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Psychosocial Functioning in Childhood Cancer

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Message from the Guest Editors

What has not changed is the fact that pediatric cancer is about more than biology. It is also about emotional, social, and spiritual well-being for children and their families both during and after cancer therapy. For example, pediatric cancer is universally stressful. Patient survivors may experience significant physical and psychosocial morbidities. Siblings, parents, and family units may be irrevocably impacted by changing family dynamics and economics. Fortunately, not all psychosocial outcomes are poor. Many patients and families demonstrate remarkable resilience.

It is time to embrace psychosocial wellbeing as a fundamental element of pediatric cancer care. This Special Issue of Children is dedicated to describing achievements and persistent gaps in pediatric psychosocial oncology clinical care, education, and research. Both rigorous reviews and original research will be considered.



