BASIC PURPOSE

Provides supportive and medical social work services to patients receiving out-patient oncology care services. Assesses psychosocial aspects of the plan of care and facilitates interventions, as appropriate. Works collaboratively with ambulatory interdisciplinary team and community-based providers to link appropriate patients with chronic, life-limiting conditions and provide both supportive and palliative care services. Is able to lead complex psychosocial assessments and family meetings with a high level of clinical social work skills. Able to provide crisis intervention and grief/bereavement services. Strong comfort level and competency to provide psychosocial support to patients with terminal illness. Complies with Health System Compliance Program, related policies and procedures and the Social Work Code of Ethics.

CLINICAL EFFECTIVENESS

Provides oncology care social work services based on the Clinical Practice Guidelines for Oncology Social Work. Assesses the patient/family’s psychological, social and spiritual circumstances in order to estimate their potential to cope with their illness and its life limiting factors. Participates in interdisciplinary oncology team rounds to establish, review and revise the care plan of care for each patient. Conducts case screening and assessment of assigned patients. Proactively assesses and identifies psychosocial needs that impact the plan of care, initiates/facilitates discussions with physician(s) and other members of the interdisciplinary team, proposing alternative options, as appropriate, to ensure effective and efficient progression towards patient's goals of care. Provides consultation and mediation services to facilitate patient progression towards established goals of care such as hospice, end of life decisions, life change decisions, guardianship etc. Provides supportive and therapeutic psychosocial interventions, as indicated. Functions as an advocate for patient, family, physicians, community and Health System. Ensures appropriate resource utilization relevant to the financial, regulatory and clinical aspects of care. Comfort with developing and running support groups for a range of disease and age groups. Able to complete thorough clinical notes and assessments in an electronic health record (EPIC).

POSITION REQUIREMENTS

- LMSW or LCSW licensed to practice in NY State
- Spanish speaking preferred
- Prior experience in oncology or palliative care preferred
- Interested candidates please email your resume to dsekulic@montefiore.org

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