
PROVINCIAL PEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY SATELLITE PROGRAM

Description

The Provincial Pediatric Oncology Satellite Program prepares and supports carefully chosen community hospital partners to collaborate with the child's primary caregivers so that aspects of children's cancer care may be delivered closer to their homes. The program was implemented in 1998 and each year approximately 370 children are cared for at seven Satellite sites across Ontario.

Purpose

- To minimize travel time, expenses and disruption for the patient and family
- To reduce pressure on tertiary hospitals and clinics
- To support the delivery of equitable care across tertiary and satellite hospitals by facilitating communication and education
- To improve the quality of care by facilitating data capture

History

Between 1983 and 1998, the care of long-distance patients was managed in an informal fashion by the oncology programs of The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids), Children's Hospital of Western Ontario (CHWO) [now Children's Hospital, London Health Sciences Centre] and Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO).

In 1994, after extensive consultation with a cross-section of caregivers and parents from across Ontario, POGO presented a proposal to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) to fund a provincial pediatric oncology satellite program. The development of a pilot pediatric oncology satellite program was approved by the MOHLTC in 1995. The program was phased in between 1995 and 1997.

Satellite Locations

- Credit Valley Hospital, Mississauga
- Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, Orillia
- Sudbury Regional Hospital Northeastern Ontario Regional Cancer Centre, Sudbury
- Windsor Regional Hospital, Windsor
- Grand River Hospital, Kitchener-Waterloo
- Rouge Valley Health System, Centenary Health Centre, Toronto East
- Southlake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket

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