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"This extraordinary resource provides accurate  
medical information and powerful  
support for families."

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# CHILDHOOD LEUKEMIA

*A Guide for Families, Friends,  
& Caregivers*

Understand the diagnosis



Get excellent treatment



Cope with side effects



Find emotional support



Identify helpful resources

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## Childhood Leukemia: A Guide for Families, Friends & Caregivers



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Approximately 4,500 children and teens are diagnosed with leukemia in the United States and Canada each year.s genetic profiles, and ways to deal with unwanted effects.Parents who read this book will see understandable medical info and emotional support. The illness and its treatment might have a devastating effect on family, friends, classmates, and the bigger community.Advice on how best to deal with procedures, hospitalization, college, family, and financial issues.Tips for forming a partnership with the medical group.Poignant and practical tales from family.Updated assets for medical information, psychological support, and economic assistance. This newly updated edition of Childhood Leukemia provides the information and support parents need during this difficult time, including:New remedies such as for example immunotherapy, tailoring drugs dosages to children'



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A good chapter for following the chemo has ended. I especially liked the estimates of the parents of how they dealt with different situations. Describes the various chemo medications and the side effects. The way to handle the school system. If you need to know everything, this is the book. Very well done book. Two thumbs up. Purchased for a pal whose son was identified as having leukemia, she loves the book and may easily relate. I recommend this book. All parents with kids who have leukemia need this publication. I wish I could send a copy to every parent who needs it! It is full of information about every part of handling every type of childhood leukemia – from treatment decisions, medications, side effects, and working with doctors and insurance firms, to the effect on siblings, emotions of parents, working with schools, ways to discover support, and tips for friends and family members. It really is all written in lay language, therefore parents can understand hard medical terminology and concepts, and it even gives tips about questions to ask the doctors before making medical decisions. Why is this book so helpful is that it is written by parents with resided knowledge, and reviewed by doctors. Hence, you get both the personal aspect and the medical understanding all in one place. The personal stories which are included also help validate what parents and children are emotions and helps them understand they aren't by itself in this experience. I've not found a more comprehensive, and readable, source for parents and families going through the task of childhood leukemia. The publication can be read cover to cover, or consulted by chapter. It is the best reference I've ever read. "Childhood Leukemia" is vital for each and every parent of a kid with leukemia! It's the greatest reference I've ever browse. CAR T-cell therapy is one of the first effective uses of CRISPR genetic engineering (examine *A Crack in Creation: Gene Editing and the Unthinkable Power to Control Evolution* by Jennifer Doudna). Great descriptions of what ALL is definitely, how it really is treated, how to deal with side results, and how to deal with our emotions. Not merely has the book's author been in the role of cancers mom, she has organized contributions from other parents and numerous professionals in childhood leukemia. This fifth edition is way better for compared to the first, partly because it is updated to current (2018) treatment plans and resources. Complete reference - easy to read, reassuring, and helpful. This is an essential guide for parents, families and loved-ones of children with a leukemia diagnosis. Essential read for new diagnosis's. This book is vital for families going through the unimaginable. It doesn't simply cover medical details, but also helps with school, dealing with family and friends, getting support, and much more. My boy was diagnosed with ALL in 1997 (and is doing great today), and Nancy's first edition of *Childhood Leukemia* was a lifesaver for me. But a lot more than that, I like the business of the 5th edition. The treatment course for childhood leukemia can be long and complicated. It is a reference, and allows easy access to important info in a simple format. This publication is created in a manner that allows the reader to only bite off what they can chew. I really like the parent-contributed personal stories. I believe this book should be open to all parents with a kid that has leukemia. Bible for parents of kids with leukemia. This book may be the bible for families of children with leukemia. That is a reserve that you can trust. Since knowing 1st hand how essential this book was to us, it is the first thing I buy for a family group whose kid has been recently diagnosed with cancer. Life after cancer could be harder than treatment. When you get yourself a death notice, there is no shortage of paperwork shoved before you. Handbooks on treatment plans, research prospects, disclosures, permissions, etc. However when treatment is normally over, and you leave the nest that has become home, there exists a lot of lonely, terrifying quiet for thoughts to ricochet unchecked. This book has comprehensive chapters on each type of childhood leukemia and up to date info on the newest treatments. If a pal or family member has a kid with leukemia and you also don't know what to do—give them this book and you

will be handing them a lifeline. I recommend this publication! We were specifically grateful for the section on siblings. Having twin daughters who have been pressured to navigate AML aside for the better part of two years, we banged the drum looking for support and got lots of knowing nods that such intervention was valid and important, but few assets. Nancy Keene can be a clear and concise chronicler of the facts the medical community can't provide. This is a resource that needs to be in every clinic and library, and anyone with malignancy in the family members will reap the benefits of perusing the web pages. When you hear what that your child provides leukemia, you are thrust into a world where it seems many people are speaking Greek and discussing "the new normal". And with childhood survival prices at 1/2 million in the US, we are in need of this book. This book was a life saver for all of us. This book was so helpful when our daughter was identified as having leukemia. The more everybody knows, the better we can respond and support each other. This publication helped us know very well what we experienced to anticipate. Knowledge is certainly power, and you may want as much details as you possibly can as you help a child navigate this difficult analysis. It was the best present we received after our child's diagnosis. It had been the gift of understanding in language we could understand, the present of support from the hundreds of stories from households, and the gift of hope. This reserve arrived just in time for us, just as we came unglued for real. And another favorite: she covers immunotherapy, especially, CAR T-cell therapy, a recently accepted treatment for relapsed ALL (or ALL that will not respond to the original treatment). Validation for our emotional says and a roadmap to obtaining back to being home together. Essential reference for ped onc families! The mother or father voices tie everything together, you all of a sudden feel you are not only, and what your loved ones is experiencing can be familiar to those who have been there. So very much to understand in a brief period of period, this book is normally a lifesaver to those who want to figure out what is normal, what everything means, what to expect. The childhood cancer experience is overwhelming, terrifying, priority flipping, and instant for the entire family. The author does a superb job of navigating this new world for the reader - THANK YOU Nancy, for being such an effective instructor & advocate for all of us and for our kids! Each kind of leukemia – ALL, AML, JMML, and CML – includes a separate chapter, and stem cell transplants comes right after radiation therapy, instead of with the relapse section. Beig able to help other families by sharing our boy's leukemia trip was a blessing. An excellent reference for families! "Childhood Leukemia" is a wonderful resource for any family experiencing childhood cancer. My husband and I bought a youthful edition back in 1998 when our teenage son was diagnosed with leukemia. The knowledge this book provided us was immeasurable and during a time when feeling therefore helpless, knowledge of what we had been dealing with was essential! It will give readers the essential reassurance to know they are not alone. Thank You Nancy Keene for your tireless initiatives in helping so many thousands of families through your many books! With Wish always~ Tamra F.



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