



Emerge: An eHealth model of care for paediatric patients and families at the end-of-treatment for Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL)

Welcome to the Emerge Program. Our team at The Children's Cancer Centre is developing a program to support children and families who have recently completed their cancer treatment.

What do I need to do to be part of the Emerge Program?

We know that the end of treatment can be a challenging time for some families as regular appointments end, access to services change and there is less availability of information and support. We hope to address this gap in assistance through the Emerge program.

Emerge is a telehealth program run by specialist nurses and psychosocial clinicians that will focus on topics that are important for your child and family at this end of treatment period. We are evaluating Emerge as an implementation study. This means we are interested in understanding how well the Emerge program works and how satisfied and acceptable the service is to families.

What's involved in participating?

Telehealth appointments

We would like to see your child and family for 2 telehealth consultations. The first consultation will happen about 3 months after your child finishes their treatment, and the second about 6 months after they finish treatment. More consultations can be arranged if we think they would be of benefit to your family.

Questionnaires

Before each consultation we will invite you to fill in some questionnaires about your child and family to help us understand your needs and make sure we provide the right support. If your child is older than 7 years of age, we will also ask them to complete some questionnaires about themselves.

Program evaluation

1-2 weeks after each telehealth appointment we will ask you to complete a survey about your experience of the program.

Interview (optional)

We will ask a small number of families to complete an interview with the research team to better understand how you found the program.

Who is funding this research?

This research is being funded by a 4-year grant from the Victorian Cancer Agency.

What are the benefits?

Currently there is no service like this available for families whose child has recently completed the treatment. We hope that participating in this program will be of benefit by providing access to information and support services that are tailored to your child and family needs.

We hope this research will help us find ways to improve end of treatment care for families such as yourself.

What are the risks?

The main inconvenience is the time needed to attend the telehealth appointments and complete questionnaires. We will do our best to schedule consultations at a time that works for you and your family.



Contact a team member for more information

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