

Managing distress in paediatric oncology: A critical review of the relevance of family relationships

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Description of Project:

The adverse psychosocial impact of paediatric cancer and its treatment on family relationships has been well established. The need to provide support services to patients and families is generally well accepted. However, what remains unclear in the research literature is the role family relationships themselves might play in mitigating distress in the paediatric patient at different stages of treatment and across the patient's lifespan. A Summer Research Scholar is being sought to assist in the review of the evidence in the paediatric oncology literature, covering both solid and non-solid malignancies. Where applicable, data from studies of serious chronic illness such as paediatric renal disease will be considered as well. Two co-authored publications in peer-reviewed journals are expected from this project and these will help inform the provision of support services in a variety of paediatric oncology settings.

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