

TOP 5 CANCERS AFFECTING CHILDREN AND THEIR SYMPTOMS

SYMPTOMS

Bone & joint pain, fatigue, weakness, bleeding, fever, weight loss

Headaches, dizziness, balance problems, vision, hearing or speech problems, frequent vomiting

Impaired ability to walk, changes in eyes (bulging, dark circles, droopy eyelids), pain in various locations of the body, diarrhoea, high blood pressure

Swelling or lump in the belly, fever, pain, nausea, poor appetite

Swollen lymph nodes in the neck, armpit or groin, weight loss, fever, sweats, weakness

TYPE OF CANCER

Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia (ALL)

- Most common childhood cancer, 25% of all cases
- Typically occurs between ages 2 & 4
- More common in males
- Begins in bone marrow, spreads to blood, then to organs.

Brain Tumours

- Brain & other nervous system tumours make up ±13.4% of cases
- There are many types of brain tumours and treatment & outlook for each is different
- Most start in lower parts of brain

Neuroblastoma

- It arises from immature nerve cells in infants & young children younger than 5
- Often begins in adrenal glands
- More common in males

Wilms Tumour

- Usually forms in one kidney, sometimes in both in a small number of cases
- Typically found in children 3-4 years old

Lymphoma

- Starts in Lymphocytes cells in immune system
- Affects lymph nodes, lymph tissues

Two main types:

Hodgkin Lymphoma/Disease

- Rare in children younger than 5 years old
- Similar in children & adults

Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma

- More common in younger children but still rare in children younger than 5
- Tend to respond better to treatment than in adults

