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## **New Whitepapers from The National Children's Cancer Society (NCCS) Help Parents Prepare their Children Hospital Stays and Procedures**

The National Children's Cancer Society (NCCS) published a new whitepaper series for families to better prepare their children for hospital visits with confidence.

“The NCCS case managers care deeply for our families and stand by with emotional support throughout their cancer journey. We wanted to put together useful information for parents so hospital stays and treatments go as well as possible,” said Julie Komanetsky, VP Patient & Family Services.

The papers titled, “[Preparing for the Emotional and Physical Challenges of Appointments at the Hospital](#),” provide information on easing anxieties and managing the fear children experience associated with their cancer treatments. While these papers focus on childhood cancer, the advice is also relevant for children going through treatment for other medical conditions.

[Part One](#) of the report covers appropriate language choices and conversations for children surrounding treatment, identifying a child's specific coping style, and preparing for appointments through medical play.

[Part Two](#) describes creative programs some pediatric hospitals have, tips on pharmacological and nonpharmacological pain management, comfort positions while receiving injections, and how child life specialists can help reduce pain, fear and stress for the entire family.

Visit the [NCCS educational articles page](#) to download a complimentary copy of the whitepaper. While on [NCCS website](#), take advantage of the resource library containing [helpful guides](#) for both parents and children, the [Late Effects After Treatment Tool](#) (LEATT) for assessment of cancer-related complications in survivorship, and [childhood cancer facts](#). There are many other NCCS whitepapers to download as well containing advice for healthy siblings of children going through cancer, how parents can best deal with the turmoil of having a child with cancer, and information on self-care for childhood cancer survivors.

*The National Children's Cancer Society (NCCS), headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri, is a not-for-profit organization providing support to families making their way through the daunting world of childhood cancer and survivorship. With over 30 years of experience serving more than 43,000 children, the NCCS is able to take a “no matter what” approach to help families stay strong, stay positive and stay together. The NCCS has been recognized as a Better Business Bureau Accredited Charity and earned a*

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