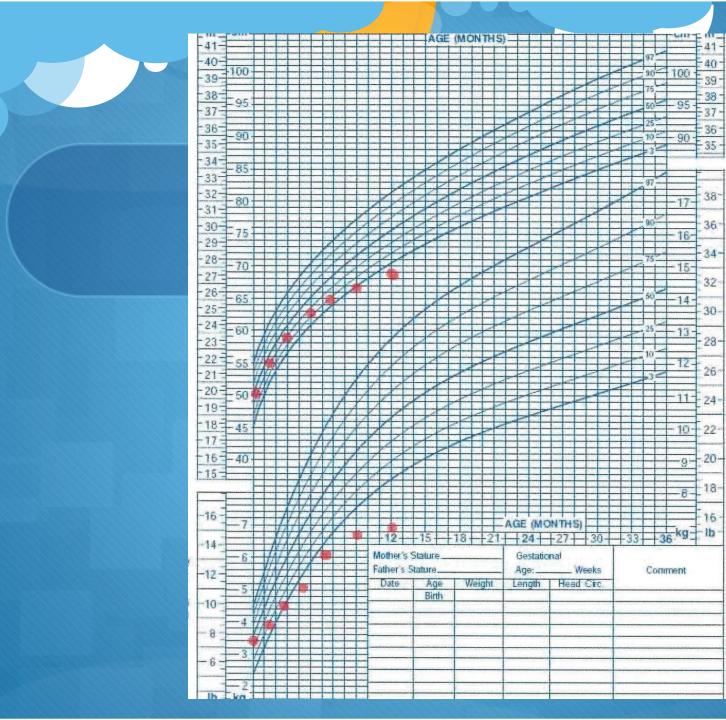


### DEFINITION

 Significant interruption in the rate of Growth of weight during early childhood

 End result of inadequate usable calories required for normal growth

Ø Weight less than 3-5% tile or falling 2 or more major percentile lines on standardized growth chart



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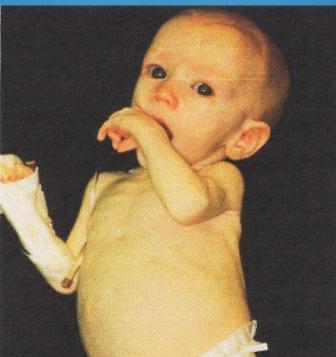
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### Cachetic Infant



### CLASSIFICATION

 Organic=due to pathophysiologic disease or medical disorder

O Non- organic=environmentally related,psychosocial

Organic plus non-organic combination

### PATHOPHYSIOLOGY

Inadequate intake of calories

Inadequate retention or absorption of calories

Excess metabolic needs

### NORMAL GROWTH

Average birth weight term infant 3.3Kg
Up to 10% weight loss first 2 weeks (excess fluid)
Weight gain 0-3months=30g (1oz)/day
Weight gain 3-9months=15g(0.5oz)/day
Premature infant: Appropriate growth chart

# ACCURATE MEASUREMENTS

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### INCIDENCE

 Unknown, but between 1-5% of admissions to Children's Hospitals

Highest incidence in premature infants and children with medical problems

 Higher incidence in children living in poverty, homeless, on Medicaid, living in rural areas

### That Bad???



### CLINICAL MANIFESTATIONS

- Poor weight growth, possible poor height growth and head size growth
- Reduced subcutaneous fat or muscle mass
- O Dermatitis
- Edema (protein deficiency)

### ETIOLOGY

FIGURE 38-1
TABLE 38-1
TABLE 38-2

# Etiology:

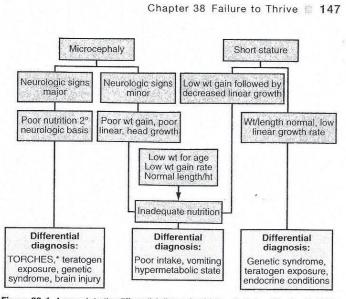


Figure 38-1 Approach to the differential diagnosis of failure to thrive. \*See key to Table 38-1. (Derived from Gahagan S: Failure to thrive: a consequence of undernutrition, *Pediatr Rev* 27:e1–e11, 2006.)

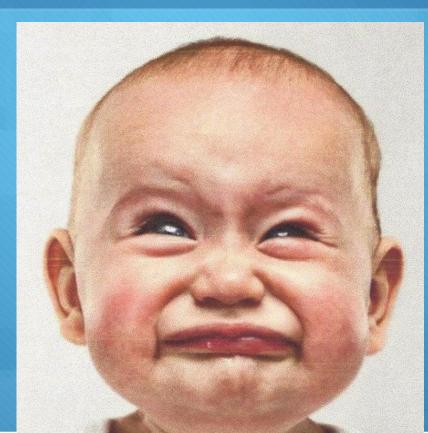
### Table 38-2. COMMON CAUSES OF MALNUTRITION IN EARLY LIFE

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Breastfeeding difficulties Improper formula preparation Impaired parent/child interaction Congenital syndromes Prenatal infections or teratogenic exposures Poor feeding (sucking, swallowing) or feeding refusal (aversion) Maternal psychological disorder (depression or attachment disorder) Congenital heart disease Cystic fibrosis Neurologic abnormalities Child neglect **Recurrent infections** 6-12 MO Celiac disease Food intolerance Child neglect Delayed introduction of age-appropriate foods or poor transition to food Recurrent infections Food allergy AFTER INFANCY Acquired chronic diseases Highly distractible child Inappropriate mealtime environment Inappropriate diet (e.g., excessive juice consumption, avoidance of high-calorie foods)

Recurrent infections

### Intolerable???



### **DIAGNOSTIC WORK-UP**

 HISTORY: Prenatal, Nutrition DETAILS, Development, Family, Social, Illnesses, Operations, Medications, Review of Systems

### PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Identifying acute or chronic illnesses
Recognizing syndromes
Documenting signs of malnutrition
TABLE 38-4

Vital signs	Blood pressure, temperature, pulse respirations, anthropometry
General appearance	Activity, affect, posture
Skin	Hygiene, rashes, neurocutaneous markings, signs of trauma (bruises, burns, scars)
Head	Hair whorls, quality of hair, alopecia, fontanel size, frontal bossing, sutures, shape, dysmorphisms, philtrum
Eyes	Ptosis, strabismus, palpebral fissures, conjunctival pallor, fundoscopic exam
Ears	External form, rotation, tympanic membranes
Mouth, nose, throat	Thinness of lip, hydration, dental health, glossitis, cheilosis, gum bleeding
Neck	Hairline, masses, lymphadenopathy
Abdomen	Protuberance, hepatosplenomegaly, masses
Genitalia	Malformations, hygiene, trauma
Rectum	Fissures, trauma, hemorrhoids
Extremities	Edema, dysmorphisms, rachitic changes, nails
Neurologic	Cranial nerves, reflexes, tone, retention of primitive reflexes, voluntary movement

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Adapted from American Academy of Pediatrics: Failure to thrive. In Kleinman RE, editor: *Pediatric nutrition handbook*, ed 6, Elk Grove Village, IL, 2009, American Academy of Pediatrics, pp 601–636.

# Nap Time???



### TREATMENT

### ✓ TEAM APPROACH

### PROGNOSIS

O MORTALITY: rare but not zero in U.S.A.

- Developmental Delay
- O Academic Problems
- Ø Behavioral problems

### THANK YOU!!!

### HAVE A GREAT LUNCH: AFTER MY LECTURE, YOU DESERVE MUCH DELICIOUS CALORIES!

### Let's Party!!!!!

