

Childhood Cancer Survivorship and Research Studies

Data collection helps to:

- Improve care by focusing attention on key research areas
- Plan changes in cancer treatment for future generations of children

Your AfterCare clinic will record non-identifiable information about your child to be included in a provincial research record.

However, some research may benefit greatly from follow-up contact with survivors, or from the addition of health information stored in other health records and databases.

When personal information is needed, researchers will seek your consent, along with approval from the Hospital Research Ethics Board.

Learn how to protect
your child's health.

Participate in the
Provincial Pediatric
Oncology AfterCare
Program!

AfterCare Clinic Locations

Hamilton

McMaster Children's Hospital,
Hamilton Health Sciences Centre
(905) 521-2100 ext. 73132

Kingston

Cancer Centre of Southeastern Ontario
at Kingston General Hospital
(613) 549-6666 ext. 6625

London

Children's Hospital,
London Health Sciences Centre
(519) 685-8500 ext. 52192

Ottawa

Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario
(613) 737-7600 ext. 2760

The Ottawa Regional Hospital
Cancer Centre
(613) 737-7700 ext. 70294

Toronto

The Hospital for Sick Children
(416) 813-8321

Princess Margaret Cancer Centre
(416) 946-2121

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Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5G 1V2
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(416) 592-1232
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Provincial Pediatric Oncology AfterCare Program

Is your child a cancer
survivor?



Attending just one AfterCare
clinic appointment a year
may reduce side effects of
treatment and help your
child stay healthy.

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COLLABORATING FOR KIDS
WITH CANCER SINCE 1983

Healthcare innovation | **Survivor care**
Family assistance | Population data
| Policy development | Research |
Education

What is the Pediatric Oncology AfterCare Program?

The Provincial Pediatric Oncology AfterCare Program is a project of the Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario (POGO). It's a long-term follow-up program designed to provide your child with:

- Regular contact with caregivers who understand cancer and its treatment
- Early detection of any late effects from treatment
- Access to information related to cancer survival

Since 2001, AfterCare clinics have been operating in five pediatric oncology hospital programs and in two adult survivor hospital sites. Through POGO, healthcare providers in these programs work together to protect the health of survivors of childhood cancer into adult life.

Why should my child participate in the AfterCare Program?

By participating, your child can contribute to our growing knowledge base about long-term health of survivors. This knowledge helps us to improve care for the next generation of childhood cancer patients.

Who should attend AfterCare clinics?

All survivors of childhood cancer who have been off treatment for two or more years may be eligible to attend an AfterCare clinic. Your child's oncologist or clinic nurse will talk to you about when AfterCare should start for your child.

What happens when my child attends an AfterCare clinic?

During your child's first visit, the team will collect information about your child's health and treatment in order to develop a long-term follow-up plan. This information is also essential to our research on survivor health and late effects from treatment of childhood cancer.

The AfterCare clinic staff is trained to: protect health; promote quality of life; detect problems early, including social or psychological problems; provide referrals to specialists if problems arise; and prevent disease.

The team will give your child a clinical assessment, arrange required tests and refer your child for required treatment.

You will be able to discuss any concerns with the experts and will also have the chance to talk to other survivors and their families.

AfterCare clinic visits may take 1 – 4 hours.

Once your child becomes an adult, he/she will be transferred to an adult AfterCare clinic and will receive a Passport to Health – a wallet-size document containing all the important details of your child's medical history and past treatments.

How often should we attend an AfterCare clinic?

The frequency of clinic visits depends on your child's diagnosis and how long it has been since active treatment. Most children attend clinic once a year.

What about test results?

We will share your child's test results with you and will send them to your family doctor. If results show that something is not normal we may ask you to bring your child to clinic for further assessment or refer your child to an appropriate specialist.

What if we have health concerns related to cancer between visits?

Call the nurse on your healthcare team:

Nurse: _____

Telephone: _____