

The Declaration of Jogjakarta Asian Childhood Cancer Survivor

The development of cancer treatment which is getting better in the last decade has given a lot of positive impact towards childhood cancer patient in various countries in Asia.

The increasing number of this total cure cases involves the development of researches about cancer and plenty of supports from all sides who cares about the issue of cancer.

As the largest continent in the world and with the great number of developing countries, Asia cannot be separated from cancer problems as a part from the on-going development of health issues.

Therefore, cancer treatment always involves support from family, doctor, nurse, hospital, government and the survivors themselves. With the harmonious collaboration among all these stakeholders, we hope cancer can be detected sooner by all levels of society and eventually the patient will get better.

At the opportunity of SIOP/ICCCPO meeting in Jogjakarta in April 21th - 24th, 2012, the survivors from all over Asia has gathered and shared experience and voiced their minds as part of the collaboration to make cancer treatment better to all cancer patients all over Asia.

Through a process with great participation, the survivors from Asia voices their minds, as follows:

To cancer Patients :

- Keep on fighting against cancer, because cancer can be cured via medical treatment and a high fight spirit.
- Cancer is not a death sentence, you are no different from the other kids.
- If we can succeed going through the treatments, you can succeed too.

To the patient's parents :

- Accompany the patient with love as the power of love is the energy source for the patient.
- Develop the patient and the survivor's confidence so that they can live in normal way.
- Don't be too over-protective, but show them that they can compete in the real world.
- Always give them the biggest smile as they need a strong parent to make them strong.

To the people in general :

- Cancer is not a scary illness, nor contagious one. We all have the right to get a proper treatment.
- Supporting all socialization about cancer, especially related to early symptoms, the balance information and positive perspective about cancer.

To the government :

- Insisting the government to give full health social security to cancer patient.
- Insisting the ministry of health to ensure the fairness of cancer medicine's distribution
- Insisting the government, in this case all public hospital to provide proper special service for childhood oncology.
- Providing special education for cancer patient.

To doctors, nurses and hospital :

- To become a wise doctor and friends to the patient.
- To become a nurse who always give smiles and calmness to the patient
- To insist hospital to provide a special place and access to survivors group so that they can give support in the process of healing.
- To insist hospital to provide integrated psychological services to patients and parents.

To childhood cancer survivor :

- Please join cancer survivor community in your city or country so that you can give benefit and support to childhood cancer patient.
- Insisting childhood cancer survivor network from all Asia to share experience and information to help increase survival hope in cancer patient
- Becoming an important part in the society and give a success story that cancer survivors has strong personalities and are able to compete.

So there was our voice written in a declaration that we call the declaration of Jogjakarta as a token of our love and our hope so that there more childhood cancer patients who can enjoy more the beauty of life on earth.

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