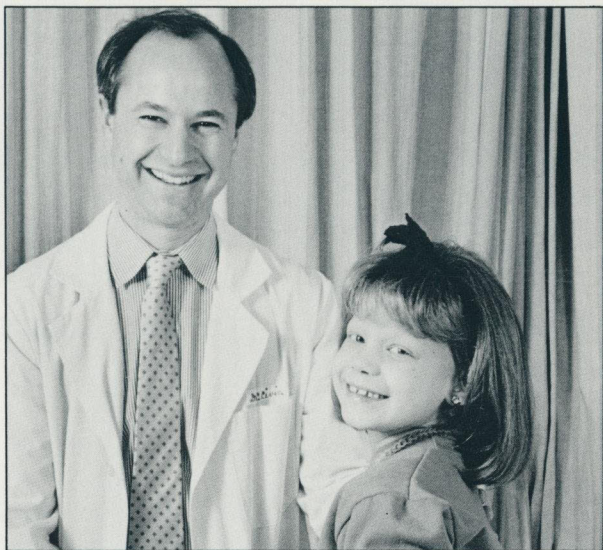




Pediatric
Oncology
Service

Johns Hopkins Children's Center



Curt I. Civin, M.D., director, and patient.

The Pediatric Oncology Service, a division of the Johns Hopkins Children's Center and the Johns Hopkins Oncology Center, is devoted to the diagnosis and curative treatment of children with cancer. Children with leukemia, lymphoma, brain tumors and other solid tumors are provided the best established and latest investigational treatment in a setting that meets the comprehensive needs of children with cancer.

Throughout the patient's course of treatment, parents and referring physicians are critical members of the care team. We encourage the patient's primary care physician to assume as much of the ongoing care as desired, including the administration of outpatient chemotherapy and treatment of intercurrent illness.

Seventy percent of the children treated for cancer in the last five years by the Pediatric Oncology Service are free of disease after combined modality therapy. The service currently provides approximately 90 percent of the antineoplastic chemotherapy administered to children hospitalized in Maryland, and treats 80-100 new patients per year.

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We welcome the referral of any patient for complete evaluation. Appropriate referrals include those patients with a suspicious:

- lymph node
- mass
- blood smear or CBC
- chemical, radiologic or surgical finding
- altered neurological exam or mental status

Multispecialty Services

Consultations with other pediatric subspecialties are readily available. These include hematology, surgery, anesthesiology, urology, neurology and neurosurgery, gastroenterology, otolaryngology, hemapheresis, orthopedics, psychiatry, radiation oncology and radiology and bone marrow transplantation. In addition, the Children's Center provides specialized pediatric services in rehabilitation medicine, child life and social work, which are available to help the child and his family function as comfortably and effectively as possible during the treatment period.

A Team Approach

Each patient has a primary pediatric oncology physician, nurse, social worker and physician's assistant who work as a team with the patient, the family and the referring pediatrician to provide the comprehensive care necessary to meet the medical, psychosocial and emotional needs of these patients. This team cares for the patient both on the inpatient and outpatient service, and continues to follow the child from diagnosis through long-term follow-up.

The Children's Center offers a 14-bed pediatric oncology inpatient unit and a pediatric oncology ambulatory treatment center, both staffed by experienced nurse specialists and physician's assistants. These facilities are designed and staffed for the special needs and sensitivities of children and their families.

Therapy for Recurrent Malignancies

Intensive therapy for recurrent cancer is an important focus of the Pediatric Oncology Service. Multiple options are available, including bone marrow transplantation, liver transplantation, investigational chemotherapy, radiotherapy and surgery.

Palliative care also is available involving our entire staff, the referring physician, and the Children's Center hospice program. This care, delivered by the patient's own doctors and nurses, is coordinated by specially trained hospice nurses to best serve the patient's and family needs, usually in the patient's own home.

Consultative Services

Emergency consultations are available 24 hours a day by calling 301-955-6070 and paging the pediatric oncologist on call.

Non-emergent consultations are available between 9 A.M. and 5 P.M. daily, Monday through Friday, by calling 301-955-5067.



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