



HEALTH SOCIAL WORK SCOPE AND RESEARCH IN ONCOLOGY SETTING

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SCOPE OF MEDICAL SOCIAL WORK IN ONCOLOGY SETTING

The scope of oncology social work includes clinical practice, education, administration, research and psycho social services needed in oncology setting.

Objectives of Oncology Social Work:

- To identify and intervene the psychosocial effects of cancer patients that enhances quality of life and recovery of persons with cancer and their families, including the most vulnerable and underserved
- Study of psychosocial and social effects of cancer through research and continuing education and provide services with highest professional standards and ethics.
- Advocate for programs and policies to meet the psychosocial needs of oncology patients and their families through other psychosocial groups and professional oncology organizations.
- Medical social workers are available to help in inpatient and outpatient settings and work closely with multidisciplinary medical teams, nurses and other supportive staff.

Aims of oncology social work:

Oncology social worker aims to work in awareness and psychosocial care of persons with cancer, their families through: Advocacy, Education, Networking, and Research & Resource Development.

- Practice of psychosocial interventions that enhance quality of life and recovery of persons with cancer and their families.

Methodology:

- By using social work methods.

Inclusion criteria:

- Needy cancer patients in BIACH&RI

Exclusion Criteria:

- Those who are not willing to take cancer treatment.

CONCLUSION:

Medical social worker is central delivery of comprehensive health care to the patients, be it mental, physical, spiritual and financial services. Bereavement support and patient advocacy are also part of our services. Need for awareness and availability of MSW department in hospitals have gained importance and momentum in our country.