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Charles A. Sklar, Director of Memorial Sloan Kettering's Long-Term Follow-Up Program, was among the researchers who conducted a study to determine, through systematic and comprehensive medical assessments, the general health status of long-term survivors of childhood cancer and the prevalence of treatment complications following treatment.

Investigators found that impaired pulmonary, auditory, cardiac, endocrine, and nervous system function were the most prevalent. Less common but still significant were disorders of the kidney, liver, blood, and skeletal system.

The findings underscore the importance of ongoing health monitoring in adults who survive childhood cancer for conditions such as second cancers and heart disease that if not detected and treated early may result in premature death, as well as for those conditions that if remediated can improve quality of life, such as hearing and vision loss.

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