

Fall 2025

This September for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, we are launching a “Beyond Myths” social media campaign to address some of the “myth-perceptions” of childhood cancer care. We invite you to follow us on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [LinkedIn](#) and to join the conversation by sharing our posts and commenting with your insights.

In this issue, we’re drawing on this theme to highlight some of our work over the past year. What does care look like across the province and who leads the system? Is childhood cancer care available outside of children’s hospitals in big cities? Are family and friends the only sources of support when a child is diagnosed with cancer? Are there programs and supports available beyond hospital health care?

Read on to learn how our work is answering these and other questions.

[Explore ways you can make a difference this September and throughout the year »](#)

Join Us and Go Beyond Myths to Raise Awareness of Childhood Cancer

This September, join us to bring awareness to childhood cancer, dispel common myths and support POGO’s work to make a meaningful difference in the lives of children in treatment, survivors of childhood cancer, and their families and healthcare teams.

Raising Critical Funds for Childhood Cancer Care

Vibrant paper chains will fill the halls of POGO partner hospitals across Ontario during the month of September. Each \$5 donation adds a link to this powerful symbol of community and compassion—for patients, survivors, care teams, and those we remember.

Stay tuned for more updates in your inbox!

POGO Programs and Services Expand to Thunder Bay

In June, Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre (TBRHSC) opened its doors to the POGO Satellite and Interlink Nursing programs, bringing childhood cancer care closer to home for families in Northwestern Ontario. This marks the opening of POGO's ninth Satellite Clinic in Ontario. The partnership with POGO, TBRHSC and Children's Hospital at London Health Sciences Centre to expand the scope of these programs locally aligns with one of the goals of Ontario's Childhood Cancer Care Plan.

[Read how the community will benefit »](#)

[Get a refresher on the Childhood Cancer Care Plan »](#)

“Our POGO Nurse Cried” when Mallika Rang the Bell

Families often share that when their child is going through treatment, members of their care team working in POGO hospital programs become part of their extended family. That was the case for Mallika's family. Diagnosed with stage 4 rhabdomyosarcoma at just two months old, Mallika and her family had a POGO team member by her side every step of the way. When she rang the bell to mark the end of treatment, there wasn't a dry eye to be seen.

[Read more about the support Mallika received »](#)

[Learn how donor and government funding powers POGO's work »](#)

New Video Helps Indigenous Families Learn More About Childhood Cancer

When a childhood cancer diagnosis is first disclosed, families enter the great unknown, learning new terms and trying to make sense of all they heard. For Indigenous families, this experience can be even more complex when information isn't shared in a culturally safe or accessible way. The video *Childhood Cancer: A Guide for First Nations Families* takes this into account. Weaving together facts, storytelling, and animated imagery, it provides a basic understanding of cancer in children in a way that reflects Indigenous perspectives and ways of knowing—supporting families and their communities as they begin this journey.

[Learn more about this video resource and watch the 20-minute video »](#)

POGO Symposium Advances Care with Education for Pediatric Oncology Professionals

Pediatric oncology is a rapidly advancing field. The best possible outcomes for patients and families can only happen when their providers have opportunities for education, skills development, training and networking. POGO educational events ensure healthcare teams stay informed and at the top of their field.

[Register for the 2025 POGO Symposium and Pre-Symposium Nursing Day »](#)
