Abbotsford Kidney Care Clinic

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Goals of Session

- Increase interprofessional awareness of the qualifications, competencies, and scope of practice for RSW in health
- Understand the role of the renal social worker to enhance interprofessional collaboration towards appropriate decisions and referrals and successful transitions and outcomes
Overview of Session

- Qualifications/Accountability
- Assessment and Diagnosis
- Examples of SW Role in Transitions
- Documentation
- Question and Answers
**Registered Social Worker**

**RSW**: A member of the British Columbia College of Social Workers who holds a certificate of registration.
Social Work in BC

Registration, Inquiry & Discipline

Standards of Practice
Ethical Standards

High Practice Standards

~Transparent
~Objective
~Impartial
~Fair

Continuing Competency
Scope of Practice

Assessment, Diagnosis, Treatment, Evaluation

Of Individual, Interpersonal, & Societal Issues

Using SW

Knowledge Skills Interventions Strategies

Individuals, Couples, Families, Groups, Organizations, Communities

To Assist

To Achieve Optimum Psychological & Social Functioning
Social Work Assessment

Determine
• Nature, Cause, Progression, Prognosis
  - Personalities & Situations involved

Aquire
• Understanding
  - Causes & Changes needed to minimize/resolve

Identify
• Strengths & Capacities
Social Work Diagnosis:

Series of Clinical Judgements
• Based on SW Knowledge & Skills
• Re: Couples, Families, Groups

Basis of Actions
Taken/Not Taken

Based on SW
Code of Ethics & Standards of Practice

SW expects to be accountable
Under the Surface
Transitions

- Diagnosis/Post-Diagnosis
- Change in Stage
- Decision Making
- Dialysis Starts
- Renal Transplant
- Addressing EOL
- Palliative Care
Diagnosis/Referral to Renal

Underlying Cause of CKD has Specific Adjustment Factors

Comorbidities (DM, FSGS Hypertension)

Failing Transplant

Genetics Multiple Losses

Congenital Conditions

Health Crisis/Trauma

Cancer or Treatment
Treatment Decision Making

- Pt. Education re: RRT
- Informed Consent & SDM
- RRT Transition Planning
- Conservative Care

End of Life Care Planning (c.c. decision making, withdrawal, end of life planning)
Preparation for Transitions:

- Review Pt’s Social and Psycho-emotional Readiness
- Provide Clinical Counselling for Pt/ Support System
- Transfer of Information Strengthen Continuity of Care
Social Work Role in Transitions

Bridging the Gap
Advocacy

1. The act of directly representing or defending others.
2. Championing the rights of individuals, groups or communities through direct intervention or through empowerment.

Advocacy is a basic obligation of the profession and its members.
SW Interventions:

- Based on theory and research
- Brief
- Targeted
- Focused
- Support the patient
- Support the goals of Renal Program
- Outcome Driven
Include:

- Therapeutic Use of Self
- Crisis Intervention
- Cognitive-behavioural
- Mindfulness-based stress reduction
- Problem-solving
- Loss and Grief
- Motivational Interviewing
- Interpersonal Therapy
- Symptom Targeted Intervention
Documentation:
Purpose of SW Involvement:

- Pre and Post Diagnosis Counselling
- Patient Education
- Treatment Decisions
- Clinical Pathway
- Anxiety and Depression
- Adjustment/Transition Counselling
- Practical Resource Referrals
Documentation: Psycho-Emotional Context

SUMMARY OF SITUATION:

(RENAL CARE PLAN):

PATIENT/CLIENT/FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

CLINICAL IMPRESSIONS/SOCIAL WORK DIAGNOSIS

THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTION: [*]

PLAN:

OUTCOMES:
Reference List


• British Columbia College of Social Work General Standards and Guidelines for Recording/Documentation (BCCSW). Website: [http://www.bccollegeofsocialworker.ca](http://www.bccollegeofsocialworker.ca)


• Canadian Association of Social Workers Practice Guidelines

• Canadian Association of Nephrology Social Workers Practice Guidelines


Questions