

## *Survivorship, Transition, and Advocacy in Pediatric and AYA Oncology*

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***Presentation Description:*** Survivorship and transition are inextricably linked in the care of pediatric and adolescents who are treated for cancer. The short term and late effects of treatment can affect both physical and emotional health of the patient as well as the family members. Best practice standards include psychosocial care that is patient centered and collaborative. Survivorship care must include teaching self-advocacy to optimize patient outcomes and improve overall quality of life for patients who transfer from the pediatric to adult based healthcare system. Pediatric oncology teams witness first-hand the social determinants of health - thus the integration of micro and macro practices can be a powerful catalyst for raising awareness, creating change, and ultimately improving patient outcomes and a healthier society.

This presentation will outline key concepts of survivorship care, transition planning, and advocacy for the childhood cancer community. Strategies for teaching self-advocacy skills to patients and their families as well as a review of current legislative issues that impact access to healthcare, the financial burden of treatment, and quality of life will be covered in this presentation.

### **Learning Objectives**

1. Participants will be able to describe physical and emotional late effects of pediatric and AYA cancer.
2. Participants will understand key advocacy priorities that are relevant to the pediatric and AYA cancer community.
3. Participants will learn how to teach self-advocacy skills to pediatric and AYA cancer survivors for effective transition planning.