DESCRIPTION

This book is a comprehensive text on the all-important psychosocial aspects of cancer in children. Edited by an experienced psycho-oncologist and an equally experienced pediatric oncologist, the book brings together an international group of contributors composed of pediatric oncologists and psychologists/psycho-oncologists. This unique balance of contributors gives the book a focus on the real-life practical aspects of children undergoing treatment for cancer. The book helps health care professionals, who look after children and adolescents with cancer, in dealing with the difficult and complex problems that face the child, his siblings and his parents. It deals with critical issues such as the neuropsychological impact of treatment, (including bone marrow transplantation), pain, quality of life in survivors, palliative care, talking to children and their families about death, and providing support to the dying.

An important part of the book provides tools for evaluation and methods of psychological intervention. It is thus a very practical work for psycho-oncologists, pediatric oncologists, pediatricians, psychologists, nurses, social workers and art therapists dealing with the problems that children with cancer have to confront.

• A comprehensive book on the clinical approach to psychosocial problems of children with cancer

• Includes evaluation tools and psychological intervention techniques

• Contributions from both pediatric oncologists and psycho-oncologists highlight the team approach to the treatment of childhood cancers

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