

My doctor is not familiar with Walk With ME and is not sure that the services are appropriate for my child.

Walk With ME is a new program, staffed only by experienced pediatric professionals specializing in palliative and hospice care.

We are always available to answer any questions you or your child's physician may have about the benefits of our program.

For more information about  
Walk With ME,  
please call 1-800-248-2298

## Making a referral to Walk With ME

Anyone can refer a child to our program: parent, physician, nurse, family, clergy, social worker or friend.

**1-800-248-2298**

## Payment information

Walk With ME will never refuse care to children and families who are unable to pay for services.

We receive payment through private health insurance companies, Medicaid, Children's Special Health Care Services, individual payments, grants and generous donations.



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# Walk With ME...

## A PEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE PROGRAM

Comfort Care For Children

This journey is filled with uncertainty;  
It has mountains that look too high  
and oceans that seem too deep.  
You've never traveled this road...  
You won't make the journey alone.  
We're here to walk with you and your family.



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## Walk With ME

Walk With ME is a pediatric palliative care program that provides *comfort care* to children of all ages with life-limiting illnesses. This includes those unborn through early adulthood. Our *commitment* is to provide compassionate and personal care to children as well as practical and spiritual support to the entire family.

Our *passion* is to enable children to focus on life, the things they enjoy, and the people they love. We focus on meeting the medical, spiritual and emotional needs of the children and supporting everyone who cares for them. Our *hope* is that this will allow kids to be kids and families to be families for as long as possible, making every moment together special.

## Walk With ME Team

- **Certified Pediatric Registered Nurse** who provides regularly scheduled visits and on-call availability, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- **Board Certified Hospice & Palliative Medicine Pediatrician** who provides expert symptom management and coordinates care with your child's doctors.
- **Social Worker** who provides your entire family with counseling and support while assisting with community resources and memory making.
- **Chaplain** who provides emotional, spiritual, and bereavement support to your family.
- **Home Health Aide** who provides assistance with your child's personal care and activities of daily living.
- **Volunteers** who provide companionship to your child that allows you time for yourself and your family.

*Also available...*

- **Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy**
- **Dietary counseling**
- **Community education and support**

## Frequently Asked Questions...

**How do I know if Walk With ME is right for my child now?**

For most childhood diseases and conditions, predicting the future is difficult. Our supportive services are most effective when started as soon as possible following diagnosis. Walk With ME supports the entire family and focuses on comfort care for your child when a cure no longer seems likely.

**Does this mean that we have to give up hope for a cure for our child?**

No. We will continue to hope with you and help your child remain comfortable, live each day to the fullest, create family memories, and when necessary, prepare for a peaceful death.

**I'm satisfied with the people caring for my child now. Will I have to change doctors?**

No. We encourage all your child's care providers to continue their support for your child and family. Our Walk With ME team will partner with your child's doctor to coordinate care, always respecting your family's wishes.