



About The Children's Cancer Foundation (CCF)

The Children's Cancer Foundation is a non-profit organisation that aims to improve the quality of lives of children with cancer and their families through enhancing their emotional, social and medical well-being.

Our core services include:

- Casework and Counselling
- Therapeutic Play
- Parents' Support Programme

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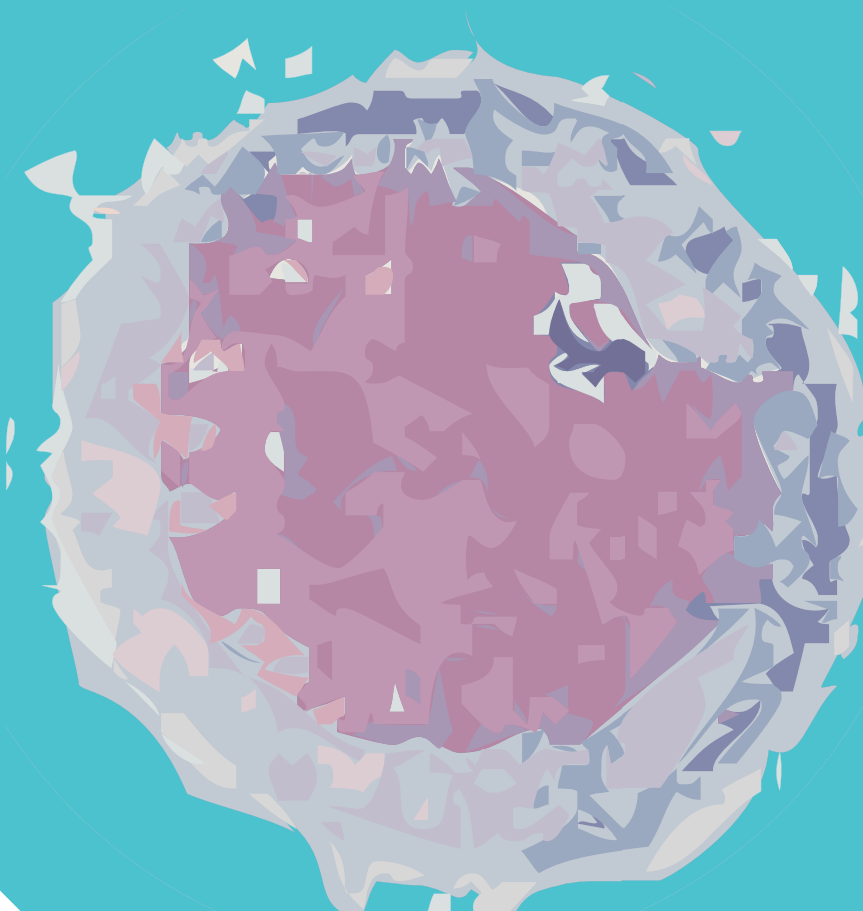


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Common Myths

about childhood cancer



Myth 3: **childhood cancers are a death sentence.**

Fact 3: **Most childhood cancers are curable.**

For example, in Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia, which is a common form of Leukaemia in Singapore, 3 in 4 children will be cured with chemotherapy alone. A successful cure depends on receiving the current-day standard therapy, a positive attitude and determination to overcome cancer.

Myth 4: **children with cancer lose all reasons for living.**

Fact 4: **Children with cancer can still lead a normal childhood.**

Children with cancer can lead a normal childhood. Many children return to normal school life after treatment. In other cases, the children and their families adapt and modify their lifestyle to achieve normalcy. This becomes much easier with care, understanding and support from family, teachers, friends and other caregivers.

Myth 5: **All tumours are cancerous.**

Fact 5: **Not all tumours are cancerous.**

Tumours are either benign or malignant. Malignant tumours are cancerous cells that invade and spread to other parts of the body. In contrast, benign tumours invade tissues surrounding it and generally do not spread.

Myth 1: **cancer is contagious and can spread like flu.**

Fact 1: **Cancer is not contagious.**

Cancer cannot be spread from one child to another. However, children on treatment are often discouraged to go to crowded places as their immunity is low and are vulnerable to infections.

Myth 2: **childhood cancers are inherited.**

Fact 2: **There is no known cause for most childhood cancers.**

At least 95 % of the cancers in children occur spontaneously. Since the triggers of most childhood cancers are unknown, preventive measures are limited. Thus far, studies suggest that there is nothing a child or parent did to induce cancer, and therefore, should avoid doing in order to prevent childhood cancer.

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