

The

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Word

When Kids Get **CANCER**



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What is **CANCER**

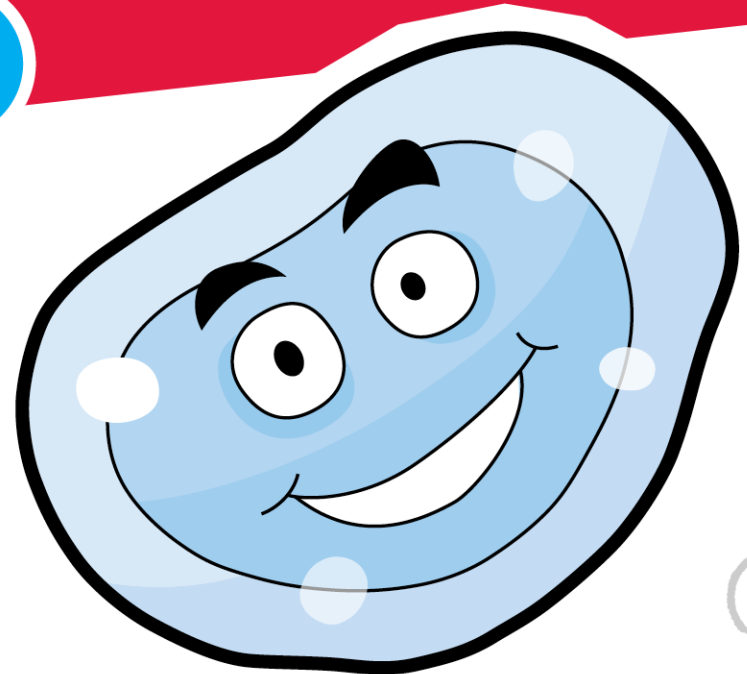


To answer this question we need to learn a little about what goes on inside our bodies...

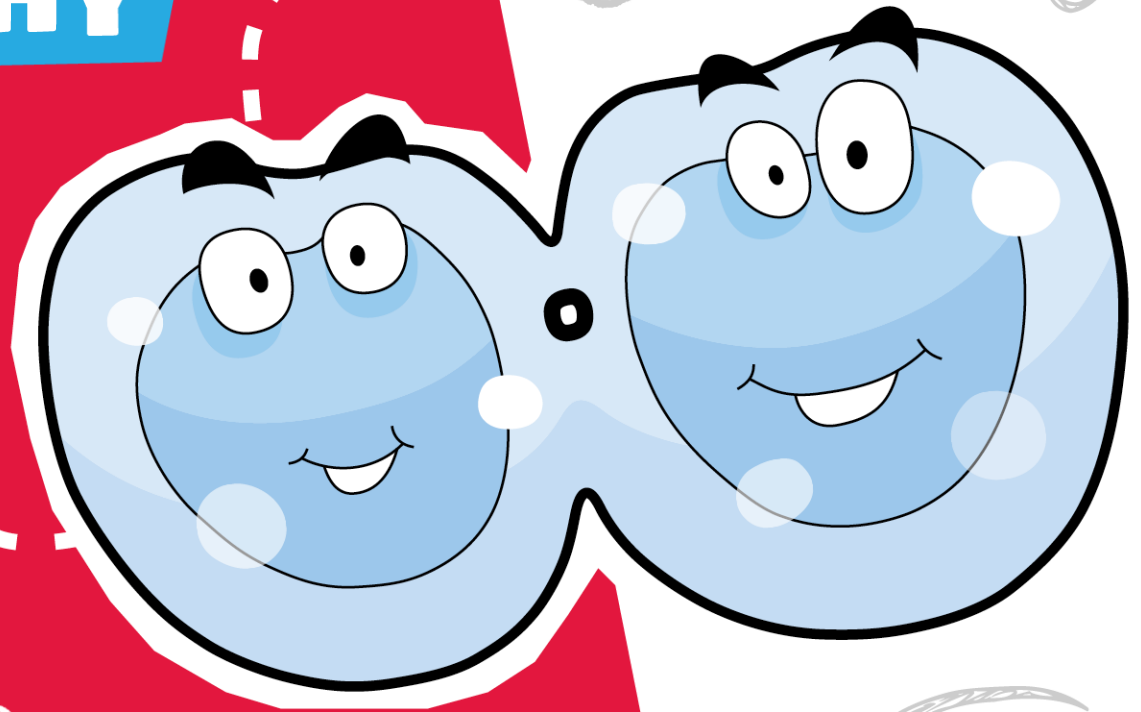
CELLS are the **BUILDING** **BLOCKS** of our **BODIES**

We are made up of
TRILLIONS of cells

Cells have different jobs
and behave in different
ways in our bodies



CELLS are
always **DIVIDING**
and **MAKING**
new **HEALTHY**
CELLS





CANCER happens
when a cell starts making

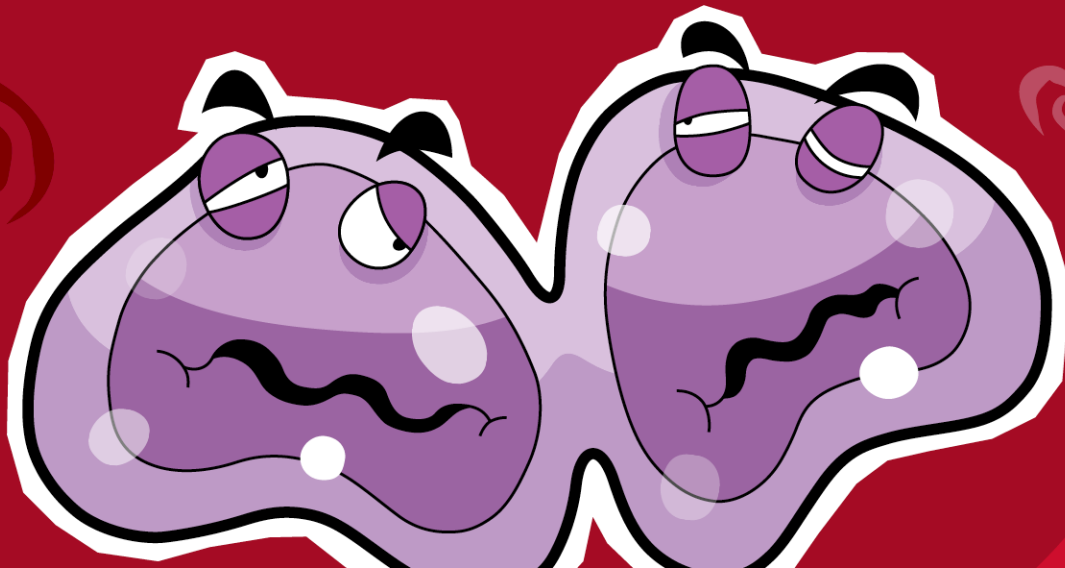


SICK CELLS

faster than healthy ones

There are many different types of cancers depending on where the sick cells are in our bodies

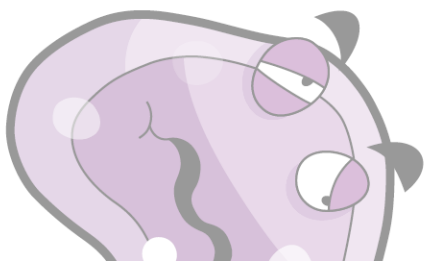
When the cells in our blood
divide and make **SICK**
CANCER CELLS
this is called
LYMPHOMA



Why do **KIDS** get **CANCER** ?



We
**DON'T
KNOW**





We **DO KNOW** that it
does not happen very often

You can't "**CATCH**" cancer,
it is **NOT** like a **COLD**





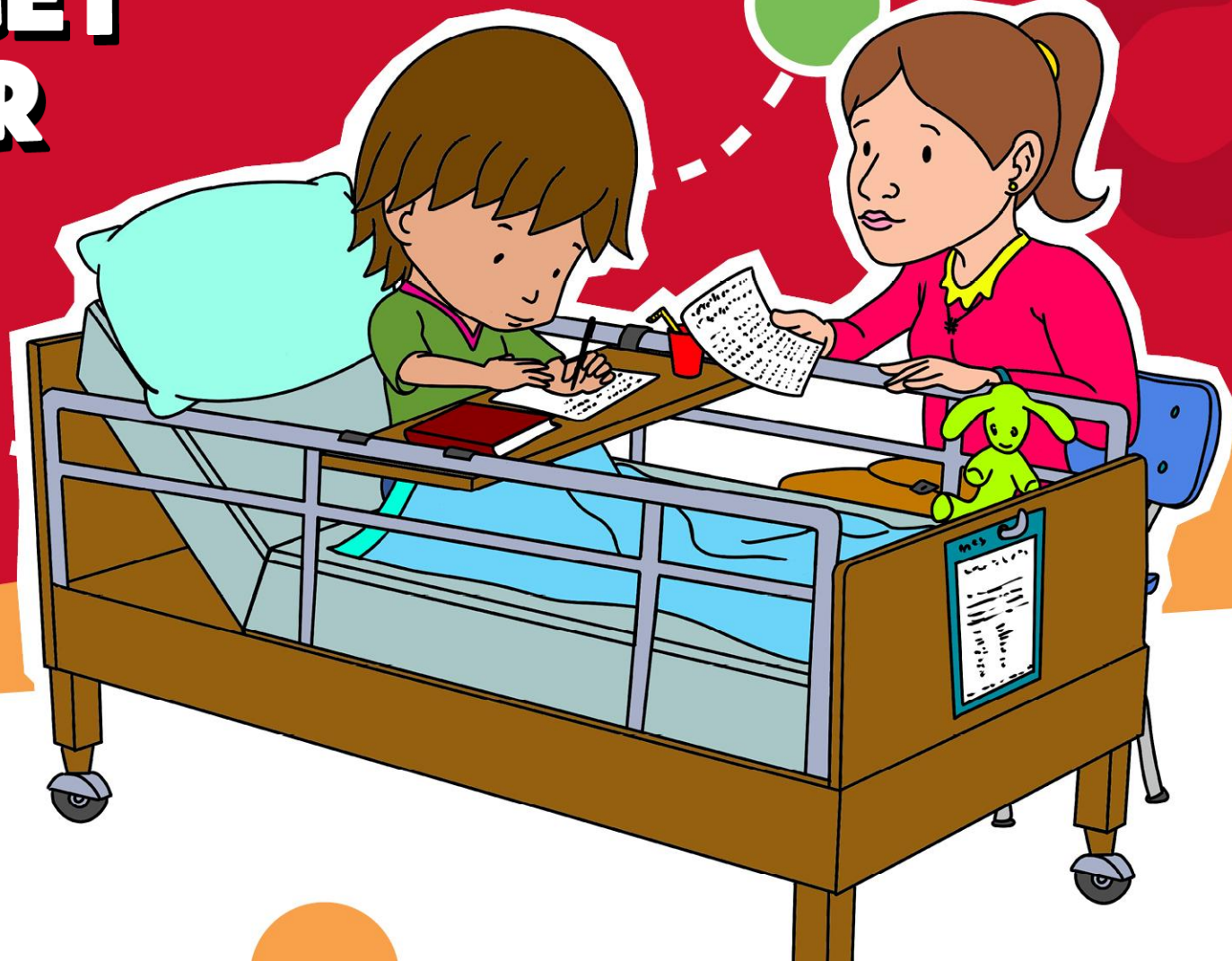
You **DON'T** get
CANCER from

a **PERSON**,

a **PLACE** or by

MISBEHAVING

The **GOOD NEWS** is that most kids who get cancer **WILL GET BETTER**





How **DO** Kids
Get **BETTER**



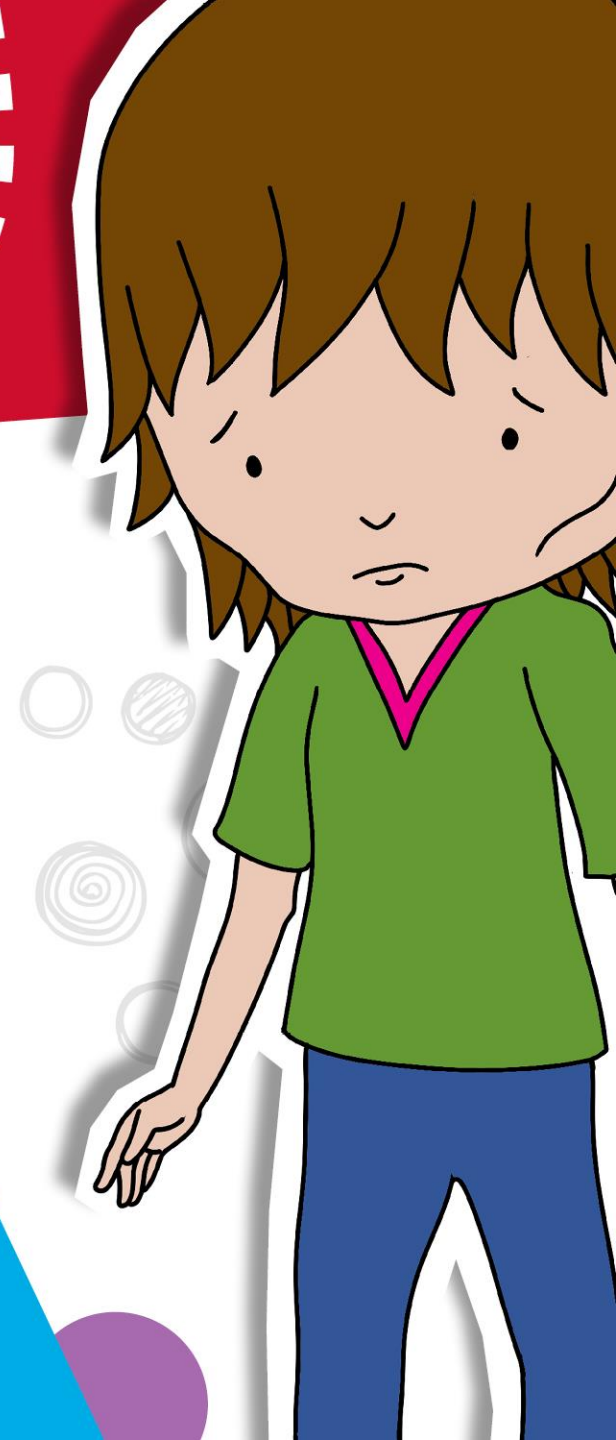
Doctors use **2** special kinds of **TREATMENTS** to help kids get better

Chemotherapy

Strong medicines that kill sick cancer cells and stop them from coming back

Radiation

Strong beams of energy that are aimed at the cancer cells to destroy them

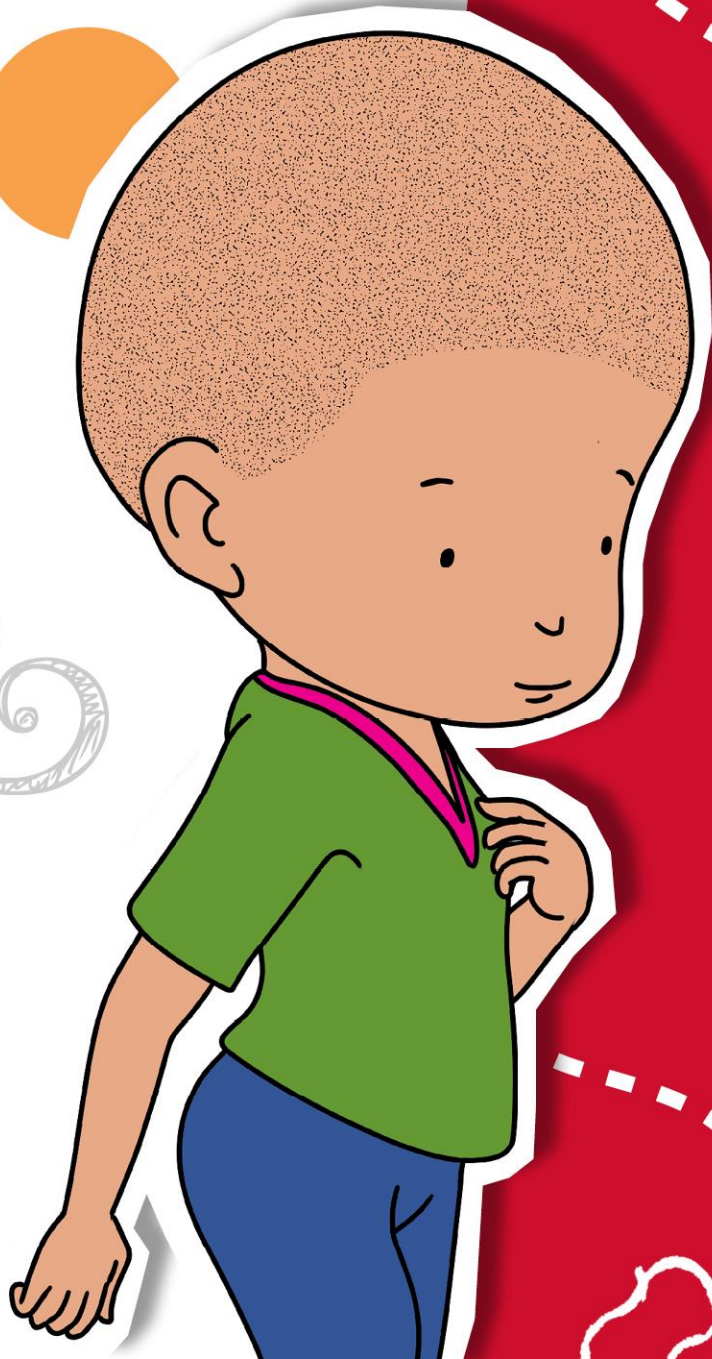


Sometimes
the **CANCER
MEDICINES**
do extra things
like...



- Make hair fall out
- Make you feel extra tired
- Make your face puffy or rounder





The good news
is that these extra
**THINGS WILL
GO AWAY**
in time so it is
important to
BE PATIENT



How Can Kids

HELP ?



STAY IN TOUCH

with your **FRIEND**

who is **AWAY**
from school



Send cards

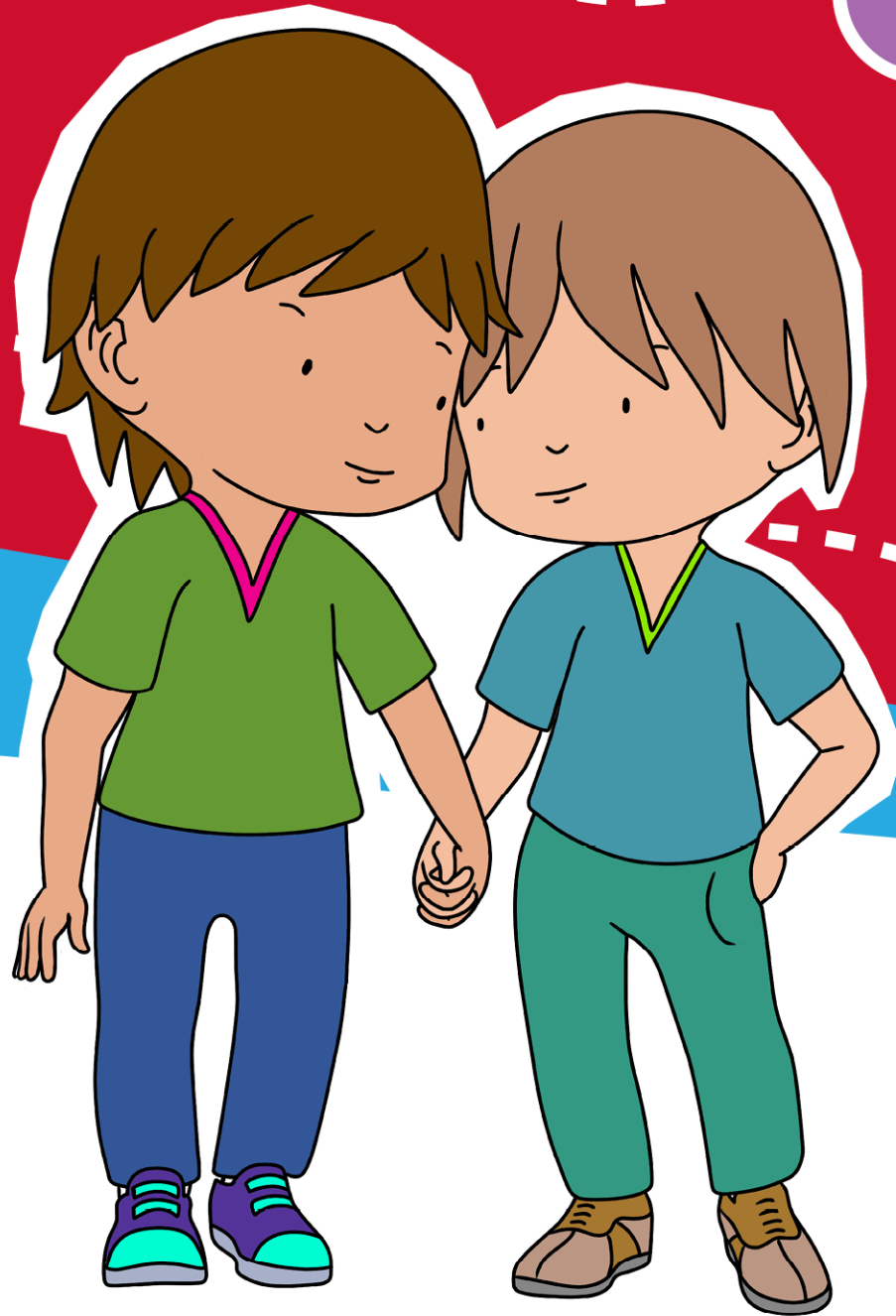
Make a book of jokes

Make a video letter

Create a class journal

ASK if you can **VISIT**
your **FRIEND** at home
or in the **HOSPITAL**





Be **KIND** and
GENTLE with
your friend

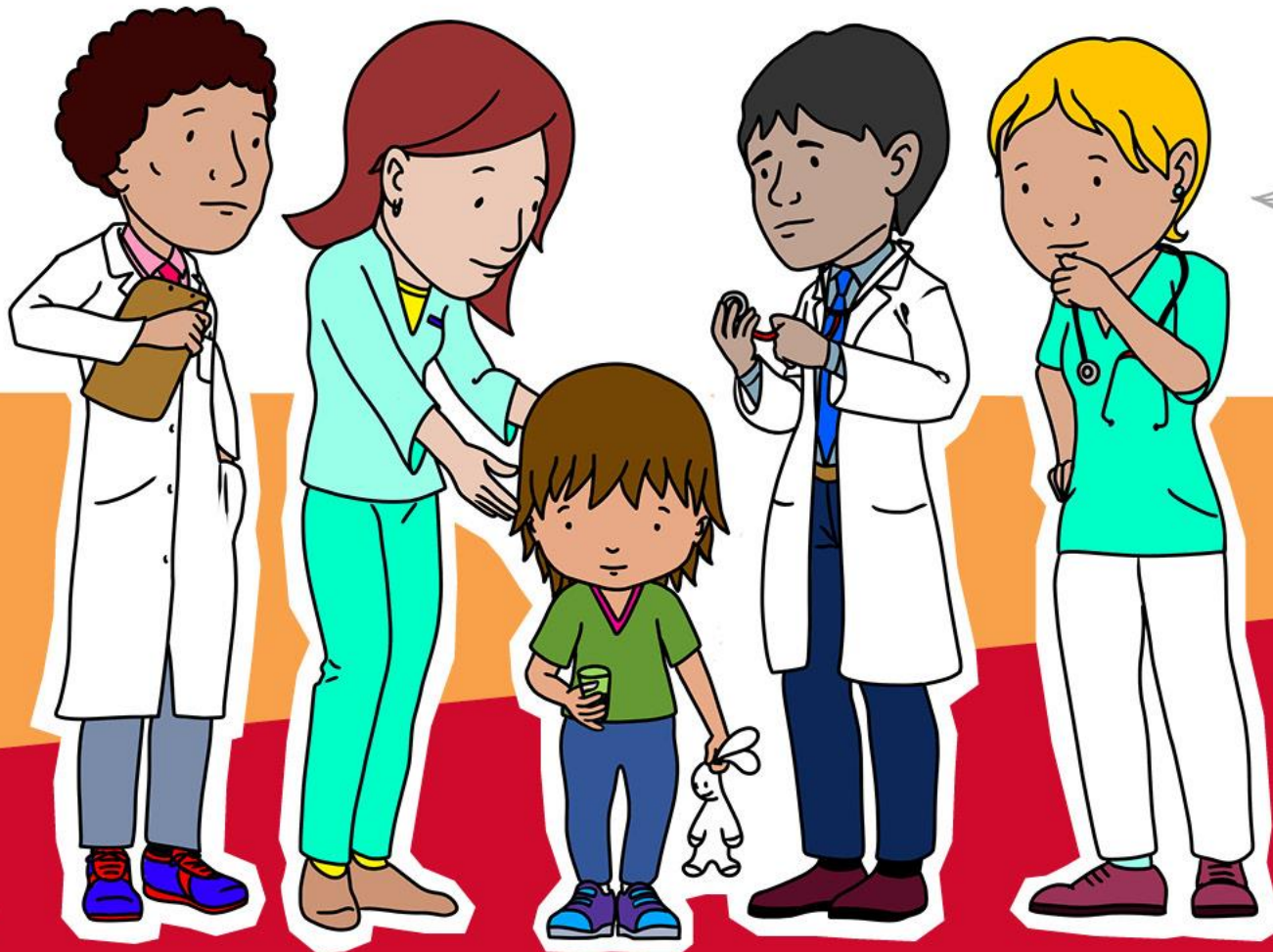


Remember they are the same person, but may not be able to do all the things, in the same way they did before they were sick

A cartoon illustration of a young child with short brown hair, wearing a green shirt and blue pants, sitting on a red chair at a yellow desk. The child is writing on a piece of paper with a pen. On the desk, there are several stacks of colorful books. The background is red with white dashed lines and various shapes like a blue circle, a white spiral, and a green semi-circle.

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CANCERS

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