What is a Medical Social Worker?

Medical Social Workers at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center are licensed professionals who have master’s degrees in social work. They are trained to address the specific needs of patients and their families.

A medical social worker is available to provide counseling and help you with these situations:

• Coping with illness and disabling conditions
• Providing home supports, home health care, medical equipment or arrangements for care at an extended care or rehabilitation facility
• Assist with concerns such as finances, housing and transportation
• Assist with legal needs such as advance directives or guardianship
• Referral to community agencies and services
• Help with substance abuse issues and treatment options
• Help with family and marital stresses, including domestic violence
• Other social or emotional problems which may be made worse by a medical condition or treatment

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

Office Hours: 7:30 am to 4:00 pm weekdays.

Weekends: A social worker is available for inpatients and their families by calling the hospital operator at (614) 293-8000.

Your Social Worker’s Name: _________________________________

Telephone Number: (614) _________________________________

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

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