Financial Counseling

Financial counselors help patients without health insurance determine if they might be eligible for government assistance programs such as Medicaid or the Wisconsin Well Woman Program. Financial counselors also assist patients in applying for Froedtert & The Medical College of Wisconsin assistance programs. In addition, financial counselors are available to provide patients with estimates of how much services will cost.

Genetic Counseling

The Cancer Genetics Screening Program is part of the Froedtert & The Medical College of Wisconsin Clinical Cancer Center. The program provides genetic counseling and testing to individuals who may be at increased risk of cancer due to a personal history of cancer, family history of cancer or an underlying genetic condition. The goal of the program is to provide personalized counseling regarding cancer risk, cancer genetics, genetic testing, early detection, improved cancer management and possible risk reduction.

Smoking Cessation

The Smoking Cessation Program offers a comprehensive and personalized approach to smoking cessation using a three-pronged approach that involves:

- Education: Information about the addiction of smoking and health conditions that are worsened by smoking
- Counseling: Help in identifying and overcoming potential roadblocks to successful quitting
- Medical Management: Assessing lung function, treating lung damage from smoking and providing nicotine replacement and addiction therapies



If you are interested in any of these services, please speak with your doctor or nurse, or call 414-805-0505 or 866-680-0505.

*Nutrition, psych-oncology, chaplaincy, financial counseling and social services are included as part of care in the Clinical Cancer Center. Other services mentioned in this brochure are billable.



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Quality of Life

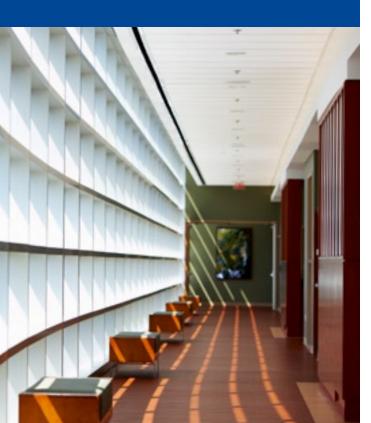


Services in the Quality of Life Center

Cancer can be a challenging time in anyone's life. At Froedtert & The Medical College of Wisconsin, we are committed to helping you live with that challenge. Because cancer affects all aspects of your life, it is helpful to have a treatment plan that goes beyond surgery, chemotherapy and radiation therapy.

That is the reason the Jeffrey C. Siegal Quality of Life Center was created. The Quality of Life Center is a special area dedicated to providing cancer patients and their families with a full range of support services. These services are available to you throughout your journey.

The Quality of Life Center is located on the second floor of the Clinical Cancer Center.



Social Services

Social workers can help patients:

- Apply for benefits (T-19)
- Find resources for financial issues
- Find resources to help pay for medications or co-pays
- Understand and complete advanced directives
- Provide resources for transportation
- Provide referrals to supportive resources

Nutrition Services

Dietitians will see patients for the following reasons:

- Poor appetite
- Chewing or swallowing difficulties
- Taste alterations
- Bowel issues
- Evaluation of vitamins, minerals, and herbal supplements
- Meal planning during and after treatment
- Nutrition support
- Preventing weight loss or weight gain during treatment
- Nutrition education regarding diet changes to prevent recurrence

Psych-oncology Services

The psych-oncology specialist sees patients for the following reasons:

- Adjustment to diagnosis or recurrence
- Education about emotions and cancer
- Feelings of worthlessness and uselessness since diagnosis or recurrence
- Anxiety, panic and symptoms of depression
- Unusual frustration, anger or irritability
- Family conflicts related to cancer



Chaplaincy Services

Cancer is a disease that affects the spirit and the psyche, not just the body. Upon receiving a diagnosis and beginning treatment, there may be many issues with which you are grappling. Chaplains are available to help you look at and reflect upon issues like:

- Why this is happening to me?
- How might this change my life?
- What were my priorities? How are they different now?
- What can I do to resolve old hurts that have resurfaced?
- Of what importance is family, and how can I better express and share my love for them?
- What is my relationship to a higher power?

Our team of professional chaplains is trained to work with individuals of all denominations in a way that respects each person's faith background and spiritual values. We want to help you access your spiritual resources and are always available to connect you with professionals or others who share your spiritual affiliation or beliefs and can provide spiritual support.