

“I was just diagnosed with cancer, and I feel overwhelmed...”

“My doctor gave me new treatment options. I feel like I need to make a decision fast, but I don’t know how...”

“My health insurance is denying coverage for a life-saving treatment. How do I appeal? How will I pay for treatment?”

“My husband’s FMLA is running out, but he’s not ready to return to work. What can we do to protect his job?”

“I don’t know how to tell my kids I have Multiple Sclerosis...”

“I just need some help...”

Being a patient is tough. If you’re feeling overwhelmed by your illness or need help navigating the health care system, call our advocacy services. We’re here to help.

Apply online!

To apply for advocacy services, download an application at:

www.patientpartnerships.org

Or contact the Center for Patient Partnerships:

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We do not litigate or provide legal, medical, or financial advice. We cannot assist with external appeals (e.g. private insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, SSDI), although we provide referrals to community resources whenever possible. As a small educational center, clients often must wait for services. We do our best to prioritize urgent cases.

Patient Advocacy Services



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What do we do?

We are patient advocates. We work with clients to help them make more informed medical decisions, access care, navigate employment issues, find support, and build their own self-advocacy skills as needed.

We train professional/graduate students in law, medicine, social work, nursing, pharmacy, public affairs, psychology, biology, health systems engineering, and others who will work in or around the health care system in their future careers.

Advocacy may include issues surrounding:

- Diagnosis and Treatment
- Coordination of Care & Support
- Family Matters
- Employment
- Medical Bills/Insurance
- Public Benefits or Public/Private Disability

“ I am so grateful that I was referred to the Center. I found the resource I needed, people I could trust, and a new foundation to stand on. I felt renewed hope.”

— Former Client

Who do we serve?

We serve patients with life-threatening and serious chronic illnesses and their families, regardless of income or residence.

How much will it cost?

Our patient advocacy services are free. We rely upon donations to provide our advocacy services.

Getting connected to our advocacy services:

1. You contact the Center because you or someone you know faces a serious chronic or life-threatening illness.
2. During our triage process, a student patient advocate will talk with you by telephone to help identify key issues and determine how best the Center can be of assistance.
3. A student patient advocate may be able to help you in just a few phone calls by finding resources to help with your questions and concerns.
4. If you need longer term advocacy, you may be paired with a student patient advocate who will work with you at greater length.



Please visit “**Pathways to Empowerment**”, our online patient advocacy resource at www.patientpartnerships.org.

