Social Services

Oncology social workers are an integral part of the health care team at the Helen Diller Comprehensive Cancer Center. Specially trained in cancer care, they are dedicated to helping patients and families navigate the health care system, and manage the many challenges of living with cancer. We recognize that a cancer diagnosis and treatment can impact all aspects of a person's life, from family and social relationships to work and finances.

Social workers assess each person's individual needs and provide appropriate support. This may include short-term counseling, advocacy and linkage to community resources. Social workers also provide information and education about insurance, advance directives, palliative care, hospice, family leave and disability benefits, lodging, transportation and cancer-related support programs available at UCSF and in the community.

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