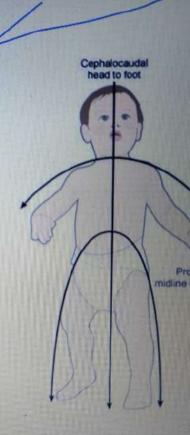


Course of development

- Development depends upon the maturation and myelination of the nervous system.
- The sequence of development is the same for all children, but the rate of development varies from child to child.
- The direction of development is cephalocaudal.
 Proximodistal. And from general to specific.
- There are developmental landmarks (milestones) that should be checked.





The most used measure is the weight for age (by using the growth chart).

It is a very sensitive measure of growth, easily done, with a high level of accuracy.

Average weight gain during the first year of life is about 750 g / month in the first four months, 500 g / month in the second four months and 250 g / month in the third four months.

Wt. loss for the first few days: 5-10% of birth weight -Return of BWT at 7-10 days of age. The infant can double his BWT by 4-5 months, and triple by the end of first year and quadruple by the age of two years.

thing Method: Baby Undressed/Minimal light clothing: electronic type of weighing scale