

## ONCOLOGY SOCIAL WORK

**Our oncology social worker helps patients and their families deal with the diagnosis of cancer and provides the support necessary to achieve treatment goals, maintain quality of life and navigate care challenges.**



*We can help:*

- Access information to help you understand your diagnosis and treatments
- Cope with your diagnosis of cancer and the many emotions you may be experiencing
- Consider decisions about treatment options as you think about your work, family and other factors
- Understand social security benefits, disability benefits and insurance coverage
- Apply for programs that offer financial assistance
- Access affordable medical care and prescription drug coverage
- Arrange transportation to and from medical care
- Coordinate home health care, palliative care support and hospice care
- Obtain durable medical equipment like a cane or walker
- Connect you with local and online support groups and resources



**ONCOLOGY SOCIAL WORK PROVIDES COUNSELING AND OTHER SERVICES WHICH CAN REDUCE STRESS FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY THROUGH ALL PHASES OF THE CANCER JOURNEY. WE CAN HELP AS LITTLE OR AS MUCH AS YOU NEED.**

### Meet Oncology Social Worker Tara Quinlan

Tara served as a medical social worker at Lourdes for a number of years before transitioning into the Lourdes Cancer Program to work more closely with oncology patients. Tara provides supportive services to cancer patients and their loved ones and will be able to connect patients to the supportive services they need. Tara is an active member with the Association of Oncology Social Workers.

**Reach Tara at (609) 922-7351 or [QuinlanT@lourdesnet.org](mailto:QuinlanT@lourdesnet.org)**

**For additional information and support, visit our friends at the American Cancer Society.**

Learn more about all types of cancer at the American Cancer Society's [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org). Learn about specific types of cancer, review treatments and side effects, find support in your area or online, read the latest news articles on breast cancer and much more.



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