

Tips for Limb Measurement

- Limb circumference measurements help monitor for complications
- Some size differences between the right and left limbs are normal

How to position the child when measuring:

Arms: Sitting up with arms positioned straight down one each side



Legs: Laying down with legs straight

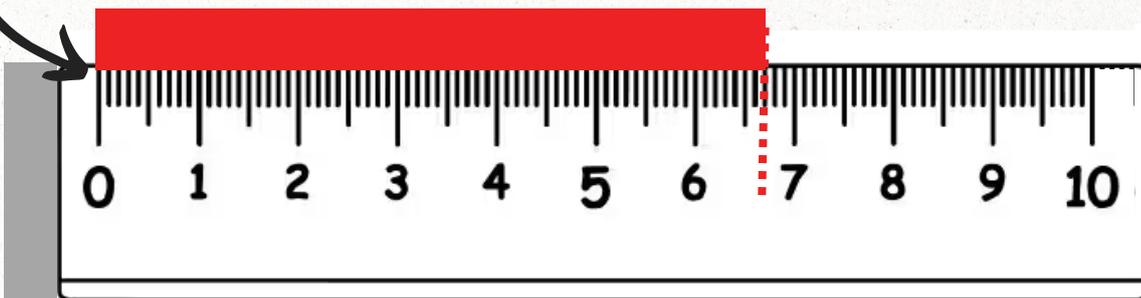


Using a measuring tape:

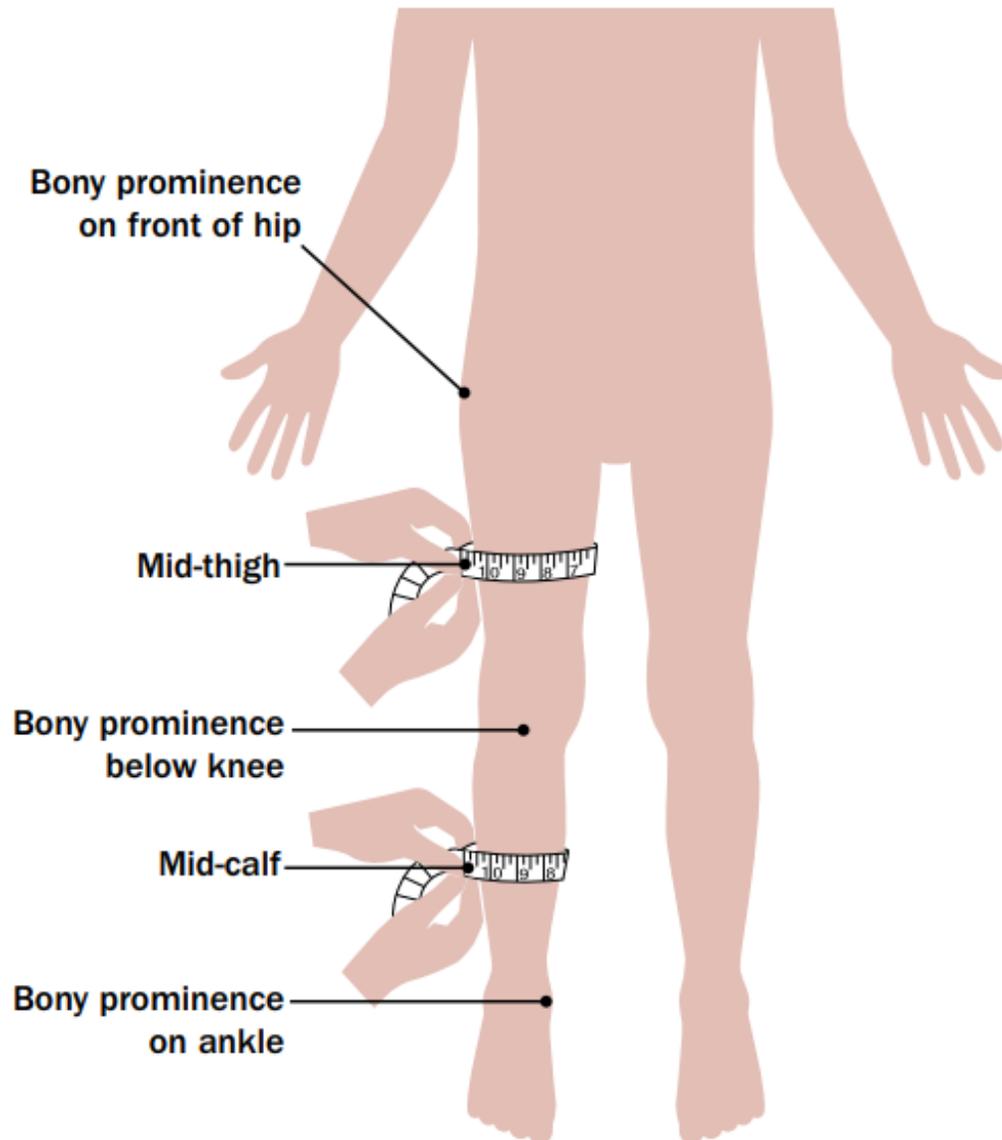
The measuring tape must encircle the limb, but not too tightly or loosely

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Example: this is 6.7cm



Leg Measurement Technique



To measure the mid-thighs:

- 1) Find the point between the hip and the bony part just below the knee. **Mark the skin** at this point (mid-thigh)
- 2) Find and **mark the skin** at same point (at the same level) on the other thigh
- 3) Check that the points in both mid-thighs are at the same level
- 4) **Measure** the circumference around the **mid-thighs**
- 5) Write down the circumference in centimetres

To measure the mid-calves:

- 1) Find the point between the bony part just below the knee and the bony part of the ankle and **mark the skin** at this point (mid-calf)
- 2) Find and **mark the skin** at same point (at the same level) on the other calf
- 3) Check that the points in both calves are at the same level
- 4) **Measure** the circumference around the **mid-calves**
- 5) Write down the circumference in centimetres