
POGO AFTERCARE CLINICS

Need for Long-Term Follow Up Care for Survivors

Thanks to significant advances in childhood cancer research, over 80 per cent of patients will survive. It is estimated that by 2010, between 1 in 250 and 1 in 400 young adults (aged 15 to 45 years old) will be childhood cancer survivors. Unfortunately, approximately 60 per cent of survivors may experience late effects of the disease or its treatment.

POGO AfterCare Clinics monitor and promote the health of survivors and enable POGO to gather information on the late effects of childhood cancer. This helps to reduce the impact of late effects for future survivors by facilitating the identification of interventions and allowing for modifications in treatment. Over 2000 survivors currently benefit from on-going care at seven AfterCare Clinics across Ontario.

Possible Effects of Childhood Cancer and its Treatment

- Neurocognitive impairments that affect how survivors learn, remember or process information, impacting future academic and vocational success.
- Sterility, early menopause
- Cardiac, respiratory, renal, hepatic or endocrine complications
- Secondary cancers

AfterCare Clinic Locations

There are seven pediatric and/or adult AfterCare Clinics in Ontario:

- Children's Hospital, London Health Sciences Centre
- The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto
- Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto
- McMaster Children's Hospital, Hamilton Health Sciences, Hamilton
- The Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre, Ottawa
- Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, Ottawa
- Southeastern Regional Cancer Centre at Kingston General Hospital, Kingston

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