About Cancer Late Effects

The great news is, many kids survive childhood cancers and grow up to be adults. But about two out of every three survivors have at least one late effect.

Late effects are any long-term problem from being treated for cancer at a young age. Some examples of late effects are trouble getting pregnant, weak bones, heart problems, hearing loss, and a higher risk of getting a different cancer.

The Children’s Oncology Group, a network of doctors dedicated to researching pediatric cancer, publishes screening guidelines for late effects. Huntsman Cancer Institute’s Pediatric Cancer Late Effects Clinic uses these guidelines to develop treatments for each patient.
Who should visit the Pediatric Cancer Late Effects Clinic?

- Any adult who was treated for cancer before turning 18 years old.
- Anyone treated for a typical childhood cancer, even if that person was over age 18 when treated. An example would be someone treated for osteosarcoma at the age of 22.
- The cancer survivor’s parents, brothers or sisters, spouses, significant others, or children are welcome to come along to appointments.

Who will I meet in the clinic?

You will meet with Jennifer Wright, MD. She specializes in childhood cancers and is also trained in adult internal medicine and cancer late effects.

You can also meet with dietitians, social workers, fitness experts, or other support staff, just like every other patient at Huntsman Cancer Institute.

What happens during a visit to the clinic?

If you were really young when you were treated for cancer, you may not remember specifics about the treatment.

During a visit to the clinic, Dr. Wright will go over all the information from your cancer treatment with you so you know your medical history.

What are the benefits of a visit to the clinic?

- You will get a copy of your cancer treatment history.
- You will learn about late effects to watch for and screening tests that can be done to find late effects early, when problems are easier to treat.
- You might be referred to other specialists if a new medical problem is found.

“We are here to educate survivors. We want to help ease their concerns while empowering them to become their own health care advocates.”

Jennifer Wright, MD

To make an appointment or to refer a patient, call 801-585-7180.