

## INTRODUCTION

There are no adequate records for the infant in developing countries, the absence of records can cause great problems because the health workers must rely on his memory or the inadequate recollection of the patient or his relatives.

It should be stated that the cause of high mortality and morbidity in developing countries are either preventable or curable by simple measure if diagnosed early (Woodland,M; Kelly,M.,1979).

The growth chart is a tool for both preventive and curative care, we can not relate his present illness to his previous life without growth charts, thus, diagnosis and treatment are more difficult without it.

The major role of growth chart is to focus the attention of health workers on promotion of adequate growth because the weight is a much faster and more sensitive indicator of infection or malnutrition(Woodland,M., Kelly,M. 1979).