

# INDIAN CHILDHOOD CANCER INITIATIVE (ICCi)

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### WHAT IS ICCi?

The **Indian Childhood Cancer Initiative (ICCi)** is a platform to bring all stakeholders of the pediatric oncology community in India together in a formal way to achieve the common goal of a **National Childhood Cancer Plan and Policy** for the country. This multi-stakeholder group aims to partner with and strengthen the government of India's program for pediatric cancer control and towards the 2030 goal of 60% survival 100% access by adapting the World Health Organization, Global Initiative on Childhood Cancer (WHO GICC) CUREALL technical package strategies and integrating this with Govt of India's cancer control plan and policies at central and state level. **Launched in March 2023**, it is working to formalize the intersection between Government (Central/State), pediatric oncology community, and the civil society and to develop a strategy and a roadmap which will form part of the National Childhood Cancer Plan.



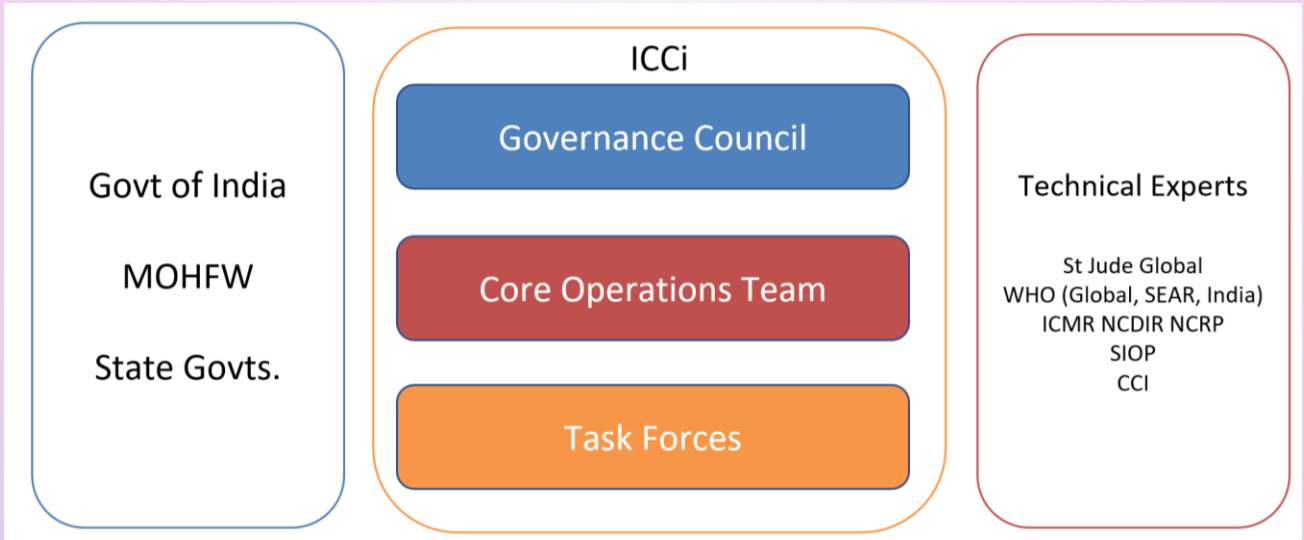
The second stakeholder and consultation workshop held in September 2023 in New Delhi was the first formal **workshop with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW)** in partnership with WHO India, WHO SEAR and Indian Council of Medical Research National Centre for Disease Informatics and Research. The goal of the workshop was to sensitise the MOHFW about ICCi and need to creating the National Plan for Childhood Cancer



### OUR GOAL

*Equal access to patient centred, holistic care and standardized treatment for all children with cancer and survivors (to ensure optimal outcomes) in India through multistakeholder engagement.*

# OUR STRUCTURE



# OUR GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

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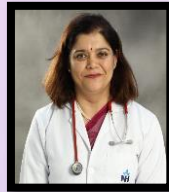
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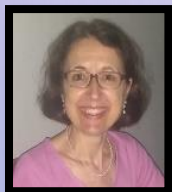
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# GLIMPSES OF OUR WORK

## DATA & REGISTRY

We organized a workshop “Understanding Data Research and Clinical Trials” for over 70 Clinical Research Coordinators and Cancer Registry Staff as part of PHOCON, held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023 in Chennai. It is part of the ICCi Data and Registry Taskforces priority objective on developing and deliver training content in increase childhood cancer registry and research capacity.



## PSYCHOSOCIAL

The Social and Psychological support taskforce has drafted the position statement on Psychological support and has also created a special interest group for pediatric psycho oncology, their first meeting was held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

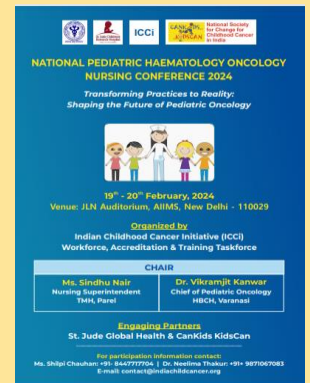
**POSITION STATEMENT**  
**Delivering psychological and social support to children with cancer in India and their families: a position statement from the Social and Psychological Taskforce of the Indian Childhood Cancer Initiative**



## NURSING

Conducted a National Pediatric Haematology Oncology Nursing Conference on 19<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> February 2024 in AIIMS, New Delhi.

- The conference had an attendance of 194 delegates from all across India.
- 35+ Eminent Nursing & Medical Faculty
- Opportunity to present Nursing Lead



How to get involved?

- If you want to be a part of any taskforce, please contact the taskforce chairs.
- If you need any further information on ICCi, please contact the operations team at [contact@indiachildcancer.org](mailto:contact@indiachildcancer.org)

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