

# Kinder Children's ~~Cancer~~ Center

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## We're entering a new era to end childhood cancer.

**Kinder Children's Cancer Center, a joint venture of UT MD Anderson and Texas Children's, is a transformational alliance with one mission: to end childhood cancer.**

The joint venture is made possible by an extraordinary gift from Houston's Kinder Foundation, one of the largest gifts ever to a children's hospital and in the history of the Texas Medical Center. The generosity provides unprecedented opportunities to advance treatment and instill hope in families for a future without childhood cancer.

Kinder Children's Cancer Center brings together the collective scale and expertise of UT MD Anderson and Texas Children's, enabling:

- A clinical research program with more trials available for children with cancer than any other institution
- Innovative treatments for more patients while speeding up clinical development for new therapies
- Accelerated drug discovery through a coordinated research and development program
- Expanded access to specialized cancer care for more children in need
- Comprehensive survivorship services to help young patients live rich, full lives after cancer and into adulthood
- Clinical and support services for pediatric patients in a comprehensive, child-friendly environment
- A care environment specifically designed to address the needs of adolescent and young adult patients who may not be comfortable in typical pediatric or older adult oncology settings
- Education and training to prepare the next generation of pediatric cancer experts

Kinder Children's Cancer Center begins providing patient care in 2026. At launch, pediatric oncology patient care will be consolidated at Texas Children's Hospital. Radiation Oncology will remain at UT MD Anderson, and Adolescent/Young Adult programs will be provided at both institutions. Plans are underway for a new, purpose-built Texas Medical Center facility with inpatient beds, ambulatory care and state-of-the-art research labs. The new facility for Kinder Children's Cancer Center will be connected by a sky bridge to Texas Children's Hospital.

**Working together through Kinder Children's Cancer Center, UT MD Anderson and Texas Children's aim to end childhood cancer and bring hope and healing to patients and families around the world.**

# September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

Get the facts about childhood cancer in 2025:

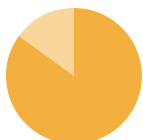


Worldwide, it's estimated that **400,000 children** and adolescents will develop cancer each year.



In the U.S., an estimated **14,690 children and adolescents**, from birth to age 19, will be diagnosed with cancer in 2025.

- An estimated **9,550 children** from birth to age 14 will be diagnosed.
- Approximately **5,140 adolescents**, ages 15-19, will be diagnosed in 2025.



**85% of children** with cancer now **survive five years or more** due to advances in treatment.



**The Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas has funded more than \$503 million in grants** for pediatric and adolescent cancer research since 2010.

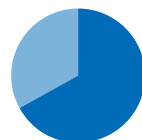
Childhood cancer occurs across **all ethnicities, socioeconomic groups**, and **geographic regions**.

The **most common** childhood cancers are:

- Leukemias
- Brain and spinal tumors
- Lymphomas
- Soft tissue sarcomas
- Neuroblastomas
- Kidney tumors
- Bone tumors

Approximately **40,000 children** in the U.S. undergo cancer treatment each year.

Few adolescents enroll in cancer clinical trials. However, **many clinical trials are available** for pediatric patients, including those featuring stem cell transplantation and CAR T cell therapies.



At least **two-thirds of childhood cancer survivors** will have **one or more chronic health conditions** and many will have at least one severe health condition. These include:

- Heart or lung damage
- Secondary cancers
- Infertility
- Growth and development challenges
- Impaired cognitive abilities
- Psychosocial concerns

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**For more information, visit [KinderChildrensCancerCenter.org](https://www.kinderchildrenscancercenter.org).**