

SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE IN ACUTE CARE

DID YOU KNOW? Social workers in acute care help individuals, their families, and caregivers by:

- Completing bio-psychosocial assessments and assisting with discharge planning to ensure that all patients have adequate supports
- 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

There are over 1600 social workers registered to practice social work in Newfoundland and Labrador. Further information about the social work profession can be found at www.nlcsw.ca or by contacting:

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