



## The Department of Nutritional Sciences Spring 2023 Seminar Series

### "Childhood linear growth in low- and middle-income countries: rethinking the metrics to track progress and assess interventions"

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The prevalence of 'stunting' is widely used as an indicator of childhood nutritional and health status in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). However, there has been increasing recognition of the limitations of stunting and height-for-age z-scores (HAZ) for measuring population-level status and changes in the burden of linear growth faltering in LMICs. In this seminar, alternative metrics of growth will be presented and compared to current conventional approaches for tracking child growth and assessing the effect of interventions on linear growth in randomized controlled trials.



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