

The Child with Cancer

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Cancer in Children

Few situations in nursing exceed the challenges of caring for a child with cancer. Despite the dramatic improvements in survival rates for these children, the family's needs are tremendous as they cope with a serious physical illness and the fear that the child will not be cured. Nurses should base support of patients and their families on the premise that communication promotes understanding and clarity. With understanding, fear diminishes and hope emerges, and in the presence of hope, anything is possible.