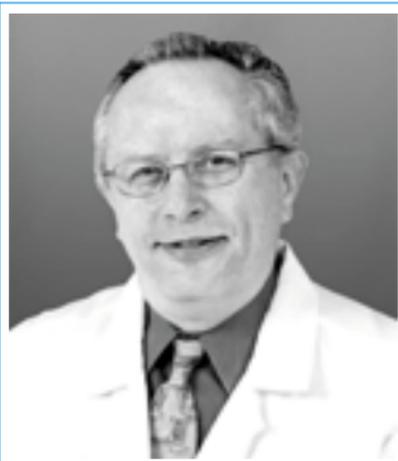


# Cutting edge medicine in a warm and child friendly environment.



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These days, a cancer diagnosis for a child often comes with a healthy dose of hope. The cure rates for a range of pediatric cancers have risen dramatically in recent years.

At the Maimonides Cancer Center's Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Department, we're committed to treating childhood cancers aggressively, using a thorough, multi-disciplinary approach that also emphasizes compassion and support for patients and their families.

We treat all problems related to tumors, cancer and diseases of the blood, from leukemia and lymphoma to sickle cell anemia. We use both basic testing and sophisticated laboratory

procedures to deliver the most advanced care and symptom control, including helping our young patients to manage their pain.

Our team believes in establishing a very personal level of care with our patients. That special attention begins with every patient seeing a board certified attending physician and extends to the services provided by our exceptionally skilled and committed nursing staff.

Maimonides Medical Center is a member of the Children's Oncology Group, which is the largest childhood cancer research network in the country. That membership means we treat our patients according to the highest national standards of cancer care. It also means our patients have access to a range of standard and experimental cancer protocols for clinical trials. Experience has shown us that kids who have the opportunity to be treated on protocols typically do better.

For patients to effectively fight their cancer, they also have to feel as relaxed and comfortable as possible. The pediatrics area in our new Cancer Center is a lively, colorful, informal space, especially designed for children. There are toys for younger children and video games for the older ones. There is even a separate space where teens can hang out on their own. Play therapists keep our youngest patients distracted and also address any psycho-social issues that come up during their course of treatment.

We know we've succeeded in creating a warm and comfortable environment at the Cancer Center, because we often have a hard time getting patients to leave at the end of the day!

The new Cancer Center facility also enables us to treat pediatric patients on an out-patient basis whenever possible. This is good for patients in many ways — it reduces the stress they feel during their treatment, and makes treatment more convenient for families.

We're proud to be able to provide high quality pediatric cancer care. The battle against pediatric cancers can be tough, but it helps to know that your child will have a great medical team of caring professionals by his side at the Maimonides Cancer Center. Please call (718) 765-2671 to learn more about our services or to make an appointment.



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