

5.6 When a Child Dies at the POGO Satellite Clinic

When a child at your POGO Satellite Clinic dies, consider:

- Connecting with the specialized childhood cancer program to inform them of the child's death.
- Notifying the [POGO Interlink Nurse](#) and social worker to reach out to the family, provide support and assist with practical aspects as needed (e.g., [funeral arrangements](#)).
- Reaching out to the tertiary hospital bereavement program, if one exists, to connect with family and offer additional support to family and possibly to POGO Satellite Clinic staff.
- Reaching out to the family:
 - Can be done by phone, card/note, attendance at visitation or funeral
 - Enquire about siblings and make referrals if necessary

Resources for Grieving Families

1. [Canadian Mental Health Association \(CMHA\)](#). Visit <https://cmha.ca/find-help/find-cmha-in-your-area/> to find your local CMHA branch; this organization also provides literature for families.
2. Local funeral homes often offer bereavement programs for adults and children.
3. Local churches may offer support groups and counselling.
4. [Bereaved Families of Ontario](#).
5. [Center for Loss and Life Transition](#), an organization dedicated to supporting families who are mourning and their caregivers.
6. [AfterLoss](#) offers an excellent monthly newsletter for grieving families.
7. [Fernside](#) is a club for kids and teens dealing with death.
8. The Hospital for Sick Children has an [extensive library](#) of printable literature and resources on grief and mourning.
9. [The Mourner's Bill of Rights](#) by Dr. Alan D. Wolfelt.
10. [The Six Needs of Mourning](#) by Dr. Alan D. Wolfelt.
11. Local Hospice: Connect with the program nearest you.

See [appendices](#) for other resources and ideas regarding support for grieving families and staff at your clinic.

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