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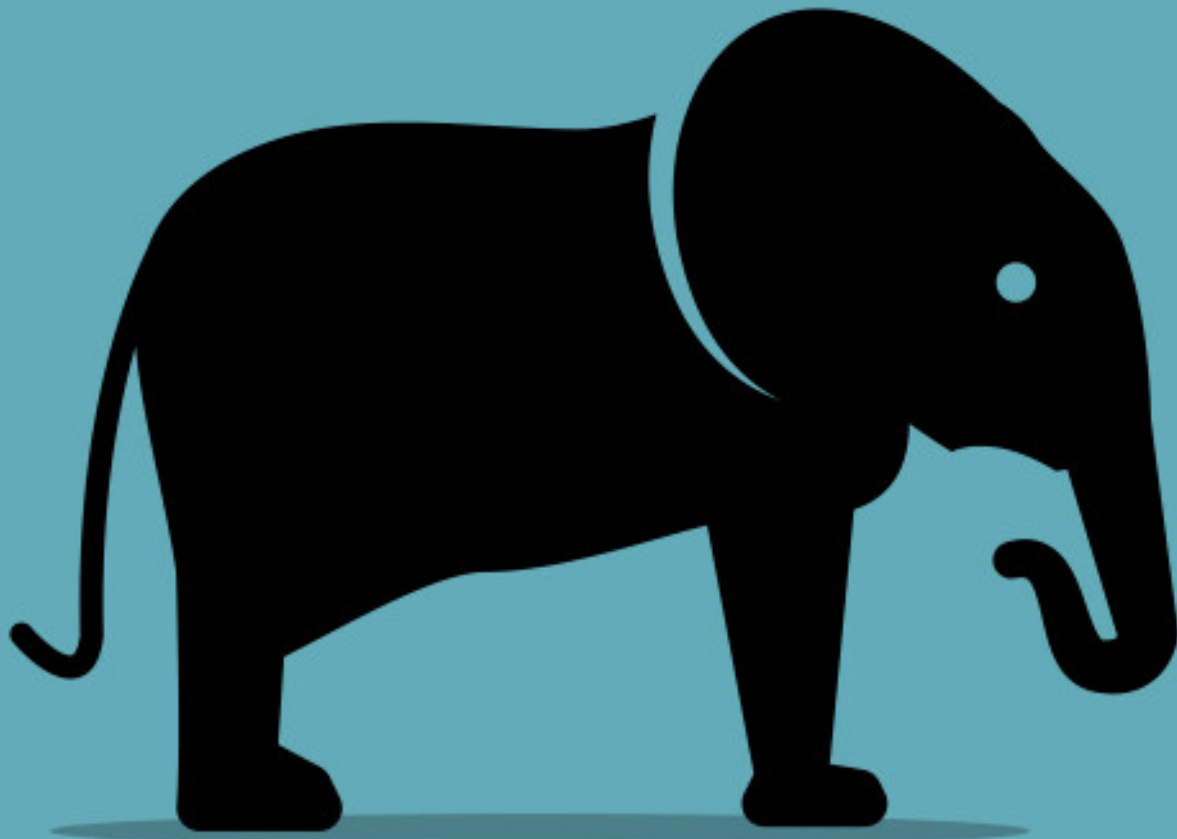
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Areas of Interest: Palliative care,
cancer, G6PD deficiency, thalassemia,
snake bite and venom



Pediatric palliative care The Asian way



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Which picture is Palliative care?



Childhood cancer journey

**Newly
diagnosed
childhood
cancer**



**Relapse
recurrent**



Die with
disappointment

Die in
sufferring

3rd line Rx

Rx abandonment

**Another
relapse**

Palliative care

End-of-life care





1. FULFILLING WISHES

- Children have to endure treatment for the sake of parent's hope for cure
- When treatment fail, some children choose **no more treatment**
- They still have **wish for something**
- Parents sometimes can't fulfil their wish
- Someone can!



Stronger than medicine

We care

A Chulalongkorn
Hospital
programme boosts
the spirit of children
whose bodies
cannot be cured

Story by
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Kasama Chanlert is 12. He's been suffering from an incurable form of leukaemia for two years and is in the last stage of life. He's now so weak that he can hardly move. But when he talked about realising his dream to see a real panda, the boy's eyes sparkled with joy.

"I first saw them on the news," Kasama said, speaking slowly and softly. "But the real ones are much cuter than on television."

Kasama visited Chiang Mai zoo last month, on his birthday. He said it was the best June 5 of his life, because of





Fulfilling wishes

We hope to fulfill
"Spiritual wish"





The cerebrated chef's lesson



Fulfilling wishes

- > 95 children with terminal stage cancer has their wishes.
- pandas Chiangmai zoo.
- Go to the beach.
- Meet favorite movie stars, football stars
- Learn cooking from a famous chef



“Sprite” wish to go to the zoo. We let him touch the baby elephant.

Wishing well activities

Fulfilling wishes

'Yo' wished to meet 'Pancake', her favorite actress. She came for a surprise visit at home.

'Gong' is a local DJ in local radio station in Nong Kai province. But he wish to be a newscaster. He came to Bangkok to do so with a famous talk show host on national TV5 at 5 am.



2. Enhancing quality of life



- ❑ Children's Cancer camp
- ❑ Disney On Ice
- ❑ Art therapy





Children's cancer camp





"Dharma camp" (organic farm)



Home-based palliative care



Quality of life

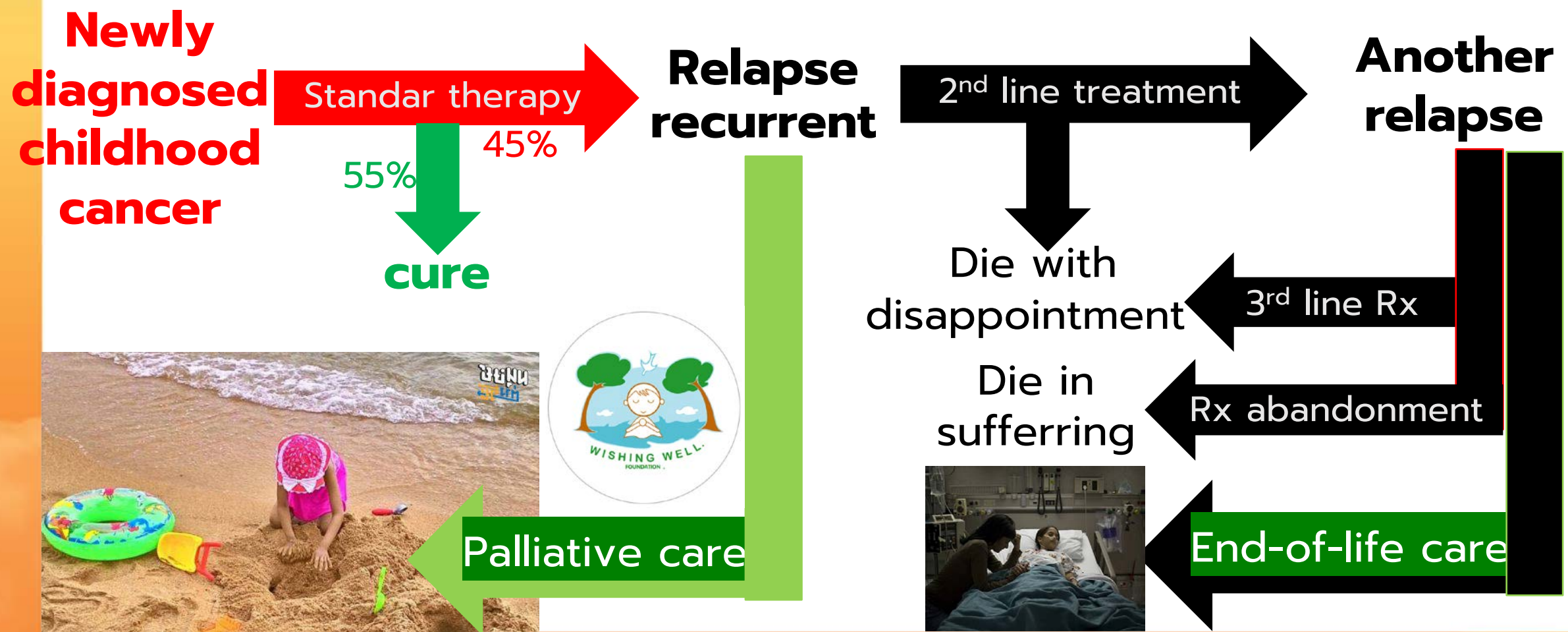


Home visits



Death at home

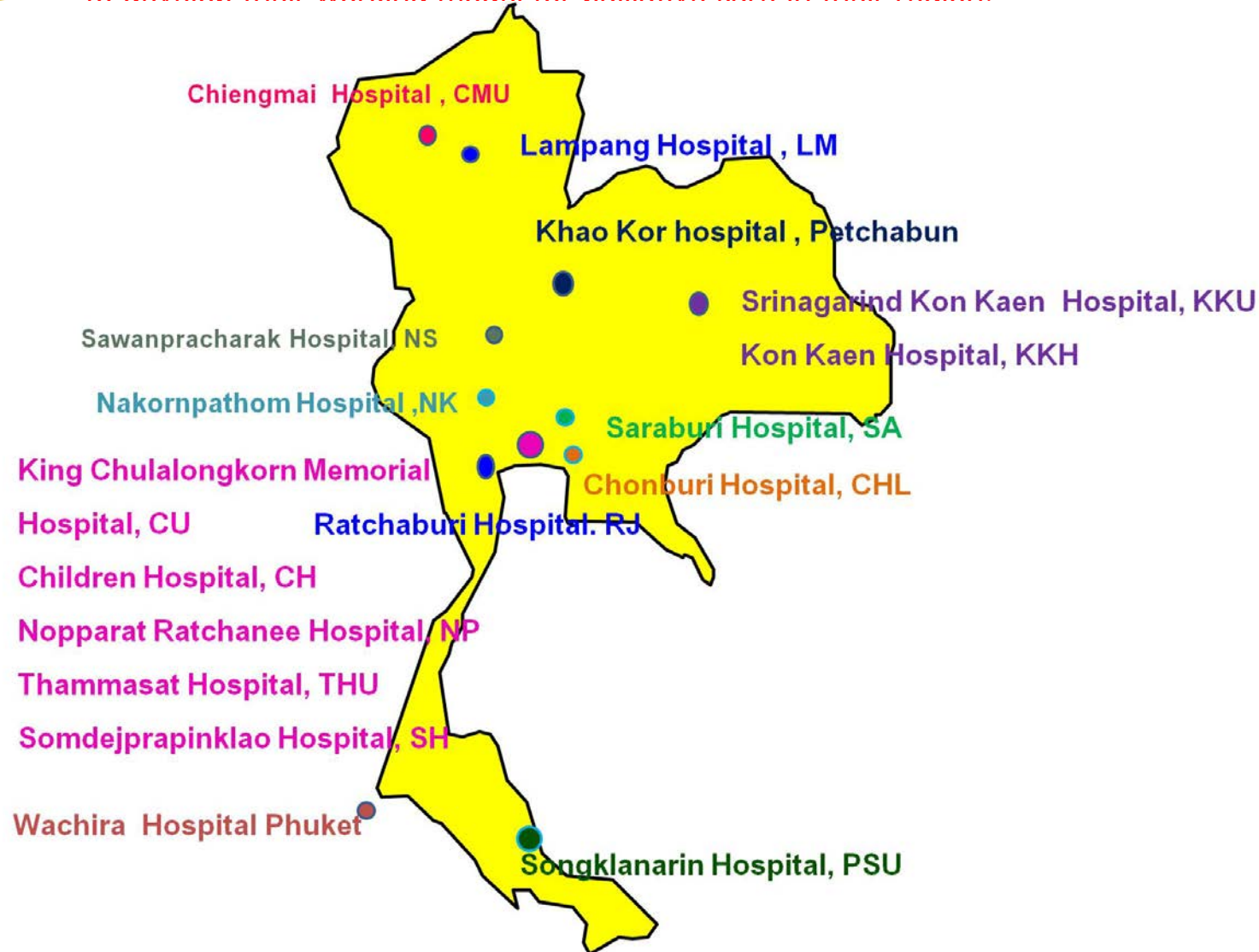
A preferred Childhood cancer journey





We work with 20 children cancer center in Thailand

Wishing well foundation provided grant support to 12 hospital programs to enable each hospital to develop their working model for palliative care in their region.





Pediatric palliative care

- Palliative add life to years, not years of life
- Palliative care is about living, not focused on dying
- Involves family & community, much more than healthcare system
- When introduced early → better quality of life



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