ASSESSMENT OF NUTRITIONAL STATUS IN DUAL NUTRITION BURDEN ERA

In the dual nutrition burden era accurate assessment of nutritional status has become essential

- > At individual level for
 - early detection of under- and over-nutrition in persons
 - initiation of appropriate management on the basis of the findings during assessment and
 - monitoring the improvement in nutritional status over time
- In community level surveys for assessment of
 - magnitude and determinants of dual nutrition burden
 - impact of on-going public health interventions to combat the dual nutrition burden

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- What were the parameters used for assessment of nutritional status when under-nutrition was the major problem?
- What are the additional parameters which have been included in the dual nutrition burden era?

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When under-nutrition was the public health problem parameters used for assessment of nutritional status were

- Household food security assessment
- dietary intake using 24 hour dietary recall
- clinical signs of nutritional deficiency and
- anthropometric measurements mainly weight and where possible height

Additional parameters used for assessment of nutritional status in dual nutrition burden era

- Physical activity measurements
- **BMI**
- Amount of body fat and its distribution