

SUMMARY
PROTIEN ENERGY MALNUTRITION IN GEZIERA

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1. He stressed the fact P.E.M. is a major problem in the Community study done in Geziera. It accounted for 33% of all children examined (a total of 1590 cases).
2. Grade 3 cases were 1% of cases. The remainder fall in grade 1 & 2.
3. Determinent factors, he stated were:
 - i. The tendency to early weaning and in 46.5% of cases the cause was a second pregnancy. Weaning was Sudden in 60% of cases and in 37% it was gradual
 - ii. The tendency to bottle feeding, which in his study, was found in 52% of cases.
 - iii. The type of weaning food given was not sufficient and Protein Meat and fish were not given and the average amount of milk given to children was approx 50-100 mls. per day.
 - iv. Prevalence of infections - poor environmental conditions. The leading infections in his study were Gastroenterities, respiratory infection and measles.
 - v. Neglegable immunization rate. For communicable disease that can be prevented.

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