

## **CHILDHOOD CANCER**

Cancer, what a frightening disease for an adult to find out that they have let alone finding out that your child or grandchild has cancer. I can only imagine how scary that would be, after all, we all worry about our children even as they grow into adults.

According to the American Cancer Society, "About 11,060 children in the United States under the age of 15 will be diagnosed with cancer in 2019. Childhood cancer rates have been rising slightly for the past few decades." Of those diagnosed with cancer, 80% survive 5 years or more.

According to the Canadian Cancer Society, there are 950 children under 15 diagnosed with cancer every year and rising. Of those cases, leukemia accounts for 32% of the cases, brain and central nervous system – 19%, and lymphomas – 11%. In the United States the percentages are 30% and 26% respectively, and non-Hodgkin lymphoma makes up about 5%. Other childhood cancers include rhabdomyosarcoma (cancer cells found mostly in the skeletal muscles), Retinoblastoma (cancer of the eye), and Bone cancer.

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