



## **Palliative care Team -Counsellor**

### **Job Description**

**Reports to:** Head-Palliative Care Field Services, FST Counselor, Deputy Director Psycho-social Counselling

**Status:** Full Time (40 hours per week)

### **Purpose of the Job:**

- Provide critical psycho-social support to palliative care patients in their homes/ OPC through the palliative care team
- Provide Caregiver and family with psycho-social support
- Provide bereavement support to families after death of patient
- Work as part of multi-disciplinary palliative care team in ensuring excellent patient care services and carrying out quality improvement initiatives

### **Essential Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Daily visits to patients' homes/patients in OPC to provide psychosocial support through palliative care team.
- Maintenance of patient record pertaining to psychosocial issues.
- Assess the Distress, psychological wellbeing and other necessary parameters for counselling. Provide necessary counselling according to these parameters.
- Work as part of a multi-disciplinary team and assist nurse and doctor as and when required.
- Provide bereavement support to family for up to 6 months after death of patient.
- Assess eligibility of patient for rehabilitation services (ration support/handcart/ rickshaw/sewing machine) and coordinate for the same if patient eligible
- Attend fortnightly coordination meetings at headquarters
- Participate in continuing education training programs for palliative care staff during coordination meetings.
- Participate in outstation trainings as decided by FST Counselor, Palliative care services Director and Deputy Director Psycho-social Counselling.
- Assist in in-house training sessions as decided by FST Counselor.
- Coordinate with social worker to provide financial help to patients and their families from government schemes.
- Perform other duties as requested
- Adhere to the practice of confidentiality, benevolence and professional ethical code in regards to patients, their families, your colleagues and the organization.



**Additional Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Participate in events held by CanSupport such as:
  - Remembrance Day
  - Cancer Awareness Events
  - Fundraising for (Walk for Life)

**Job Qualifications:**

**Essential-**

Graduation preferably in Psychology/Social work

**Desirable-**

- 1-3 years of experience as counselor/social worker in NGOs/schools
- Computer Skills

**Remuneration:**

Gross compensation budgeted for the position on a cost to organization basis is from Rs. 2-3 lakh per annum. The offer made to the selected candidate shall be commensurate with qualifications experience and competencies.