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## Relationship between Newborn Mid-Upper-Arm-Circumference (N-MUAC) and Newborn birth weight

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## Abstract

**B**ackground: Recording an accurate birth weight by primary health worker has been a problem in rural areas, leading to search for alternative inexpensive, age independent and non-invasive method to predict newborn birth weight and wellbeing.

**Objective:** Relationship between Newborn Mid-upper-arm-circumference (N-MUAC) and Newborn birth weight.

Study Design: Prospective observational study

**Participant:** Total of 1303 Intramural newborns admitted in SNCU Kamla Raja Hospital, G.R. Medical College, and Gwalior (M.P) were studied.

**Intervention:** The Mid upper arm circumference (MUAC) of newborns were taken and Birth weight recorded were filled in a proforma.

**Result:** Total of 1303 newborns was included in the study. The mean MUAC and birth weight in preterm is found to be 1854.80+387.3 and 7.47+0.9 as compared to full term newborn who is having mean birth weight(2818.95+328.1) and mean MUAC (9.58+0.7). The correlation coefficient between neonatal MUAC (N-MUAC) and birth weight is found to be r=0.987 and p<0.01. Birth weight can be predicted from regression equation: Birth weight (gms)=422.99 (N-MUAC) +(-1272.66). Cut-off value of neonatal mid upper arm circumference(N-MUAC) was found to be 8.85cm to predict low birth weight neonate.

**Conclusion:** Birth weight of neonate can be predicted from neonatal mid upper arm circumference (N-MUAC) in areas where the conventional scale are not easily available for measuring the birth weight of neonate.



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