



End-of-Life Care

Our end-of-life support addresses families' physical, spiritual, cultural, and emotional needs.

Talking about serious illness, death, and dying can be incredibly difficult. From ensuring a child's comfort to creating memory-making and legacy-building activities to making final arrangements, families can rely on Roger Neilson Children's Hospice for the breadth of support they need. Our team works closely with parents and families to:

- Be present for the whole family and child when the child is approaching the end of life.
- Develop with the family goals of care and palliative care directives.
- Support every child in fulfilling their special wishes.
- Support family choices about a child's place of death.
- Provide care wherever a child might be.
- Provide 24/7 access to symptom management by a qualified, experienced professional.
- Explore opportunities to consider organ or tissue donation, if possible.
- Provide emotional and spiritual support during difficult decision-making.





Our Pediatric Hospice Palliative Care Programs

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Comfort and Dignity

Each child's end of life care experience is different. Your role is to be present, provide comfort, and reassure your loved one with soothing words and actions that help maintain their comfort and dignity. Our goal is to make sure the child is as comfortable as possible in their final hours, surrounded by the people who mean the most to them.

When Your Child Dies

When a child dies, our team of caring and skilled clinicians will support you and your family based on your needs and preferences. We prioritize providing you with space to be a family. In advance or at this point, we support you with providing care to your child, bathing and dressing, taking a lock of hair if you wish and handprints or photographs.

After the Death of Your Child

A Trillium Gift of Life coordinator will be contacted if you have planned for organ and/or tissue donation or if you would wish to ask questions. Our team will work with you to facilitate transfer to the funeral home or Mosque, as an example, of your choice.



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Dealing with Grief

The days, months and years following a child's death are a journey filled with grief. Roger Neilson Children's Hospice provides comprehensive grief support, regardless of whether a child has received care with us, at CHEO or neither.

Find out more about End-of-Life Care at Roger Neilson Children's Hospice:

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Roger Neilson Children's Hospice

Specialized care from diagnosis to end-of-life and grief support. Roger Neilson Children's Hospice is an independent, not-for-profit pediatric hospice. We offer a unique, home-like environment for families' most challenging journeys.

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