



Comprehensive  
Cancer Center

## Social Work Services at The UCSF Comprehensive Cancer Center

**You and your family are not alone in the experience of living with cancer. Your social worker can be an extra member of your support team during this time.**

Social workers are available to meet with you and your family to discuss your particular concerns, including:

- **Finances:**

Get help applying for short or long-term disability income.

Learn how to understand your insurance coverage.

Find out about grant monies and other special programs that provide assistance to people with cancer.

*\*\*\*If you meet income criteria and are a woman with breast or cervical cancer, you may qualify for ongoing health insurance coverage through Medi-Cal, or a special program to cover the premiums of your private insurance coverage. Ask your social worker!\*\*\**

- **Emotions:**

Talk one-on-one or in a support group about how to cope with new feelings and worries that are common in people's journeys with cancer treatment.

Referrals to a psychologist or chaplain can also be made for additional counseling.

- **Family issues:**

Get information from your social worker about care giving, talking to children about illness, intimacy issues or other topics that arise when a loved one has cancer.

The Cancer Resource Center (Room B101) also has a helpful collection of free literature as well as a lending library of books, tapes, CDs and DVDs.

- **Lodging and transportation questions:**

American Cancer Society can sometimes provide donated hotel rooms for California patients in need of lodging. They also reimburse \$400 per year for lodging and transportation costs related to cancer treatment.

**Call the Cancer Resource Center  
at 415-885-3693 to ask for the  
social worker assigned to your doctor.**

