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## PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

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<b>Provincial Pediatric Oncology Satellite Program</b>	The Satellite Program prepares and supports carefully chosen community hospital partners to ensure that all aspects of childhood cancer care are delivered closer to children's homes. This minimizes disruption for the patient and family and reduces pressure on hospitals and clinics. Approximately 250 children are treated annually at one of six Satellite sites.
<b>POGO Resource Guide</b>	A valuable handbook for professionals and families, available in hard copy and electronically at <a href="http://www.pogo.ca">www.pogo.ca</a> .
<b>Pediatric Oncology Financial Assistance Programs (POFAP)</b>	Families can face tremendous out-of-pocket costs when a child undergoes cancer treatment. In addition to costs associated with travel, accommodations and babysitting, one parent often has to give up work to care for the ill child. This can consume approximately one third of a family's after-tax income, adding financial stress during a difficult time. Through POFAP, POGO reimburses families for some of the costs they incur. Approximately 1200 families rely on POFAP funding each year.
<b>POGO AfterCare Clinics</b>	The POGO AfterCare Clinics monitor and promote the health of childhood cancer survivors who can face late effects of their disease and treatment. These clinics also collect data relevant to care and long-term health outcomes, facilitating research that will improve the care of future generations of patients. Over 2000 survivors are currently cared for by the seven AfterCare Clinics across Ontario.
<b>Successful Academic and Vocational Transition Initiative (SAVTI)</b>	SAVTI aims to promote the successful integration of childhood cancer survivors as they transition into post-secondary learning and/or work environments. Survivors often continue to deal with their disease, suffering from cognitive effects of the cancer and its treatment and SAVTI offers assistance and support to these people. POGO successfully partnered with George Brown College on a SAVTI pilot project, and is now working to roll out this initiative provincially.



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**Interlink  
Childhood Cancer  
Nurses**

Interlink childhood cancer nurses coordinate cancer care for children by linking hospital and community services. In 2002, POGO secured funding from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and there are now eight pediatric Interlink Childhood Cancer Nurses caring for patients across Ontario.

**Professional  
Education**

POGO provides ongoing educational opportunities for multidisciplinary pediatric oncology professionals. Each year, POGO hosts a Multidisciplinary Symposium to update professionals working in the rapidly advancing field of pediatric oncology and to help them deliver care that is current and focused on both child and family. POGO also offers specialized practice updates for partners in the Provincial Pediatric Oncology Satellite Program and the POGO AfterCare Clinic Network.

**A Childhood  
Cancer Registry  
And Database –  
POGONIS**

The POGO Networked Information System (POGONIS) is a unique and extremely valuable database of childhood cancer records. Its data enable POGO to make informed decisions and recommendations about program planning, resource allocation and policy development. It is an indispensable resource for the work of the POGO Research Unit.

**The POGO  
Research Unit  
(PRU)**

The POGO Research Unit (PRU) has sponsored and facilitated important childhood cancer research with support from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care since 1998. Today, POGO is committed to a major expansion of its research activities. Key areas of PRU research include Epidemiology, Health Services Research, Health Economics and Status of Survivors/Quality of Life.

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