Psycho-Oncology Postdoctoral Fellowship

General Duties

The incumbent will provide clinical services under supervision for the psychology component of the University of Kansas Cancer Center; documentation of clinical contact with patients; consultation to providers of medical and psychosocial services for patients; and participation in educational and outreach programs within or sponsored by the University of Kansas Cancer Center. Services include psychosocial support services for cancer patients and their families, psychological assessment and treatment of inpatients and outpatients, psychological and educational services, and participation in coordinating complementary services through mind/body programs. The incumbent will also be expected to participate in research functions related to specialty interest and expertise. The incumbent will participate in the training of graduate students, interns and instruction of medical and psychiatry residents as assigned and will report directly to the appropriate clinical supervisor.

Administration: 5%

- Maintains confidentiality of department and patient information.
- Participates in weekly departmental meetings, including, but not limited to: grand rounds presentations, journal club and research discussions.
- Performs other related duties as required.

Service: 75%

- Under supervision, provides consultation and individual, couple, and family therapy related to health issues for people with cancer. Maintains complete and accurate treatment records for these services.
- Participates in the planning and implementation of a number of behavioral health services, such as mind/body programs, stress management and relaxation training services, smoking cessation services, and support groups.
- Works as a member of multidisciplinary teams to plan and execute services. Participates in team management of patients, consulting regarding individual and family issues with regard to treatment.
- Reports to the appropriate clinical supervisor on clinical activity and programming; seeks supervision/consultation in a timely manner.
- Maintains up-to-date information on current strategies and interventions to address the psychological issues and health behavior change for people with (or at risk for) cancer.
- Attends appropriate tumor board, interdisciplinary patient conferences and rounding opportunities.
- Deliver cancer-related psychological and educational services.

Education: 5%

- Attend at least 4 Psychology Didactic series sessions. (1 per quarter)
- Participate in weekly group supervision meetings.
- Participate in weekly individual supervision.

Teaching: 5%

- Participate in the teaching of residents and medical students as assigned.
- Teach 1-2 didactic sessions to either psychology interns, or psychiatry or medical oncology residents.
• Possible supervision of practicum students or psychology interns.

**Research: 10%**

• Participates in the collection of data to support research and evaluation projects to assess the effectiveness of treatment and services and the specific influence of the health psychology component on patient outcomes.
• Maintains up-to-date information on current strategies and interventions to address the psychological issues and health behavior change for people with (or at risk for) cancer.
• Participates in presentations to colleagues, other professionals and community groups on issues in the field of psycho-oncology and behavioral medicine.
• Participates in consultation to University departments regarding modification of health behaviors, cancer prevention, and aspects of coping with cancer.

**Minimum Qualifications**

• This position requires a Doctoral degree (Ph.D. or Psy.D.) in clinical or counseling psychology and; interest and experience in working with a medical population.
• Experience in a medical setting treating patients.

**Desirable Qualifications**

• Specific experience in behavioral medicine/health psychology, with expertise working in the spectrum of psycho-oncology clinical skills, including psychological assessment, cognitive-behavior therapy, relaxation techniques, desensitization, behavioral preparation for procedures.
• Knowledge and skill in assessment, consultation and treatment of the psychosocial problems associated with a diagnosis of cancer and its subsequent treatment.
• Ability to design and implement various types of behavior management protocols, including relaxation/stress management programs.
• Ability to manage and coordinate psycho-educational and therapeutic group services for patients.
• Ability to design, conduct, and follow protocols for research and evaluation projects.
• Skill in oral and written communication.
• Skill in interpersonal relations.
• Ability to understand and demonstrate highly ethical professional behavior.
• Ability to work well with other professionals and to communicate effectively with multidisciplinary team members.

**Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer**

Applications are sought from qualified persons regardless of race, religion, color, sex, disability, veteran’s status, national origin, sexual preference, age or ancestry.