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# THE LANCET

The Lancet [April 04, 2026](#)

Editorial

## **Childhood cancer: progress. But not enough**

The death of a child has profound and lasting emotional consequences for families, underscoring the importance of improving survival for children with cancer. According to the CONCORD-4 study, published in The Lancet, many countries are on track not just to achieve, but to surpass, the 2018 WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer target of 60% survival at 5 years for all childhood cancers by 2030.

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Comment

## **Monitoring progress in global childhood cancer survival**

The disparity in global childhood cancer survival is well known: survival probabilities exceed 80% in high-income countries, whereas they remain around 30% in low-income countries.<sup>1–3</sup> But there are still gaps in our knowledge in this area, among them the ability to measure and compare progress across diverse health-care settings worldwide to guide strategic investments and accelerate further improvements in survival.

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## **Childhood cancer: an equity test for global health**

The incidence of paediatric cancers has been difficult to assess, due both to the nature of these cancers and to inadequate data availability.

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Article

## **Progress towards the WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer target of 60% 5-year survival for all childhood cancers combined, 1990–2019 (CONCORD-4): a Cancer Survival Index derived for 68 countries by analysis of individual records for 613 021 children from 307 population-based cancer registries**

CONCORD is a global public health programme for long-term surveillance of population-based cancer survival. The first three cycles of this programme focused primarily on adults. In CONCORD-4, for the first time, we also included all cancers in children.

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Article

## **Global burden of cancer in children and adolescents aged 0–19 years, 1990–2023: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2023**

Information on childhood cancer burden is crucial for effective cancer policy planning.

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Editorial

## **The future of preconception health**





In 2018, the first Lancet Series on preconception health, led by Judith Stephenson, argued that the health and nutrition of both men and women before conception is important not only for pregnancy outcomes but also for the lifelong health of their children.

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Perspectives

**On boundaries and being a medical relative**

The cheers of the home crowd escaped the hospital room through open windows. “Another four!”, my father cried in frustration.

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Review

**More equitable preconception health: paternal life course opportunities for better pregnancy, child, and family outcomes**

Men and partners are important contributors to the health of future generations, yet their own preconception health and wellbeing remain secondary considerations in research, practice, and policy.

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Review

**Measuring progress in pregnancy planning and preconception health**

As efforts to support pregnancy planning and improve preconception health are increasing at scale, appropriate systems to monitor progress are required. Despite developments in a few countries, no surveillance systems currently in operation are using a comprehensive set of indicators for monitoring preconception health.

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**Casting first for paediatric wrist fractures**

The clinical injunction to avoid patient harm is of special importance in children.

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Perspectives

**Refiloe Masekela: building access to care for childhood lung disease**

“In the 2000s, when the AIDS pandemic hit South Africa, we were seeing a lot of children dying from HIV.

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Article

**Non-surgical casting versus surgical reduction for children with severely displaced distal radial fractures (the CRAFFT Study): a multicentre, randomised, controlled non-inferiority trial and economic evaluation**





Severely displaced distal radial fractures are among the most common and controversial injuries in children.

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Correspondence

**Unusual measles mortality in Bangladesh signals an immunisation emergency**

Bangladesh is experiencing a measles resurgence with unprecedented numbers of severe paediatric cases. As of March 30, 2026, nationwide deaths increased to at least 38 children, including 32 deaths in March alone.

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Article

**Safety and efficacy of the monoclonal antibody L9LS for malaria prevention in children exposed to perennial malaria transmission in Kenya: a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled, phase 2 trial**

Malaria remains a major cause of mortality globally, especially among young children in sub-Saharan Africa. The long-acting monoclonal antibody L9LS has shown high efficacy in preventing malaria in children aged 6–10 years exposed to seasonal transmission but remains untested in perennial transmission settings and younger children.

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Perspective

**The Age Illusion — Limitations of Chronologic Age in Medicine**

Chronologic age plays an outsized role in various aspects of medicine. Yet people of the same age can differ dramatically when it comes to aging-related risk factors.

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Perspective

**Effects of Pervasive Immigration Enforcement on Children's Health**

The types of immigration-enforcement actions being taken in the United States can activate children's stress-response systems, disrupting neurodevelopment, immune function, and emotional regulation.





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Images in clinical medicine

**Intraosseous Abscess from Subacute Osteomyelitis**

A 16-year-old girl presented with 1 month of ankle pain and 11 days of fever. Radiographs showed an ill-defined, radiolucent distal tibial lesion; on MRI, the lesion was hypointense and surrounded by a hyperintense sclerotic rim.

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Correspondence

**Permethrin-Treated Baby Wraps for the Prevention of Malaria in Children**

To the Editor: Boyce et al. (Oct. 9 issue)<sup>1</sup> compared the effectiveness of permethrin-treated baby wraps (intervention) with that of sham-treated wraps (control) for malaria prevention in children 6 to 18 months of age in Uganda.

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Perspective

**Closing the Evidence Gap for Drugs in Children — Measures to Strengthen the Pediatric Research Equity Act**

The Pediatric Research Equity Act was intended to promote the development and testing of prescription drugs for children. But its implementation has been constrained.

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Perspective

**Goals of Care and the Importance of Being Polish**

Jack, a retired teacher whose 91 years hadn't been easy, wanted to leave the hospital forever. With a hospice nurse who was Polish like his cherished grandmother, he could finally take comfort in his care.

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Correspondence

**Measles 2025**

To the Editor: In their recent review article, Do and Mulholland (Dec. 18 issue)<sup>1</sup> describe subacute sclerosing panencephalitis as a rare complication of measles.

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Perspective

**Shock not advised**

A physician offers to help in a medical emergency on a transatlantic flight. Though she faces limits of bureaucracy, equipment, and ultimately biology, she discovers her physicianhood is inescapable.

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