More exposure to **creative arts therapy** led to **improved quality of life** in children with cancer

**BACKGROUND**
Children with cancer are suffering. Creative arts therapy (CAT) may help improve their quality of life. Posture may be a biomarker for quality of life.

**METHODS**
**Participants**
Children with cancer (age 3-18 years) in the first year of treatment

**Measures**
PedsQL 3.0 Cancer Module (parent & child)
Faces Scale (emotional reactions)
Resilience Scale (adolescents only)
Inclinometer (to measure thoracic kyphosis)

**Intervention**
CAT exposure (number of sessions)

**RESULTS**
98 children and parent-proxy enrolled
83 participants in final analysis

**Improvement in QOL with high dose CAT** (slope change, p=0.015)
Overall time by group interaction was not significant

**CAT led to improved posture** as suggested by slope change response patterns (time by group interaction, p=0.044)

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