

Malawi Feeding Training: 6 month review

Please comment on the outcomes measures below to assess the impact of the feeding training:

Measure	Yes/No	Comments/details
Increase in children being appropriately referred for feeding difficulties (using the Red Flags).		
Care Pathway for treatment of neonates with feeding difficulties being used.		
Joyce has sufficient clinical support to enable her to carry out all necessary assessments and training of carers.		
Breastfeeding training is being given to mothers on a regular basis and as required.		
There is a reduction in the number of children on the Chitinkha ward with breastfeeding difficulties related to malnutrition.		
There is a decrease in the length of inpatient stay of infants with only feeding difficulties.		
The training related to neonates with feeding difficulties has been incorporated into the regular Chitinkha ward training.		
Dorothy is conducting feeding assessments and advice sessions regularly on the nutrition ward.		
The training materials developed for working with older children with feeding difficulties have been incorporated into the regular training on the nutrition ward.		

Please comment on any actions that have been taken in relation to the following recommendations:

Recommendation	Yes/No	Comments/details
For staff to maintain statistics for before and after admission weights/MUAC of neonates admitted to the paediatric nursery, duration of their stay, number of children requiring alternative feeding and length of time taken to re/establish breast feeding.		
Wean infants who are not able to breastfeed adequately on to suitable early foods at 4 months of age.		
Release identified key nurse from paediatric nursery to Chithinka Nursery for ongoing training on breastfeeding to new mothers.		
Employ additional rehabilitation staff (eg. rehab assistant) to assist Dorothy Chinguo, and thereby enable her to have time for children with feeding difficulties.		
Identify a key person on each ward for children above 6 months of age to be further trained in dysphagia and neuro-disability.		

Finally, please comment on the ideas that were generated for follow-up training so that we can start preparing for the next trip:

Ideas	Comments
Consolidation to staff trained this time	
Training for students (Medical students, Postgrad students, Student Medical Officers, PT students, Nurse students, Health Surveillance Assistants)	
Training sessions for to doctors and staff on other wards	

Many thanks!