

Oral and Dental Services in

Pediatric Oncology Program



A healthy mouth is important.
We're here to help.

Did you know?

Cancer therapy can weaken the immune system and increase the risks associated with dental infections. Cancer and cancer therapy can also affect teeth and jaw development.

In order to prevent, limit and treat dental complications and the consequences associated with cancer or cancer therapy, the Oral and Dental Services in Pediatric Oncology Program provides free access to dental care that is not covered by the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec (RAMQ).

Who is eligible?

The program is intended for all patients under 18 years of age who have been diagnosed with cancer or who require a bone marrow transplant, and who meet at least one of the following criteria:

- They need oral and dental services before starting therapy;
- They need preventive oral and dental services during therapy;
- They are at risk of developing oral and dental consequences associated with cancer or cancer therapy;
- They have oral and dental consequences associated with cancer or cancer therapy. The consequences must be caused directly by the cancer or the cancer therapy received (e.g., surgery, radiation therapy, chemotherapy).

In order to access the program, the patient must live permanently in Quebec and have a valid RAMQ card.

To be covered, the dental care required during the cancer therapy period must be provided by one of the five designated centres: **CHU Sainte-Justine • CHU de Sherbrooke • CHU de Québec • Montreal Children's Hospital • CHEO**

Eligibility for coverage of treatments for oral and dental consequences associated with cancer will be assessed by the people in charge of the program following a referral by a health professional.

Take care of your dental health during treatment

During the treatment period, your child may no longer like the taste or texture of some foods – for example, your child might refuse to eat meals they liked before, toothpaste might seem to taste stronger, and the texture of the toothbrush might feel unpleasant. These concerns add to everything you have to think about on a daily basis. For support, do not hesitate to talk to your health care team.



For more information

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