

Facts about Childhood Cancer in Ontario

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- Two of every three childhood cancer survivors are at increased risk of at least one late effect due to their cancer or its treatment, including heart disease, second cancers and cognitive challenges. ¹
- There are over 4,500 families in Ontario with a child in cancer treatment or follow-up care each year. ¹
- There are approximately 500 children and youth diagnosed with cancer in a pediatric cancer program in Ontario each year. ¹
- There are over 20,000 childhood cancer survivors living in Ontario. ²
- Over 85% of children diagnosed with cancer in Ontario will survive. ¹
- Cancer remains the most common cause of disease-related deaths among children in Ontario aged 1 year or older. ²

About POGO

Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario (POGO) works to ensure that everyone affected by childhood cancer has access to the best care and support. We partner to achieve an excellent childhood cancer care system for children, youth, survivors, and their families and healthcare teams, in Ontario and beyond. POGO champions childhood cancer care, and as the collective voice of this community, is the official advisor to Ontario's Ministry of Health on children's cancer control and treatment. POGO is a non-profit organization with charitable status, here for kids with cancer, for now, for life.

Data Sources

¹ POGONIS (Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario Networked Information System)

² 2020 POGO Surveillance Report

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