SOCIAL WORK PRE-ASSESSMENT FOR PEOPLE RECEIVING A BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT

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WHAT IS A TRANSPLANT?

• A major medical procedure
• Replaces abnormal cells with healthy donor cells
• Treats cancers of the blood
• No guarantee it will work (cancer may come back)
• Starting to be used to treat other conditions
WHY DO WE PRE-ASSESS?

- Improve preparedness of candidates
- Identify potential area’s of support and need
- Identify potential risks / threats to successful treatment and recovery
- Mobilise local resources
- Empowers regional social workers to support people preparing for transplant
Social Work Pre-Assessment Pathway: Bone Marrow Transplant

Transplant
- Referral for transplant received and patient accepted for programme
- Social work need identified during transplant planning
- Patient admitted for transplant
- Social work need identified during treatment and recovery
- Patient ready to transfer back to Home DHB/Primary Treatment Team

CCDHB SW
- Referral received & triaged to appropriate DHB Social Worker
- Pre Ax completed
- Intervention if required
- Patient reviewed on admission to Ward SN
- Assessment, Intervention and Support as required
- Review support needs prior to returning home

Domicile SW
- Referral Received
- Pre Ax completed
- Intervention if required
- Patient relocates to CCDHB for transplant
- Assess need for ongoing support
FOUR PART PROCESS

1. Social Work Assessment
2. Preparing for Transplant (anticipatory guidance)
3. Advanced Care Planning
4. Goal Setting / Task Setting
TE WHARE TAPA WHA

- Cultural model of health
- Familiar to most health professions within health
- Offers a clear and holistic approach to exploring client wellbeing and needs
- Can be applied comfortably to all cultures
TAHA WHĀNAU FAMILY WELLBEING

- Whānau and social supports
- Social connections
- Potential whānau stressors
- Caregiving arrangements
- Financial and economic situation
- Accommodation and home environment
• Understanding of medical procedure they are undertaking
• Physical limitations going into treatment?
• What is the candidates expectations of treatment?
• What arrangements have been made on discharge from hospital?
• Suitability of physical environment
TAHA WAIRUA
SPIRITUAL WELLBEING

- Current strengths and protective factors
- Cultural needs and obligations
- Cultural views of illness and treatment
- Spiritual beliefs, values and needs
- Maintaining connectedness with whanau, friends and communities
TAHA HINENGARO
MENTAL / EMOTIONAL WELLBEING

- Previous emotional concerns
- Current strategies for managing wellness
- Understanding of significance of treatment on emotional wellbeing
- Any concerns about the wellbeing of either the patient or their caregivers
ANTICIPATORY GUIDANCE & TASK SETTING

• Mail relocations
• Appoint WINZ agent
• EPOA / Will / ACP
• Direct Debits / AP’s
• Combatting Isolation
• Arrange care for pets, children, vulnerable adults
• Notify friends, neighbours, employers etc
• Refer to appropriate services
BENEFITS OF PRE-ASSESSMENT

• People are better prepared when they arrive in Wellington
• It is easier to prepare than to repair
• When things do go wrong, we are more likely to have a plan
• Reduces incidence and intensity of psychosocial distress
• The patient has an existing relationship with the social worker and other support services
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