



New weight-for-age growth charts have been developed for the IMCI guidelines and are now available based on the [new growth standards for infant and young children](#) which were released by WHO in 2006. Those international, prescriptive standards, showing how a child should grow, have more recently been introduced in regional and country activities.

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among others by the International Pediatric Association and the UN Standing Committee on Nutrition, they provide an effective tool for detecting both undernutrition and overweight / obesity, thus addressing the double burden of malnutrition. The updated IMCI growth charts include one set for

[boys](#)

and one for

[girls](#)

, if a country opts for sex-specific charts, and one

[combined](#)

for boys and girls developed for ease of use as in the previous generic IMCI growth chart. Click on the hyperlinks to view further information on the

[WHO child growth standards](#)

, the

[WHO Multicentre Growth Reference Study](#)

which has provided the data to generate the new growth charts, and the

[standards](#)

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