

# Children's Palliative Care



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## What is children's palliative care?

Palliative care for children involves the active total care of the child's body, mind and spirit as well as giving support to the family and caregivers. It begins when illness is diagnosed and continues regardless of whether death becomes inevitable or not. It requires a broad multidisciplinary approach and makes use of available community resources. ~World Health Organisation 2011

The specialist palliative care team of the Children's Palliative Care Foundation consists of registered nurses and social workers aiming to advocate the rights of children to palliative care; to enhance the quality of life of families with children or adolescents suffering from life-limiting and life-threatening illnesses in providing on-going, holistic psychosocial care and support; and to provide end of life care for children in the community. We work closely with the medical teams in the hospitals including doctors, nurses, occupational and physiotherapists, etc. to provide comprehensive care for the children and their families.

### Aim

- RELIEVE distressing physical symptoms through specialist care
- REDUCE admission frequency and the duration of stay in the hospital
- PROVIDE on-going, holistic psychological care and support to children and families
- ENHANCE quality of life of children and their families



### Target

- Children and adolescents suffering from life-threatening and life-limiting illnesses
- Their family members and caregivers
- Referred by attending doctor

### Service Scope

- Provide professional assessment, advice and care plan
- Collaborate with medical staff to devise the most effective medical care for patients
- Provide nursing care support at home such as monitor and manage distressing symptoms, administer medicine, wound care, catheter care, etc.
- Provide assistance in acquiring medical equipment and home care consultation to caregivers
- Provide counselling and psychosocial support for the children and families
- Organise events
- Make referral to other services in the community, if needed
- Offer bereavement support through death and beyond

### Services provided through

- Telephone consultation
- Home visit
- Hospital visit
- Special school visit

### Fee

Free of charge