

## What is a Medical Social Worker?

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Medical social workers at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center are licensed professionals with master's degrees in social work. They are trained to help with the specific needs of patients and their families.

A medical social worker can provide counseling and help you with the following:

- Cope with illness and disabling conditions
- Provide home supports, home health care, medical equipment or arrangements for care at an extended care or rehabilitation facility
- Help with concerns such as finances, housing and transportation
- Help with legal needs such as advance directives or guardianship
- Refer you to community agencies and services for support
- Help with substance abuse issues and treatment options
- Help with family and marital stresses, including domestic violence
- Manage social or emotional problems that may be made worse by your medical condition or cancer treatment

### Call The James Social Work Department at (614) 366-5119

Office Hours: 7:30 am to 4:00 pm, Monday – Friday.

Evenings/Overnights/Weekends: A social worker is available for inpatients and their families. Call the hospital operator at (614) 293-8000.

Your Social Worker's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (614) \_\_\_\_\_

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**This handout is for informational purposes only. Talk with your doctor or health care team if you have any questions about your care.**