

# Paying for Cancer Treatment and Care

## Who is on our team?



There are many people on your team with many different titles. Many of these jobs have overlapping responsibilities. Not all of these professionals are available in all locations, and some may have different job duties. Here are some descriptions of who can help and what they do:

### Community Health Worker

An individual from your community who is chosen and trained by local health organizations to help you find helpful resources where you live.

### Patient Advocate

This person may help you with insurance claims, review your hospital bills, help you during visits to the doctor, and monitor your care.

### Pharmacist

A pharmacist can help you with questions you have about your prescriptions and the benefits and risks of different types of drugs. Oncology pharmacists can answer questions you have about chemotherapy treatments and clinical trials.

### Discharge Planner

A nurse that can help you with arranging your release from the hospital. He or she may help plan going home or transferring to another place for care, provide training for caregivers, refer you to other agencies for help, and arrange for follow-up appointments or tests.

### Social Worker

This person can help you with various social services such as housing, food, and mental health resources for both patients and caregivers.

### Patient Navigator

A health professional who can give you information about your treatment, advocate for you, and help coordinate the care you need.

### Human Resources

This person may be from you or your loved ones' workplace or healthcare organizations that you visit. He or she can help explain insurance benefits and costs.

### Doctor

A health professional who may be a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant. He or she may be able to help you coordinate care and find someone to talk to about paying for cancer treatment and care.

### Nurse Navigator

A nurse who can help you understand your test results and coordinate the care you need.

### Patient Advocate

An individual who can help you apply for various social services such as housing, food, and travel costs.

