

CHILDHOOD CANCER FACTS

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In the U.S., Cancer is the **leading cause of death** by disease in children.

<http://www.cancer.gov/types/childhood-cancers/child-adolescent-cancers-fact-sheet>



Worldwide, a child is diagnosed **every 3 minutes** with cancer.

<http://www.acco.org/us-childhood-cancer-statistics/>

1 in 285 children in the U.S. will be diagnosed with cancer before they are 20 years old.

Cancer Facts and Figures 2014, American Cancer Society



Around the world, **250** kids daily and **91,250** kids yearly lose their life to cancer.

The Lancet Oncology, 2013; 14 (3): e125-e135



1 in 5 children are terminal at diagnosis.

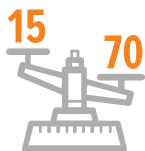
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Childhood cancer is not just one disease. It is made up of a **dozen** types and **countless** subtypes.

Adult and children cancer survival rates are based on living five years from diagnosis. The average age of an adult diagnosis is **65**, while the average age of a child's diagnosis is just **8** years old. Why does living to 13 years old define surviving cancer?

THESE FACTS WON'T CHANGE UNLESS CHILDHOOD CANCER RECEIVES THE FUNDING IT DESERVES



There are **70** potential life years lost on average when a child dies of cancer compared to **15** potential life years lost for adults.

http://seer.cancer.gov/csr/1975_2012/results_merged/topic_med_age.pdf
<http://jnci.oxfordjournals.org/content/93/5/341.full>



The National Cancer Institute (NCI) uses only **four cents** of every dollar for cancer research for pediatric cancer.



About **60%** of all funding for drug development in adult cancers comes from pharmaceutical companies, and for children these companies spend almost nothing.

<http://www.cancer.gov/about-nci/budget/congressional-justification/fy2015-nci-congressional-justification.pdf>



Prostate cancer (average age at diagnosis: 66 years) receives more research funding from NCI than **all childhood cancers combined**.

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Since **1980**, only **3** drugs have been developed specifically for pediatric cancer.

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