

Childhood Cancer

The Pauline Allen Gill Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Children's Medical Center Dallas is a **world-class pediatric treatment center** recognized nationally for exceptional clinical care, leadership in pediatric cancer research and academic excellence. All pediatric hematology/oncology physicians are faculty members at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

Despite improvements, cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children and adolescents.

5-year survival rate



physicians, advanced practice providers, nurses, social workers, child life specialists, nutritionists and many others. The Pauline Allen Gill Center is the largest childhood cancer and blood disorders center in the region; we treat more than **1,000**

new patients each year.

We treat 1 out of 5

children in Texas diagnosed with cancer.

Children's Health is the only pediatric cancer program affiliated with the UT Southwestern Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center, the only NCI-designated comprehensive cancer center in North Texas.

Childhood Cancer Facts:



Because of major treatment advances in recent decades, more than

80% of children

with cancer now **survive 5 years or more**. Overall, this is a huge increase since the mid-1970s, when the 5-year survival rate was about 58%. 44% other 26%

Leukemias, which are cancers of the bone marrow and blood, are the **most common childhood cancers**. They account for about 30% of all cancers in children.

> Brain and central nervous system tumors are the second most common cancers in children, making up about 26% of childhood cancers.

