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Future Perspective on Pediatric Palliative Oncology

Cancer therapeutics are quickly evolving resulting in many children living longer with advanced cancer and ongoing prognostic uncertainty. The integration of palliative care principles is essential, including effective and compassionate communication, high quality symptom management, and continuous attention to the needs of the child and entire family, irrespective of treatment goals or outcome. Taking into consideration the evolving landscape of pediatric oncology, this session will include: 1. A brief historical perspective on Pediatric Palliative Oncology (PPO), 2. An overview of the current status of PPO clinical care, education/training and research, and 3. Reflections on further needs for PPO in order to deliver the best possible care to children with advanced cancer and their families.