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About POGO

POGO has championed childhood cancer care and control since 1983. As the official advisor to Ontario's Ministry of Health and Long –Term Care, POGO seeks to ensure that all of Ontario's children with cancer have equal access to state-of-the-art care and the best chance possible to survive and to enjoy an optimal quality of life.



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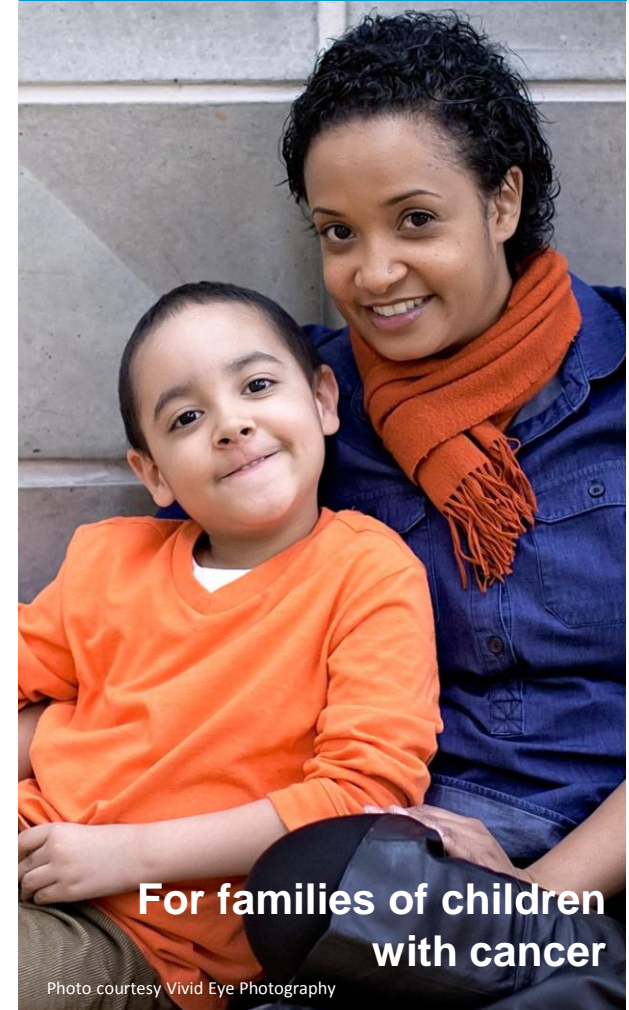
If you have questions or concerns, please contact the social worker, POGO Interlink Nurse or community liaison nurse at your child's oncology centre. You may also contact the POGO Financial Assistance Program Coordinator at the POGO office: 416.592.1232 ♦ 1.855.367.7646.



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**For families of children
with cancer**

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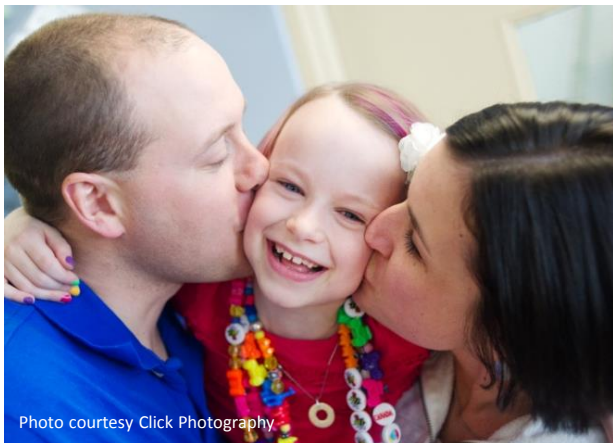


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What is the POGO Financial Assistance Program?

The POGO Financial Assistance Program is a program available to assist Ontario families with out-of-pocket expenses when a parent accompanies a child to hospital during active cancer treatment and care. Funding is provided for accommodation, food and child care for siblings under the age of 12.

Who is eligible?

All Ontario families with a child in treatment for malignant disease, who feel that they need financial assistance, are eligible to access this program. The POGO Financial Assistance Program supports Ontario residents who:

- have a valid OHIP number
- are diagnosed with cancer prior to their 18th birthday

This assistance is available during active treatment plus the first 3 months of active follow-up, until the child's 19th birthday, up to a lifetime maximum of \$10,000.

How can the POGO Financial Assistance Program help?

Food Allowance

- \$15.00/day for food when a child is admitted overnight at the hospital.
- \$7.50/day for food during an outpatient visit (minimum of 4 hrs including travel time) at the hospital.

Accommodation

- \$10.00/night for Ronald McDonald House.
- \$20.00/night if other paid accommodation is necessary.

Child Care

- Assists with the cost of child care for siblings under the age of 12 while a parent takes a child to cancer treatments. Child care provided by a family member cannot be claimed.
- Provides a maximum of 120 hours of care per year at the rate of \$8.00/hour, starting from the date of the first child care claim.

How do I register?

A social worker or POGO Interlink Nurse at your child's treatment centre will help you complete a registration form which will be sent to POGO for processing. You will receive an information letter with your POGO identification number, which must be included on all of your claim forms.

The POGO Financial Assistance Program is administered by POGO through Ontario's specialty pediatric oncology programs located at:

- Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario
- Children's Hospital, London Health Sciences Centre
- Kingston General Hospital
- McMaster Children's Hospital, Hamilton Health Sciences
- The Hospital for Sick Children

How do I submit a claim?

Obtain claim forms from your POGO Interlink Nurse or social worker at your child's treatment centre, then complete and return claim forms to the centre on a monthly basis. Claim forms are also available at www.pogo.ca.

Please submit claims on time. Forms with claim dates more than three months old cannot be processed.

What if my child is transferred to or receives treatment at another hospital?

If your child is transferred to another hospital for cancer treatment, you may continue to make claims. Please submit your claims to the hospital where your child receives treatment. Families in the POGO Satellite Clinic Program will continue to submit claims at their child's treatment centre.