

For many patients, a cancer diagnosis is a life-changing event that can trigger different emotions including shock, fear, depression, anxiety and anger.

The Psycho-social Oncology Program addresses the psychological and social challenges of cancer, and is committed to treating you as a whole person. Staffed by oncology clinical social workers, psychologists, bereavement counselors and post-doctoral fellows, we recognize that managing emotional and practical needs is a vital part of coping with illness and promoting quality of life.

You and your family members are invited to contact the Psycho-social Oncology Program. Psycho-social team members collaborate with your physicians and nurses in order to provide the best continuity of care available.

The following services are available:

- Psycho-social assessment.
- Ongoing supportive contact throughout treatment.
- Psychotherapy.
- Referrals to community resources (home care, support groups, transportation).
- Crisis intervention.
- Assistance with financial matters, insurance and related concerns.
- Assistance with advanced care planning, including Living Wills and Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care.

Our aim is to provide a supportive atmosphere in which you and your family members can express concerns, hopes and fears. Our goal is to facilitate your coping process by responding to your unique needs and strengths.