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**Two of the following signs:**

- ◆ Lethargic or unconscious
- ◆ Sunken eyes
- ◆ Not able to drink or drinking poorly
- ◆ Skin pinch goes back very slowly.

**SEVERE  
DEHYDRATION**

➤ If child has no other severe classification:

- Give fluid for severe dehydration (Plan C).

OR

If child also has another severe classification:

- Refer **URGENTLY** to hospital with mother giving frequent sips of ORS on the way.  
Advise the mother to continue breastfeeding.

➤ If child is 2 years or older and there is cholera in your area, give antibiotic for cholera.