**Comparison of combined and standard protocols**

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|  | **Standard Protocol**  **(CONTROL)** | **Combined Protocol**  **(INTERVENTION)** |
| **Eligibility criteria** | Age 6-59 months, MUAC <12∙5cm and/or edema (+/++), and clinically uncomplicated (i.e. passes appetite test, no Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI) danger signs/ no serious medical complications) | Age 6-59 months, MUAC <12∙5cm and/or edema (+/++), and clinically uncomplicated (i.e. passes appetite test, no Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI) danger signs/ no serious medical complications) |
| **Admission criteria** | **OTP** | * <125mm MUAC   AND/OR   * Bilateral pitting edema (+/++)   AND   * clinically uncomplicated |
| * WHZ < -3   AND/OR   * MUAC < 115mm   AND/OR   * Bilateral pitting edema (+/++)   AND   * clinically uncomplicated |
| **SFP** |
| * Discharged from OTP   AND/OR   * WHZ <-2 to WHZ >-3   AND/OR   * MUAC 115mm- < 125mm   AND   * clinically uncomplicated |
| **Treatment frequency** | **OTP** | **MUAC <115mm and/or edema (+/++)** |
| Weekly | Weekly |
| **SFP** | **MUAC 115-<125mm** |
| 14 days | 14 days |
| **Treatment transition criteria** | * Child meets OTP ‘cured’ definition as described below | * Two consecutive MUAC measurements at or above 115mm   AND   * No edema |
| **Dosage** | **OTP** | **MUAC <115mm and/or edema (+/++)** |
| RUTF 200kcal/kg/day | RUTF 1000 kcal/day (2 sachets/day) |
| **SFP** | **MUAC 115-<125mm** |
| RUSF 500 kcal/day (1 sachet/day) | RUTF 500 kcal/day (1 sachet/day) |
| **Cured** | **OTP** | ≥125mm for 2 consecutive measurements and no edema |
| * Child maintains MUAC ≥115mm for two consecutive visits\*\*   AND/OR   * WHZ >-3 Z-score for two consecutive visits\*\*   AND   * No edema for two consecutive visits |
| **SFP** |
| Child maintains WHZ >-2 Z-score and/or MUAC ≥125mm for a period of two consecutive visits\*\* |