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Children's Hospital receives international recognition for supportive care in cancer

(LONDON, Ontario) – Children's Hospital at London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC) receives prestigious international certification for excellence in supportive care for children and youth with cancer.

Committed to establishing innovative best practices, supportive care at Children's Hospital enables paediatric health care teams to prevent and manage the adverse effects of cancer itself and its treatment, including both physical and psychological symptoms. Oncology research in this field is rapidly evolving, allowing teams to make evidence-informed decisions that are best for the patient.

“We are in a fortunate place where there is new research being done regularly in the area of oncology supportive care,” said Dr. Jennifer Seelisch, Paediatric Hematologist/Oncologist at Children's Hospital. “Locally in London, we work hard to ensure that we remain up to date with the current best global evidence and make changes to care as new recommendations arise. We incorporate supportive care measures, such as appropriate anti-nausea medications or infection prevention medication, into our electronic care plans, and review this evidence as a group when it changes.”

Children's Hospital is among four paediatric hospitals in Canada to be honoured with this recognition, including Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO), McMaster Children's Hospital and SickKids. These health care organizations are now certified by the Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer [MASCC](#).

"This recognition speaks to the incredible work our dedicated staff at Children's do every day to provide better quality of life for children and youth with cancer," added Dr. Seelisch. "The MASCC certification means a lot to our division as an acknowledgment of our dedication to our paediatric patients."

MASCC certification recognizes oncology centers for integrating the highest standards of comprehensive supportive care services with cancer treatment. Children's Hospital and other recipient hospitals provide comprehensive supportive care to pediatric oncology patients. Working in partnership with the Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario (POGO), Children's Hospital ensures patients and families impacted by childhood cancer have access to the best care and support, including through POGO's Interlink, Transitions, AfterCare, and Satellite Clinic services, and implementation of POGO's evidence-based clinical practice guidelines.

About London Health Sciences Centre

With roots going back a century and a half, London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC), is an award-winning, research-intensive acute tertiary and quaternary teaching hospital, one of only 14 such hospitals in Ontario. LHSC is also home to Children's Hospital, one of just four acute tertiary care paediatric hospitals in the province. Our unique place in the health system positions us well to inform and advise on provincial, national and international health policy. We are the cornerstone of care for many specialized programs and services in Western Ontario. And, as a major provider of emergency care and through our community hospital mission, we also care for the more than 400,000 people who call London home as well as many in surrounding communities. With Ontario's health system continuing its transformation, LHSC has an opportunity to inform it and to place itself at the locus of the regionalized health system by virtue of its size, specialized capabilities, research and education capacity and its current regional footprint. LHSC's formal relationship and strong bond with Western University provides a mechanism for collaboration to enable the delivery of high quality care through a process of continuous learning and research. At its core, the affiliation is a reciprocal relationship that leverages the learning, teaching and care environments of both Western University and LHSC. London Health Sciences Centre is a 15,000 person strong team of physicians, staff and volunteers – collaborators, innovators and pioneers, meeting the care needs of those we serve and charting a course for the future.

More information about LHSC can be found at www.lhsc.on.ca.

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