

# PALLIATIVE CARE IMPROVES QUALITY OF LIFE FOR CHILDREN WITH CANCER



## WHAT IS CHILDREN'S PALLIATIVE CARE?

Holistic, active care for children with serious, life-threatening and life-limiting conditions. It focuses on improving quality of life throughout the illness and is not only for end-of-life care.

## WHO PROVIDES IT AND WHEN SHOULD IT START?

A multidisciplinary team, tailored to meet the child's and family's specific needs. Ideally, it should start at diagnosis, and can be provided alongside curative treatments.



## HOW IS IT PROVIDED?

Through planned, coordinated care involving regular communication with the child, family, and healthcare providers. It includes pain and symptom management as well as emotional, social, and spiritual support.

## WHY IS IT ESSENTIAL IN CANCER CARE?

Palliative care enhances comfort, manages symptoms, and supports the entire family. It helps navigate medical, social, and practical challenges.



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