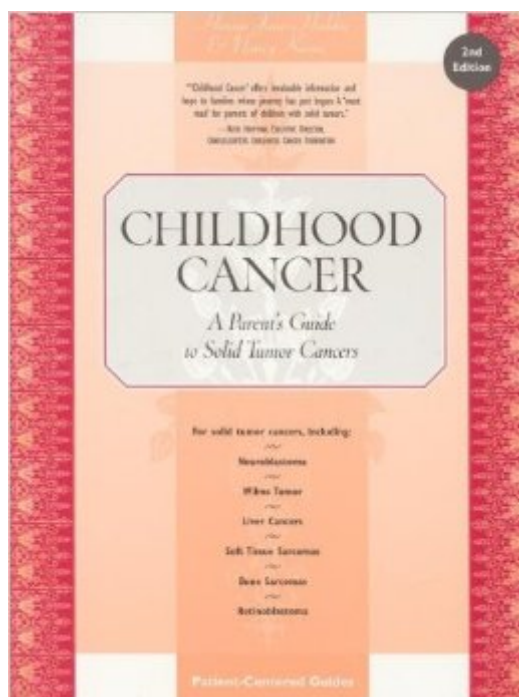


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Childhood Cancer: A Parent's Guide To Solid Tumor Cancers, 2nd Edition



Synopsis

This second edition of the most complete parent guide available, features detailed and precise medical information about solid tumor childhood cancers, including neuroblastoma, Wilms tumor, liver tumors, soft tissue sarcomas, and bone sarcomas. In addition, it offers day-to-day practical advice on how to cope with procedures, hospitalization, family and friends, school, social and financial issues, communication, feelings, and, if therapy is not successful, the difficult issues of death and bereavement. Woven among the medical details and the practical advice are the voices of parents and children who have lived with cancer and its treatments. As many parents have already found, advice from "veteran" parents can be a lifeline. Obtaining a basic understanding of topics such as medical terminology, how drugs work, common side effects of chemotherapy, and how to work more effectively with medical personnel can only improve the quality of life for the whole family suffering along with their child. Having parents describe their own emotional ups and downs, how they coped, and how they molded their family life around hospitalizations can be a tremendous comfort. Just knowing that there are other kids on chemotherapy who refuse to eat anything but tacos or who have frequent rages can make one feel less alone. Parents who read this book will encounter medical facts simply explained, advice to ease their daily lives, and tools to be strong advocates for their child. It also contains a personal treatment summary and long-term follow-up guide for your child to keep as a permanent record.

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Customer Reviews

This book is filled with loads of good information in lay terms to help family members, friends, teachers, social workers, etc. understand the various childhood cancers and their often complex treatments. Every family having a child diagnosed with cancer should automatically be given this book, because it contains so much information on diagnosis, procedures, tests, treatments and side effects. It also realistically discusses the potential effects on a whole family when a child is diagnosed with cancer, and provides tips on how to have an active and constructive relationship with doctors and nurses. The authors apparently interviewed a lot of parents who've been down this road and you can read their ideas and suggestions about how to deal with all sorts of issues from the mundane (how to get your child to take a certain medication) to the tremendously difficult (how to deal with relapse or talk to a child about death). I wish this had been available when my child was first diagnosed!

Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation fully endorses this book and places it on the 'must have resource list' for any parent whose child is diagnosed with any type of solid tumor cancer. This comprehensive guide provides extensive information on the diagnosis, prognosis, procedures, treatment and side effects of neuroblastoma, Wilms Tumor, retinoblastoma, rhabdomyosarcoma and bone sarcomas. Included is a thorough explanation of the various chemotherapy drugs used in treatment and their common side effects. Detailed information on radiation therapy, surgery and bone marrow transplantation is also included. Additionally, the book provides practical advice to families on related issues such as nutrition, returning to school and the end of treatment. The book addresses the emotional impact that such a cancer diagnosis places upon the child, their family and friends and offers practical insight on how to cope. A comprehensive list of childhood cancer websites, support organizations and additional reading materials is listed at the back of the book. The authors' extensive interviewing of families who have 'walked down this road' offers hope to those whose 'journey' has just begun.

This book was recommended to me after my daughter was diagnosed with neuroblastoma. It explains it all. The book is broken down by topic (ie radiation and chemotherapy) and also by tumor. The language used was easy to understand. The book was my map through the world of childhood cancer.

If you have found yourself catapulted into the nightmare of having a child with cancer, this book will help you to understand much of the journey to come. No matter what stage your child is in

treatment...beginning, middle, finished treatment, relapsed, or palliative...this book is an indispensable resource. Personal stories peppered throughout the book help you come to realize that you are not alone in this battle. This book also has a wonderful list of resources to help families through this hard time. Buy one for yourself, family members (especially in-laws!), your child's pediatrician, your child's teacher, and your closest friends so they can have a glimpse into what you and your child are facing and can help you along the way. This book should be given to EVERY parent when they hear those horrible words, "Your child has cancer..."

I am a Pediatric Oncology Nurse that buys these books to give to the newly diagnosed families. All of them have told me that it is a wonderful tool.

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