

Family Centered Rounds

Dana-Farber/Boston Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders Center practices family centered care and considers you, the caregiver, an expert on the needs and changes of your child. At Boston Children's Hospital, patients and families can choose to take part in Family Centered Rounds (FCR) each morning.

Every morning, each patient's care is discussed by the medical team. Families can choose to have discussions at bedside or outside of the room. The members of your child's healthcare team present during Family Centered Rounds may include:

- Attending oncologist
- Fellow (a pediatrician training to be an oncologist)
- Resident physician
- Nurse practitioner
- Patient's nurse for the shift; charge nurse may also be present
- Pharmacist
- Medical/Nursing students
- Case Manager

During Family Centered Rounds:

- The resident physician or nurse practitioner reviews your child's case, including the events from the previous 24 hours, vital signs and lab work.
- A physical exam is performed.
- The plan for the day is discussed.
- Plans for discharge, including goals and medications, are reviewed.
- Patients, parents and family members are encouraged to ask questions.

Family Centered Rounds usually takes 10 minutes per patient. Please remember that the medical team must meet with all patients. If you have any outstanding questions or concerns please let your healthcare provider know so that additional time to meet can be arranged.

Contact Us

For patient care assistance, please call the following phone numbers:

- Jimmy Fund Clinic (617) 632-3270
Business Hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday
- Page Operator (617) 632-3352
Off hours: weekdays after 5 p.m., holidays, and weekends
Page pediatric hematology/oncology fellow on call
- Life Threatening Emergencies dial 911