


SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE IN ACUTE CARE



Social work is a regulated health profession in Newfoundland and Labrador. There are over 1700 social workers registered to practice social work throughout the province. Social workers adhere to a Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice in providing essential, competent, and high-quality services.

Registered Social Workers in acute care enhance the health and well-being of individuals by:

- Completing bio-psychosocial assessments, and assisting with discharge planning to ensure that all patients and families have adequate supports upon return home from hospital.
- Developing treatment interventions to address the financial, practical, physical, social, and emotional impacts of their illness.
- Working as a member of the interdisciplinary team with patients and their families/caregivers to build on strengths, understand challenges, and develop plans to meet individual needs.
- Providing resource and supportive counselling to patients and their families/caregivers as needed.
- Referring and connecting patients to appropriate services and resources within the hospital and the community.
- Promoting self-advocacy and intervening to help individuals navigate the healthcare system on multiple levels.



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