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

How can palliative care help you?
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