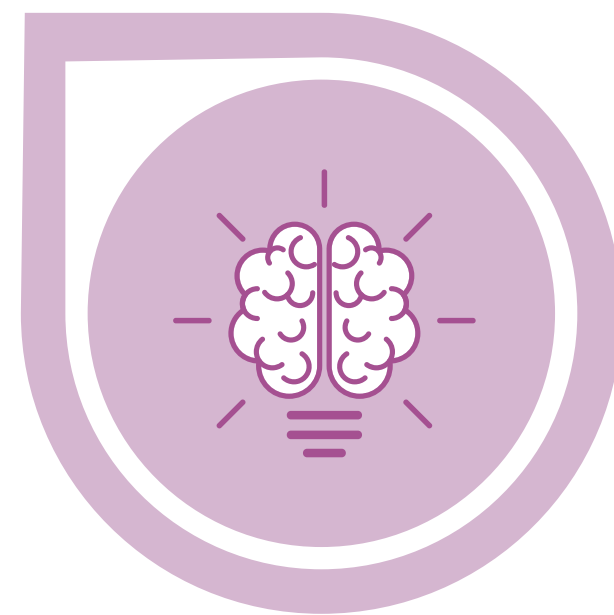


CHILDHOOD CANCER SURVIVORS IN LATIN AMERICA

Qualitative findings for care centered on the survivors' experience

Mental health: Still a missing piece



The survivors' needs go beyond the biomedical sphere. Survivors report:

- A desire for better communication.
- Greater support in mental health.

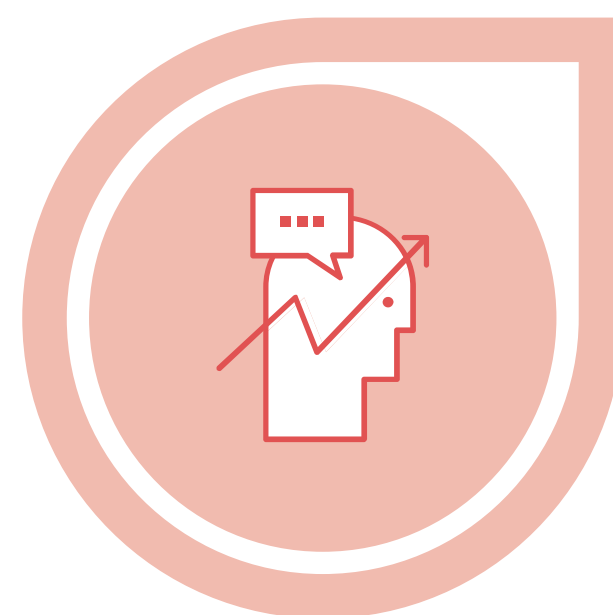


Integrating psychosocial care as part of survivor follow-up should be the standard of care in Latin America.

Survivors create their own ways of explaining their experiences, which include biopsychosocial aspects.

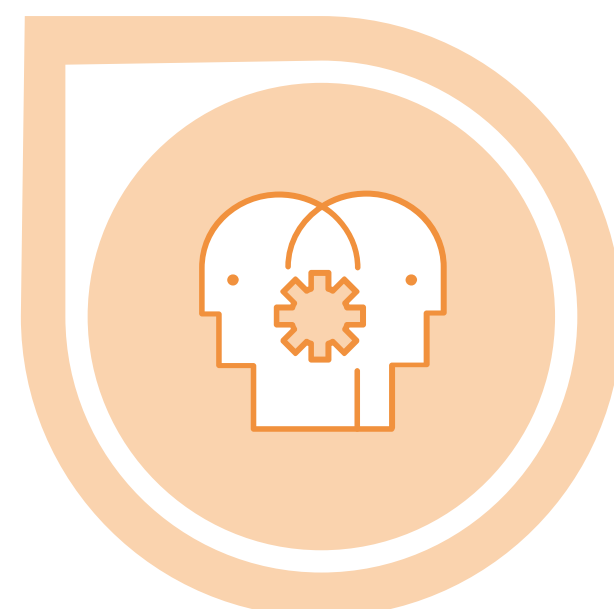


Incorporating the survivors' perspective into care and follow-up will enhance its effectiveness.



Survivors play an
active role in making
sense of their own
journey

The dual nature of survivorship



Survivors often live between two realities:

- Being aware of their cancer history and risks.
- A strong desire to live a 'normal' adult life.

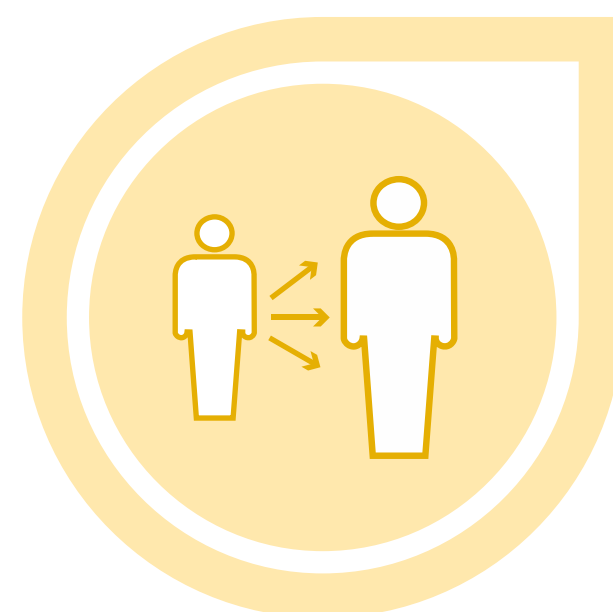


Survivor care must recognize and balance both realities in the care process.

Many survivors face difficulties when transitioning from the pediatric to the adult health system. There is a lack of professionals trained in the late effects of childhood cancer.



Strengthening transition programs will provide survivors with a sense of continuity and security.



The transition within the
health system:
Pediatrics to Adults

Survivors' insights and strengths



Many survivors develop:

- Life skills, purpose, and personal growth.
- A desire to use their experience to support others.



Encouraging connections and peer support among survivors can greatly enhance emotional well-being and sense of purpose.

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