

Management of Cancer Pain in Pediatric Patients

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Pain is the most symptoms that occurred in childhood cancer. The pain can be related with diagnostic procedures, treatment, or palliative. Since pain declared as the fifth vital sign, its mean we have to get rid the pain as soon as possible.

World Health Organization already modified the step ladder into two steps concerning the lack of CYP2D6 gene in children. That is why children need more morphine because there is no place for codein or tramal anymore.

As physicians that take care of children with cancer, we have to know how to use morphine according to the proper way. The goals are so these children will have a good quality of life during treatment or during their remaining life.

Indonesia as one of the country with limited resources, sometimes we have problems with morphine availability, especially morphine immediate. Because of that, we have to make some modification with any kind of opioid that available in our center. The goal is still the same, that is good quality of life.

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