

Support for Children with Serious Illnesses and their Families

PEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE IS....

FOR PATIENTS

The main goal of palliative care is improving quality of life for children and their families.

Care can begin at
ANY STAGE
of illness



Can provide
**SYMPTOM
RELIEF**
and emotional
support



Provided
ALONGSIDE
not instead of
other treatments



FOR FAMILIES

Serious illnesses affect the entire family and palliative care can help support everyone.

It's a
PARTNERSHIP
between a family and
palliative care team



Respects family
CULTURE and
BELIEFS



Care is
CUSTOMIZED
to meet family needs
and preferences



FOR PROFESSIONALS

Palliative care adds a layer of support to the team of providers and informal caregivers.

Teams may
INCLUDE
nurses, doctors,
child life specialists,
chaplains, counselors,
nutritionists, and
therapists



Emphasis on
COMMUNICATION
and coordination



Care can be provided
in **HOSPITALS,**
CLINICS, AND
HOMES



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