

ONCOLOGY PROJECTS

NOT-FOR-CREDIT UNDERGRADUATE PROJECT IN ONCOLOGY

DISEASE SITE AREA: SURVIVORSHIP UNTIL END OF LIFE

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PROJECT OUTLINE: “Survivorship” is practically defined as the period of time after active treatment of cancer until end of life care. It is a component of cancer care that is not well studied nor performed well but is extremely important for a patients well being and quality of life. We are starting a breast cancer survivorship program at the LRCP which will consist of a “transition” clinic and group educational interventions. The “transition” clinic will allow staff to present a cancer summary and care plan to the patient and assess their psychosocial needs and make referrals as needed. The educational interventions will consist of a series of 6 group classes designed to educate patients on healthy living post cancer treatment.

In order to create a successful survivorship program we need to determine exactly what resources are available for patients at the present time and how we can incorporate them into our program. To this end, we are looking for an eager medical student who is willing to volunteer his/her time to research these resources. We are looking for all resources available for breast cancer patients which may include internet resources, group classes, clinics at the LRCP, support groups ect. A sample table is included:

Need	Program	Who?	Type	Services	Location	Contact info
Support	Livestrong	All pts	Website	Info, support, navigation	-	www.livestrong.org
Symptom management	Lymphedema clinic	Breast pt	Clinic	Medical management of lymphedema	LRCP	519-685-8500

REQUIRED TRAINING LEVEL: Research to be done from home in own time

REIMBURSEMENT: no remuneration. This project will form the basis of an educational pamphlet for patients for which you will be the author and will likely be followed by further projects looking at educational materials for prostate cancer patients.

TIME COMMITMENT TO COMPLETE THIS PROJECT: Estimated 20-30 hours from home (access to a computer is needed)

COMPUTER ACCESS / SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS: The majority of the research can be done on-line; however some telephone calls may be necessary.

Academic year: 2011-2012