The CHILD LIFE PROGRAM
AT ROSWELL PARK COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER

Supporting adult patients with children
What is a Child Life Specialist?

Child life specialists provide evidence-based interventions to help children from birth to 18 years and their families cope with illness and hospitalization. Based on child development, child life specialists help meet the social, emotional, and developmental needs of children in stressful situations to help them understand and cope with some of life’s most challenging events.

How Child Life Specialists Provide Support:

Adult patients diagnosed with cancer often have concerns about how to discuss their illness with their children. A child life specialist can provide support, assistance, and specialty resources in order to help children and teens understand and cope with their parent’s diagnosis.
A Child Life Specialist Can Offer Recommendations on:

★ How to have conversations with children and teens regarding:
  • diagnosis
  • treatment
  • change in treatment
  • end of life

★ Developmentally appropriate language and resources to explain:
  • diagnosis
  • treatment
  • end of life
  • hospitalization

★ Coping techniques and therapeutic activities

★ Connecting families to resources in their community

★ Assisting with future concerns that may arise

★ Assisting with memory making and legacy building activities

For more information
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Available by phone or by appointment:
Tuesday ............... 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday ........... 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Thursday ............. 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
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