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CHILDHOOD CANCER

15 February is Childhood Cancer Day

Cancer is a leading cause of death for children and adolescents around the world. Each year more than 400,000 children are diagnosed with cancer globally.

Among children (ages 0 to 19) the most common types of cancer are leukemia, brain and central nervous system (CNS) tumors, and lymphomas.

Among children (ages 0 to 14 years), the most common types of cancer are leukemia, followed by brain and other CNS tumors, lymphomas, neuroblastoma, kidney tumors, and malignant bone tumors .

Among adolescents (ages 15 to 19 years), the most common types of cancer are brain and other CNS tumors and lymphomas, followed by leukemias, thyroid cancer, gonadal (testicular and ovarian) germ cell tumors, and malignant bone tumors

Children and adolescents with cancer and their families should not go through this journey alone. They need support, assistance and caring.

The gold ribbon is the universal symbol for childhood cancer, and is used to raise awareness.

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