

Table (2):- Classification of PEM (Waterlow, 1972)

Height for age	% weight for age		
	< 80%	80 - 119	> 120
< 90%	Chronic malnutrition	Stunted	stunted but obese
> 90%	Acute malnutrition	Normal	obese

4- McLaren classification (1976)

This classification is based upon the degree, type, duration and stages of PEM as shown in Table (3).

Table (3) :- McLaren classification of PEM (1976)

Degree	First (mild)	Second (moderate)	Third (severe)
- Type of 3rd degree	Marasmus (no oedema)	Marasmic KWO (oedema)	KWO (oedema)
Duration	Acute subacute chronic Acute or chronic		
Stages	Active Inactive Relapsing in remission		

(McLaren, 1976)