



Program Name:	St. Jude-VIVA Survivorship Series 4 Webinar #9
Event Date:	Friday, 25 September 2026
Event Time:	8:00pm – 9:30pm (Singapore Time)

Programme Synopsis

Lecture Title:

Oral Care Strategies During Pediatric Oncology Therapy

Dr Elaine Tsao, Seattle Children's Hospital

This presentation will highlight the global challenges of pediatric oral health, emphasizing that many children arrive at cancer centers with pre-existing dental issues. We will review evidence-based oral care recommendations, including basic oral care bundles—such as supervised brushing with fluoridated toothpaste and appropriate use of rinses, and we will discuss possible adjuncts and alternatives. Special attention will be given to maintaining oral health during cancer therapy, with practical guidance on managing care when bleeding is anticipated or when ANC (absolute neutrophil count) values are a concern. The goal is to equip healthcare providers with practical strategies to improve oral health outcomes for children undergoing cancer treatment.

Lecture Title:

An Introduction to Oral Health in Children with Cancer and Interprofessional Education

Dr Yee Ruixiang, KK Women's and Children's Hospital

Clinical Assistant Professor Yee Ruixiang will share an overview of the importance of oral health in children with cancer. He will also give a brief introduction on how the new buzz in healthcare “Interprofessional team” practice/education differs from a traditional “multidisciplinary team” and how it may improve oral care in children with cancer.



Presenter Bio

Dr Martha Wells

**Member, St. Jude Faculty
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Martha Wells is a Chief of Dentistry in the Surgery Department at the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. She graduated from Emory University and completed a DMD at the Dental College of Georgia at Augusta University. She received an MS at The Ohio State University and Nationwide Children's Hospital. She was formerly the Program Director of Pediatric Dentistry and the first Heber Simmons Jr. Distinguished Professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Tennessee where she is still an affiliate professor. She won the Dr. Lewis A. Kay Excellence in Education Award from the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. She was selected as a St. Jude 2024 Living our Values Honoree. She is one of the editors and chapter authors of the textbook: Pediatric Dentistry Infancy Through Adolescence. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and the American College of Dentists and is a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry.



A/Prof Catherine Hong Hsu Ling

**Senior Consultant, Paedodontics,
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Catherine Hong a dual trained specialist in Paediatric Dentistry and Oral Medicine. She is currently Associate Professor at the Faculty of Dentistry, National University of Singapore. She is actively engaged in clinical research pertaining to dental management of children with special healthcare needs, and core outcome sets in oral medicine. She has authored numerous peer-reviewed articles, invited publications and book chapters in major international textbooks. Several publications have contributed to the development of guidelines for the dental management of cancer patients and individuals with bleeding disorders.



Dr Yee Ruixiang

Consultant, KKH Dental Service

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Dr Yee Ruixiang completed his PGCert and MSc in Paediatric Dentistry with Distinctions at King's College London. He remains a member to the Royal College of Surgeons of England, a board-certified Paediatric Dentist with the Specialist Accreditation Board Singapore, and a Fellow to the Academy of Medicine Singapore.

As a Consultant at the KK Women's and Children's Hospital Dental Service and at the Cleft and Craniofacial Centre, he manages oral health of babies and children especially those with complex medical/special needs, cancer, cleft lip/palate, child abuse and oral trauma. His dedication to patient care has earned him service awards multiple times.

He is an Assistant Clinical Professor with the Duke-NUS medical school and clinical lecturer of the NUS Paediatric Dentistry postgraduate programme. Lately, he also sits on the core committee of the SingHealth Centre for Interprofessional Health Education. His passion in research and education won awards and grants; one active education grant being: "Interprofessional Oral Care in Children Oral Health Programme". He has been invited to speak at both local and international conferences, including international keynote lectures.

Outside work, Dr Yee volunteers as the President of Society for Paediatric Dentistry Singapore and Board Member of Paediatric Dentistry Association of Asia



Moderator

Dr Soh Shui Yen

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Dr Soh Shui-Yen is the Head and Senior Consultant from the Paediatric Haematology/Oncology Service of KK Women's and Children's Hospital (KKH) in Singapore. Dr Soh graduated from the Faculty of Medicine, National University of Singapore (NUS). She received her Paediatric Medicine training in Singapore and also completed 1 year of Paediatric Oncology clinical fellowship at the Hospital of Sick Children in Toronto, Canada. Her academic interests are in paediatric brain and solid tumours, as well as in cellular and immunotherapies in cancer. She is currently the Chair of the Paediatric Oncology Group Singapore and a steering committee member of the VIVA-KKH Paediatric Brain and Solid Tumour Programme. She also holds teaching appointments with the NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, the Duke-NUS Graduate School of Medicine, the National Technological University (NTU) – Lee Kong Chian (LKC) School of Medicine and the SingHealth Paediatrics Residency Programme.