

Advocate Children's Hospital

Pediatric Advanced Care Team

The **Pediatric Advanced Care Team (PACT)** blends the expertise of specialists in pediatric palliative care and pain management into one cohesive program.

PACT is dedicated to providing quality care for your child while prioritizing comfort and wellness. Our goal is to have your child achieve the highest level of function possible throughout all types of illness.

Pain Management

Quality pain control is an essential aspect of every child's care. The goal of PACT is to partner with your child's primary medical team to promote safe and effective treatment of your child's pain. When your child feels better, they can reach their best possible level of function and recovery. We work with your child's primary medical team to:

- Provide tailored recommendations to manage pain and symptoms safely and effectively.
- Offer guidance on transitioning off pain medication as they recover both in the hospital and at home.
- Educate on safe storage and disposal of opioid medication if your child requires it at home for a period of time.

Palliative Care

Pediatric palliative care focuses on enhancing quality of life for children and families facing serious and often complex conditions. PACT professionals are specially trained in palliative care to help address the unique challenges that serious illness can present. We partner with your child's primary medical team to:

- Treat your child's disease-related pain and distressful symptoms
- Assist you in complex medical decision making and care planning
- Enhance communication about your child's care and coordinate regular opportunities for you to meet with key members of their medical team
- Provide continuity in your child's care from hospital to home
- Connect you with community-based resources to help enhance your child's quality of life at home and school

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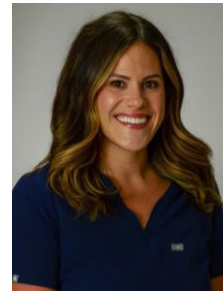
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