

7 THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT PALLIATIVE CARE

- 1** The main goal of pediatric palliative care (PPC) is to address symptoms of physical and/or psychosocial suffering, and to support the needs of the whole family.
- 2** Pediatric Palliative Care is not related to end of life.
- 3** PPC focuses on making each day as good as it can be and the quality of life.
- 4** PPC can be offered at the same time as treatment of an illness, as early as a diagnosis.
- 5** A PPC team may follow your child's care across different settings (clinic or hospital, home).
- 6** Palliative care clinicians can provide consistency across the many settings over months or even years.
- 7** If your child's medical team does not refer you for PPC or you are told your child doesn't need palliative care, you always have the option to ask for it and make a decision for yourself.