

OUR PARTNERS IN CANCER CARE

POGO was formed in 1983 from an unprecedented alliance of visionary leaders, experts, healthcare professionals, the Ontario government, parents and childhood cancer survivors.

Our vision is to be a valued partner and to achieve an excellent childhood cancer system.



- ★ **Tertiary hospitals** diagnose and treat children with malignant disease.
- **POGO Interlink Nurses** provide excellent nursing support to young cancer patients.
- ☆ **POGO Satellite Clinics** bring patient care closer to home.
- * **POGO AfterCare Clinics** monitor survivors regularly for long-term effects from cancer treatment.



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**CHAMPIONS CHILDHOOD
CANCER CARE**

CHILDHOOD CANCER IS A LIFETIME JOURNEY

There are over 4,300 families in Ontario with a child in cancer treatment or follow-up care each year.

While a cancer diagnosis comes as a shock at any age, when a patient is young, it seems incomprehensibly unfair. Childhood cancer comes with a whole world of disruption for the entire family—physical, emotional, financial, psychological, educational and vocational. It is a world of which few of us are fully aware, unless we have to enter it ourselves

Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario (POGO) champions childhood cancer care. When a child in Ontario is battling cancer, we work to ensure that everyone affected by the diagnosis has access to the best care and support. We partner to achieve the best childhood cancer care system for children, youth, survivors, and their families and healthcare teams. From a child's diagnosis, through treatment and into survivorship, POGO is here for kids with cancer, for now, for life.

POGO secures Ministry of Health funding to support clinical activities at our partner hospitals and system-wide coordination of childhood cancer care in Ontario. As a licensed charity committed to championing the cause, POGO has identified, and continues to identify, key support programs that are out of the scope of government, and raises private dollars to deliver these programs.

POGO ENSURES ACCESS TO HIGH QUALITY, COORDINATED CARE & SUPPORT

POGO Satellite Clinics bring patient care closer to home in communities across Ontario.

POGO Interlink Nurses provide excellent nursing support to the young cancer patient and help families identify useful resources and services in the community, including the POGO Financial Assistance Program.

The POGO Financial Assistance Program* provides much-needed financial support to families for food while they are at the hospital, childcare for siblings at home and accommodation when they need to travel for treatment.

POGO AfterCare Clinics across Ontario monitor survivors regularly for long-term effects from cancer treatment.

POGO School and Work Transitions Counsellors* help survivors get the support and assistance they need to finish high school and move on to post-secondary education or work.

POGO research* translates into improved care and better outcomes.

POGO's continuing education* activities provide a wide range of opportunities for healthcare professionals to enhance their knowledge and advance their practice in order to improve childhood cancer care.

*Donor-funded program.

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