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## American Cancer Society Patient Navigator

The Cancer Care Center has a patient navigator available to address the psychological, emotional, social, and practical aspects that patients and their families experience as a consequence of cancer and its treatment.

The navigator may:

- Link patients, families, and caregivers with appropriate community resources (i.e., financial, transportation, entitlement programs, insurance)
- Act as a coordinator to ensure the patient, their family members, and caregivers move through the complexities of the system in a timely fashion
- Provide information about area support groups
- Provide psychosocial services to patients, families, and caregivers
- Provide resources to meet patient's needs such as equipment, supplies and cosmetic products
- Provide education to the patient, families, and caregivers throughout the continuum of care
- Link patients, families, and caregivers with appropriate post-treatment follow-up care

## Hospice of Miami County

Hospice of Miami County supports the outstanding care provided by the UVMC Cancer Center, and frequently augments its efforts in bringing compassionate care to people facing life-limiting illness in Miami County. In 2010, Hospice of Miami County served 419 patients and families. The staff of nurses, social workers, chaplains, aides, and volunteers provided 25,589 patient visits totaling 27,954 visit hours.



The Hospice Generations of Life Community Bereavement Center opened in 2008 and has gained recognition throughout the community as a premiere resource center for the residents of Miami County. Bereavement Support Groups now include preschool, elementary, and teenage children as well as adults. The Center is free and open to the public. Those wishing to utilize the services do not have to have a Hospice connection.

Hospice of Miami County is committed to meeting the end-of-life care needs for residents of Miami County. We look forward to continued collaboration with the UVMC Cancer Care Center in achieving this goal.

For more information please visit online at [www.hospiceofmiamicounty.org](http://www.hospiceofmiamicounty.org).