

**Introduction to the Baseline Nursing Standards Core Slide Set  
'Overview of the SIOP Baseline Standards  
for Pediatric Oncology Nursing in Low and Middle-Income Countries'**

Expert pediatric oncology nurses are recognized as fundamental to providing high quality, safe and effective care to children with cancer and their families.

In 2014 the SIOP Pediatric Oncology in Developing Countries (PODC) Nursing Working Group published a position statement establishing the 'Baseline Standards for the Provision of Nursing Care to Children with Cancer in Low and Middle-Income Countries (LMIC).'

The SIOP Board and a number of influential national and international organizations have endorsed the standards. They have been well received by individuals and organizations working with children with cancer in LMIC settings who look for international support in improving their nursing care.

A 'task-force' was set up by the SIOP PODC Nursing Group to disseminate the standards and to lobby for their adoption in all institutions caring for children and young people with cancer. A 'toolkit' has been developed to support nurses and others to advocate for the standards, and to work for their implementation: <https://siop-online.org/baseline-nursing-standards-advocacy-toolkit/>

One element within the toolkit is a 'core' slide set, which gives a brief background to the development of the standards, and clearly sets out what each standard means.

The Baseline Nursing Standards slides are now a publicly available resource and can to be used to increase awareness and promote the standards. The task force recognizes that the slides may be used in a variety of settings and for a variety of purposes; teaching, advocacy, lobbying. The group therefore gives permission for presenters to either use them as they stand, or to incorporate them into their own presentations. The individual slides cannot be modified. Notes are provided to support the effective use of the slide set.

We respectfully request that the original development team is acknowledged in any presentation.

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