



BI-LO Charities Children's Cancer Center

10 Facts All Kids Should Know About Cancer

1. Cancer is not like a cold. You cannot catch cancer!
2. Cancer can happen to anyone.
3. Cancer can be cured. Even though cancer is a very serious disease, almost seven out of 10 children who are diagnosed will be cured.
4. There are many kinds of cancer. Children can get cancer in their bones, blood, brain or other organs.
5. When children get cancer, they have to take medicine. This medicine can make their hair fall out. It also can make them throw up. These are the side effects of the medicine used to treat cancer.
6. Most boys and girls with cancer do not want to be treated differently from anyone else.
7. Cancer treatments take a lot of time, and children with cancer have to miss a lot of school.
8. Children with cancer can hurt and feel sad. Cancer also is hard for parents, friends, classmates, brothers and sisters. All of these people need support and understanding.
9. If you are worried about cancer, it's OK to ask questions.
10. It is important to respect the rights of children with cancer. Children have the right to decide if and when they want to talk about their cancer with others.

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