CANCER IN CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS
In Latin America and the Caribbean

CANCER SURVIVORS

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL DATA

NEARLY, 29,000 children and adolescents develop cancer every year in Latin America and the Caribbean.

In the U.S., an estimated 1 in 600 adults between the ages of 20 and 39 had cancer during childhood.

MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM ADVERSE EFFECTS

Childhood cancer survivors will develop a chronic health condition as they reach adulthood.

Adverse effects occur with greater frequency after intensive cancer therapies.

However, the impact of adverse effects can be lessened by timely detection and management by the specialized health team.

SURVIVOR CARE

The cancer survivor care strategies involve FIVE evidence-based domains:

INFORM AND EDUCATE YOUR PATIENTS SO THAT THEY

- Be their own health care advocate.
- Know and recognize the early symptoms of adverse effects and seek medical advice.
- Eat a healthy diet and stay active.
- Avoid unprotected sun exposure.
- Avoid alcohol and tobacco consumption.
- Participate in cancer screening checkups.

REFERENCES


https://www.paho.org/en/topics/childhood-cancer