

Childhood Cancer Profile



Costa Rica

Burden of Childhood Cancer



0.8%

of all childhood cancer cases in the LAC region



0.5%

of all childhood cancer deaths in the LAC region



17.6%

of all deaths among children and adolescents (1-19 years) are due to Cancer

237 new cases/year



52

cancer deaths among people <20 years, each year

Annual trends in childhood cancer mortality (2000-2014)



-0.65%



+0.38%

Proportion of Prioritized Cancers

ALL (27.7%)	Burkitt (0.6%)	Hodgkin (2.6%)	RB (2.6%)	Wilms (3.9%)	LGG (7.1%)
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Cancer Registration and Survival



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active PBCR

0

specialized pediatric PBCR

100%

of the population covered by population-based cancer registries (PBCR)

Mortality/ Incidence Ratio

For every 100 children diagnosed with cancer

22

die of the disease each year

Net Survival

Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia

80-89%

Health System Response



79%

of the WHO essential medicines to treat children with cancer are included in the country's EML



1 center/1,424,000 children and adolescents

1

center to deliver specialized care for pediatric cancer



77

Universal Health Care Index for Service Coverage



No/No

Early Detection Programme or Guideline/
Defined Referral System

Palliative Care

3 Pediatric Palliative Care Teams

2.8 Teams/million of children < 15 years

