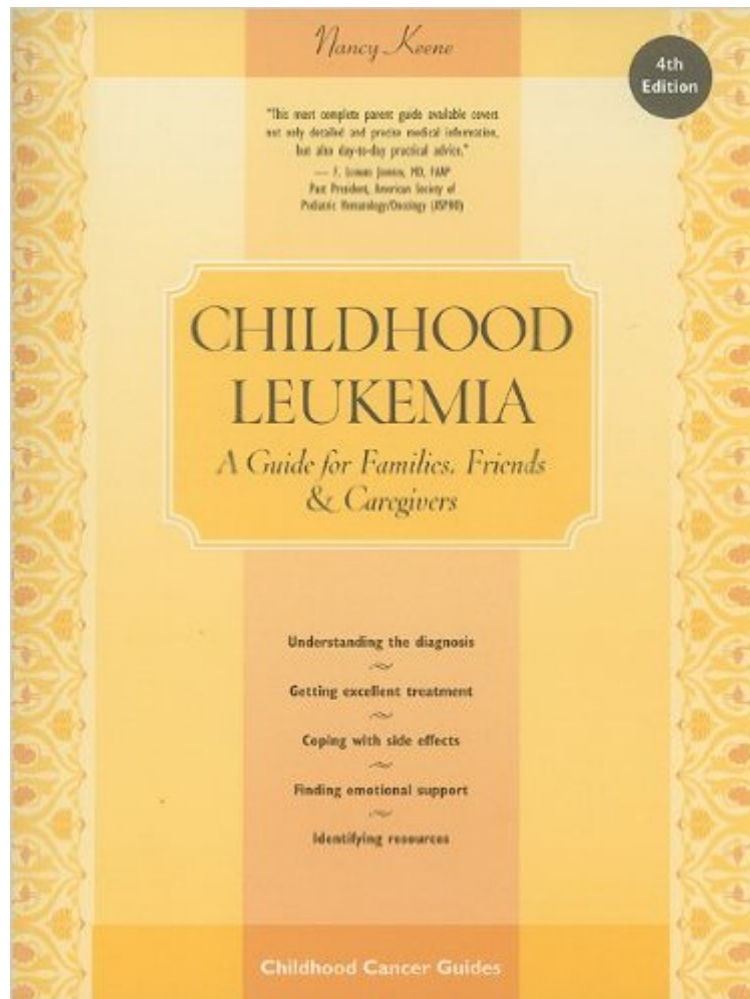


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# Childhood Leukemia: A Guide For Families, Friends & Caregivers (Patient Centered Guides)



## Synopsis

This most complete parent guide covers not only detailed and precise medical information about leukemia and the various treatment options, but also day-to-day practical advice on how to cope with procedures, hospitalization, family and friends, school, social and financial issues, communication, feelings, and, if therapy is not successful, the difficult issues of death and bereavement. Woven among the medical details and the practical advice are the voices of more than 150 parents and children who have lived with leukemia and its treatments. As many parents have already found, advice from "veteran" parents can be a lifeline. Obtaining a basic understanding of topics such as medical terminology, common side effects of chemotherapy, and how to interpret blood counts can help improve quality of life for the whole family. Learning how to develop a partnership with your child's physician can vastly increase a family's peace of mind. Hearing parents describe their own emotional ups and downs, how they coped, and how they molded their family life around hospitalizations is a tremendous comfort. Just knowing that there are other kids on chemotherapy who refuse to eat anything but tacos or who have frequent rages makes one feel less alone. Parents who read this book will encounter medical facts simply explained, advice to ease their daily life, and tools to be a strong advocate for their child. This fourth edition contains significant updates to the information on treatments (including tailoring treatments to children's individual genetic profiles), chemotherapy drugs, stem cell transplants, coping with side effects, and resources. It also contains a personal treatment summary and long-term follow-up guide for your child to keep as a permanent record.

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## Customer Reviews

"Childhood Leukemia" is an essential reference for a parent of a child with leukemia. Packed with information and resources, it is also very readable. The inclusion of excerpts of stories of parents who've "been there" lends the book a friendly yet personal atmosphere. I am the parent of a child with leukemia, and Nancy Keene's work is more than just a book to our family, it's more like a Bible, if I may! I have found other sources of information, yes, but not altogether in one place. The book not only informs us on the medical aspects of the disease and treatment, it also helps us deal with emotional and financial issues. I would recommend this book not only to parents of children with leukemia, but other childhood cancers as well, since many of the treatments overlap. I would also recommend it for the extended family and friends, so that they can more fully understand what the family is going through.

Every family that has a child with leukemia should own this book. It helped our family immensely when our 6 year old daughter was diagnosed with leukemia. This book covers every aspect of what you will be dealing with on the road to remission and recovery. No other book on leukemia covers the subject with the depth and warmth of this book. The author's daughter is a childhood leukemia survivor. The book is written in a very easy to read style, and gives many helpful suggestions in dealing with the day to day, and long term problems that come up in dealing with childhood leukemia. Our oncologist read it and was overjoyed to finally see a book out that lays out all of the information so concisely.

When my son was diagnosed in July 2002 with ALL, I didn't even know what Leukemia was. I ordered this book from right away. Over a year later, I found myself still looking to this book for reference. After the doctors explain something to me I come home and look it up in this book and understand even better exactly what's going on with my son. If you know anyone with leukemia get a copy for yourself and for the parents of that child. (I have never written a review for a book before but felt compelled to tell people how helpful this book has been to me.)

This is an excellent book. If you are finished with your copy, please give it to someone in the waiting room with you next time you take your child in for chemo. Or better yet, buy a new one now and give

it to someone who has a newly diagnosed child. Enjoy watching your donation change someone's experience for the better first hand. My grandson Jonnie, who has leukemia, also has a charity that benefits patients at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. We donate these books and also toys. Send a book there in his name. If you need to see bone marrow aspiration photos go to [...] These photos take the fear away for some kids who experience the procedure, but never get to see it done. This disease is rare. We're very lucky to have a book like this. Let's do what we can to see that everyone who can use it has a copy.

Nancy Keene's book, "Childhood Leukemia", is the best book in print for parents and other caregivers who have a child facing the arduous but very successful treatment for a once incurable disease. "Childhood Leukemia" bridges the gap between the hoodoo of inspirational books and the voodoo of medical texts. Using her background in biology, Nancy dispels the terror that the word cancer engenders - a terror that needn't be, now that over 85 percent of children with leukemia are cured -- by describing medical terms and procedures in lay terms, and offering practical methods for coping with pain, boredom, depression and uncertainty, as well as childhood development after cancer. This book is organized so that one can read and assimilate only what's meaningful and absorbable at a given stage, yet its comprehensive scope insures that this will be the book you check first to find the answers you need. Nancy pays special attention to the emotional aspects of coping with childhood cancer, merging many first-person accounts from parents who have found unique ways to handle each obstacle that has arisen. Indeed, this book would serve well as a reference for anyone coping with any childhood cancer.

I don't know how I functioned with the care of my leukemic daughter before I bought this book! I have asked the doctors office questions about the same drugs over and over. This book lets me refer to any chemo drug and see its common and rare side-effects, how its given, generic names, everything I need to know! The book is sprinkled throughout with quotes from real people like me going through the same thing. Their experiences and coping methods have been a lifeline. They remind me that I'm not alone! The author delivers medical information in simple terms that are easy to comprehend. Advice is given on how to deal with the financial aspects and support groups and so much more. This book will be within arms reach for a long time!

This book is a fantastic resource for any family, friends of, educators, etc - anyone dealing with childhood leukemia in their lives. My nephew was diagnosed with ALL when he was 2 years old and

right away, I needed to know more about what we were all dealing with. This book educated me on all of the facts, medication and treatments and experiences we might face as a family. Not only do you learn what leukemia is all about and how chemotherapy treatments will go, but you also learn how to deal psychologically with everything happening. The whole world seems to change when you or your family is impacted with such a terminal illness and a lot of people may not know how to deal or what to expect. This book HELPS - IT REALLY HELPS. I recommend it to anyone and everyone who wants to know more about childhood leukemia, any family who is directly impacted and any caretakers, teachers, counselors who may encounter those experiencing this illness.... THIS BOOK IS WORTH EVERY PENNY and MORE.

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