

## All you wanted to know about the Med Shed!

Sending your child to camp may be stressful, especially with the special health needs that oncology patients have. Here is an overview of the medical care available at Camp Goodtimes/Mini Camp.

The Med Shed is made up of a doctor (or nurse practitioner) and nurses who work in pediatric oncology or have experience in pediatric oncology and stay on-site 24 hours a day during camp.

The nurses:

- Give all medications (including chemotherapy and shots). We give medicines around mealtimes, with the exception that some meds require taking on the home schedule.
- Give IVF
- Give tube feeds
- Do blood draws
- Give first aid
- Do central line care (flushing, dressing changes, care at shower time, etc.)

A nurse will accompany all campers for off-site trips, such as the boat cruise and swimming pool.

If a camper becomes unwell during the night, the doctor will tend to their needs.

We are very familiar with the special needs and monitoring that oncology patients require, and help train all counselors and camp staff to understand the importance of:

- Hand washing
- Use of sunscreen
- Watching nutrition and making sure the campers are staying hydrated
- Knowing what things to watch for (for example cold symptoms, fever, etc.)

If your child is unable to participate in a particular camp activity, they can do quiet activities or make arrangements to rest in the Med Shed.

**If your child is new to Camp Goodtimes, a nurse from the Med Shed will call you prior to camp and check to see if you have questions or concerns.**

If there is an accident or medical emergency during camp requiring significant medical intervention, every effort will be made to notify you or your designated emergency contact person.