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### Palliative care: toy therapy benefits of pediatric oncology

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#### ABSTRACT

**Introduction:** Palliative term means “calm ” or” temporarily slow down evil ”, according to the World Health Organization (WHO). In this process, palliative care to cancer patients is given from the time of diagnosis, generating preventive actions primarily for the relief of pain of each individual. Pediatric patients often require a different palliative care. Given this, the Law No. 11,104, of March 21, 2005, establishes toy libraries installation in health facilities that offer pediatric care in detention regime. **Objective:** analyze the benefits of toy in pediatric oncology. **Methodology:** This is a literature review study, using the following electronic journals in databases: BDNF, LILACS, SciELO and Brazilian law. The descriptors used were Therapeutic Toy, Cancer, Palliative Care, Child oncopediatrica. The search took place 10-20 July 2017. Under the inclusion criteria for articles published between 2012 and 2016, written in Portuguese and in full text. Excluding the items that did not meet the theme. **Results and Discussion:** identified 98 publications, 12 of these met the inclusion criteria. The discussion of the play as a palliative care to cancer child, demonstrates to be relevant, since it is considered an important element in fighting the disease and treatment. The use of therapeutic play is seen as an essential tool in the treatment because it facilitates the understanding of the procedures and acceptance in the treatment and minimize the anxiety, stress and fear, also contributing to the interaction, the welfare and development of child. **Conclusion:** Finally, it is noted that the therapy with toys provides a child’s positive response on the procedures and the team itself, making it more collaborative procedures during their treatment, thus making it less painful and traumatic.

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