

Standards for Psychosocial Care for Children with Cancer and Their Families

As Chair of the Children's Oncology Group (COG), it is my great pleasure to commend the work of the Psychosocial Standards of Care Project for Childhood Cancer (PSCPCC) team that led to the landmark 2015 publication of their work in Pediatric Blood & Cancer. The publications comprising the *Standards for Psychosocial Care for Children with Cancer and Their Families* provide a much needed framework of recommendations for the psychosocial care of children and their families and will serve as the cornerstone of COG's efforts in this realm. The evidence presented in support of these recommendations will also serve the Children's Oncology Group well in focusing future research efforts that can bridge gaps in knowledge for how best to provide services essential for comprehensive psychosocial care for our patients and families.

The work of the PSCPCC serves as a remarkable example of the impact partnerships can have, as this effort was not only supported but also inspired by the Mattie Miracle Cancer Foundation. I am confident that this work will benefit current and future generations of children with cancer and their families, and look forward to emerging strategies that will implement these important series of recommendations.

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