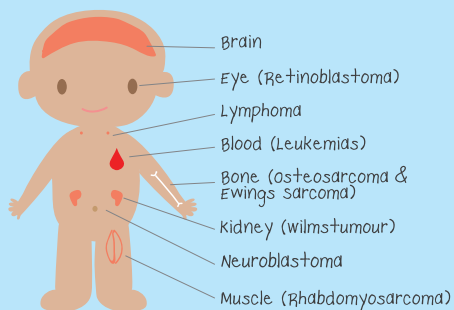


# The Hard Facts on Childhood Cancer ... and what YOU can DO!

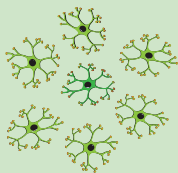
Most common childhood cancers



Kids have cancer, too. Childhood cancer is not one disease – there are 16 major types and over 100 subtypes – pictured left are the most common childhood cancers.

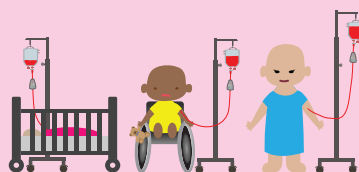
Childhood cancer incidence is increasing globally, with 300,000 new cases diagnosed a year; 85,000 (0-14 years) and 215,000 (15-19 years). Many more cases remain uncounted and unreported due to lack of childhood cancer registries.

**Spread the word! Build awareness on the realities of childhood cancer.**



The cause of most childhood cancers is still unknown. Recent studies have linked 5% of all cancers in children with an inherited mutation (which can be passed from parents to their children).

**Advocate to provide support and scale up research for childhood cancers.**



Childhood cancer strikes infants, children and adolescents alike.

**Get to know the signs and symptoms of childhood cancer and inform others.**



Children are not 'little adults'! Childhood cancer is different from adult cancer and needs to be treated differently.

**Advocate for children diagnosed with childhood cancer to receive the specific treatment they need.**

**Advocate for separate hospital units and multidisciplinary teams for pediatric cancer care.**

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Cancer is now the leading cause of non-communicable disease related death of children in high- and middle-income countries. It is threatening to overtake infectious diseases as one of the highest cause of disease-related mortality in children.

**Helping to cure and care for children with cancer is a smart investment in our shared futures. Let's work together and make it happen.**



More kids die from cancer in low- and middle-income countries compared to high-income countries. Survival rates in low- and middle-income countries can be as low as 10%, while in high-income countries, survival rates for the most common cancers is at an average of 84%.

**Ensure support for the care and cure of children with cancer everywhere.**



Survival rates for rare cancers are still very low, even in high-income countries.

**Advocate to scale up research for rare cancers.**



Safe, timely and quality childhood cancer care is a human right. Thousands of children and adolescents are being denied this right.

**Make their voices heard. Let's work together to make vital childhood cancer programs and services available (ie, palliative care and pain management, nutrition support, education and psycho-social support).**



Childhood cancer survivors remain at risk of late effects, complications and premature death as they age. Children who are treated for brain tumors, bone cancer and Hodgkin's Lymphoma, or who received radiation to their chest, abdomen or pelvis, have the highest risk of serious late effects, including secondary cancers, hearing loss and congestive heart failure.

**Speak out and mobilize support for fast-tracking the development of innovative treatments and targeted therapies that are less toxic. Advocate for government support for long term follow up care of survivors.**



**One death is too many. Every child deserves a chance to fight cancer.**

**Help kids with cancer to survive and thrive! All children should live long, productive and meaningful lives.**

Childhood cancer is cureable. Children and adolescents can survive cancer with early diagnosis, proper treatment and care and support for their families to minimize catastrophic costs of cancer treatment.



Childhood cancer survivors are unique and precious. Their contributions to the future are priceless. For each child who survives cancer, on average, 71 years of life will be saved.

**Speak out and stand up against all forms of discrimination towards survivors. Let's help survivors build better futures.**



Childhood cancer treatment pushes families deeper into poverty due to catastrophic costs of treatment, loss of income, and treatment related costs (eg, travel to health facilities, regular monitoring tests).

**Families and parents of kids with cancer are an untapped valuable resource. Let's engage and involve them more in the care of children/adolescents with cancer and in assisting families of children and adolescents with cancer.**

## What are the Rights of the Child Diagnosed with Cancer?



An excerpt from CLAN's Child-Friendly flyer: What are the Rights of the Children Diagnosed with Cancer. CCI is a proud signatory of this publication.



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