

ONE OF EVERY 500
YOUNG ADULTS IN
THE UNITED STATES
IS A SURVIVOR OF
CHILDHOOD CANCER.

The CHAMPS Program at Hasbro Children's Hospital is here to keep childhood cancer survivors healthy, long into their adult lives.

Cancer research has had amazing success in finding cures for childhood cancer. Almost 85 percent of children with cancer now become long-term survivors. Unfortunately, cancer therapies used in the past were often harsh, especially for the growing child, and even some new treatments can have long-term side effects.

Just as Hasbro Children's Hospital provides the best treatments to cure children's cancer, we also offer the best care to prevent, reduce or manage the after-effects of treatment among childhood cancer survivors. The CHAMPS (Comprehensive Health Assessment and Management for Pediatric Survivors) Program at Hasbro Children's Hospital offers thorough health assessments, education about late effects—some of which can arise decades after a patient is cured—counseling, and management of conditions that arise following cancer treatment. Our goal is to help childhood cancer survivors grow into healthy adults. We also want to learn from their experiences so that children diagnosed with cancer today will have the very best outcomes.

The CHAMPS Program is intended for patients who were treated for cancer as a child or adolescent, are currently cancer-free, and who are five or more years past diagnosis (in some cases, as little as three years past diagnosis and treatment).



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SERVICES FOR SURVIVORS

The CHAMPS Program provides a thorough evaluation of medical and psychosocial risks related to cancer treatment. The first step is patient education about personal medical history, since many survivors were too young at diagnosis to understand the future risks of their treatment. We advise patients on preventive care that can minimize the risk of experiencing effects later in life. We help ease the transition of our patients from their pediatric health care providers to adult providers, and we assist in explaining the impact of childhood cancer to primary care physicians.

It is critical that childhood cancer survivors share their treatment history with the health care providers they see throughout adulthood. Common health issues may need to be addressed differently than health issues in those who have never had cancer. For example, pregnant women who underwent certain treatments for childhood cancer may need additional monitoring of their heart function. Working with a patient's obstetrician, the CHAMPS Program can help ensure a successful pregnancy.

Psychosocial support is also important to a survivor's overall health and well-being. While family members, friends and support groups can help survivors face post-treatment challenges, the CHAMPS Program can provide experienced psychosocial support that is specific to issues many survivors face, including assistance with educational, occupational and personal goals.

Long term care is managed in collaboration with the primary pediatric oncologist as well as other physician members of the pediatric oncology team. The clinic is located within the Edwin Forman Pediatric Hematology Oncology Center at Hasbro Children's Hospital.

OUR MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM

Cancer treatment can affect many different parts of the body, as well as a patient's emotional well-being. A multidisciplinary approach is needed to address these often complex issues. Fortunately, we have a full range of pediatric and adult medical and surgical subspecialists at Hasbro Children's Hospital and Rhode Island Hospital. The CHAMPS Program team comprises pediatric oncologists, nurse practitioners, neuropsychologists, endocrinologists, social workers and nutritionists, among others.

Thomas Renaud, MD, is a physician of CHAMPS and an assistant professor of pediatrics at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. He completed his fellowship in pediatric hematology/oncology at the combined medical program at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center/New York Presbyterian Hospital of the Weill Medical College of Cornell University. Renaud is also board certified in pediatric hematology/oncology and pediatrics by the American Board of Pediatrics. His research interests include late effects of pediatric cancer therapy as well as supportive care of children receiving chemotherapy.

Jennifer Welch, MD, is an assistant professor of pediatrics at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. Welch has special interests in acute lymphoblastic leukemia and non-Hodgkin lymphoma. She completed her pediatric hematology/oncology fellowship at the Alpert Medical School and Hasbro Children's Hospital and is certified by the American Board of Pediatrics in pediatric hematology/oncology and pediatrics. Her research interests focus on the late effects of pediatric cancer therapy and psychosocial support of parents of children with cancer across the spectrum, from diagnosis to survivorship or bereavement.

June Bjerregaard, MSN, FNP, brings many years of experience as a family nurse practitioner to her role as coordinator of the CHAMPS Program. She works closely with our pediatric multidisciplinary team, as well as with adult specialists in cardiology, pulmonology and endocrinology, to coordinate evaluations and referrals for specific areas of expertise.

Christine L. Trask, PhD, ABPP, is a pediatric neuropsychologist at Hasbro Children's Hospital and a clinical assistant professor of psychiatry and human behavior at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. Her primary area of interest is in the cognitive effects of medical disorders in children, and she is highly experienced in the issues of cancer survivorship. In particular, she is interested in the long-term effects of treatment for cancer on children's thinking abilities and academic skills, and in developing interventions to enhance children's return to school work.

Stephanie Freeman, LICSW, OSW-C, Ed M, is a social worker specializing in cancer related health issues. She provides support to patients and families and coordinates support groups for young adults who have been treated for cancer.

NATIONAL RESEARCH

The CHAMPS Program at Hasbro Children's Hospital participates in national research to help improve treatment of cancer and advance knowledge of the late effects of the disease and its treatment. In addition, we have ongoing studies unique to our hospital that investigate specific long-term consequences of therapy.

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