



Awareness Facts about Childhood Cancer

1. Childhood cancer is nondiscriminatory. It affects all ethnic, gender, and socio-economic groups.
2. There is no known cause of childhood cancer.
3. Cancer is the 2nd leading cause of death among children ages 1-14, after accidents.
4. Every year, in the US, over 15,000 children ages 0-19 will be diagnosed with cancer.
5. Incidence of childhood cancer continues to rise every year.
6. Overall there is a 5-year survival rate in the US of about 83%.
7. Only 4% of federal cancer funding is dedicated to childhood cancer. Only 3 new medications have been approved by the FDA in the last 20 years to specifically treat childhood cancer.
8. There are 12 major types of childhood cancers with over 100 subtypes. These major types include:
 - o Leukemia
 - o Brain Tumors (and brain stem tumors)
 - o Spinal Cord Tumors
 - o Neuroblastoma
 - o Wilms Tumor (Kidney tumors)
 - o Lymphoma (Hodgkin's and Non-Hodgkin's)
 - o Rhabdomyosarcoma
 - o Retinoblastoma
 - o Bone Cancers (Osteosarcoma & Ewing Sarcoma)
 - o Hepatoblastoma
 - o Rhabdoid Tumors
9. 60% of children who survive suffer from late-effects of cancer treatment.
10. Treatment for childhood cancers can last over 3 years. Depending on the cancer, treatment includes a combination of chemotherapy, steroids, radiation, stem-cell transplants, immunotherapy, and/or surgery.