

SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS

DID YOU KNOW? Social workers in the emergency department 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 and/or injury
- 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
- Referring and connecting patients to appropriate services and community resources within the hospital and the community
- Promoting self-advocacy and intervening to help individuals navigate the healthcare system and community resources
- Serving as a liaison between acute care and community supports/services
- Providing crisis intervention through trauma informed practice and supportive counselling pertaining to grief/bereavement and adjustment issues with patients and their family

There are over 1500 social workers registered to practice social work in Newfoundland and Labrador. Further information about the social work profession can be found at www.nlasw.ca or by contacting:

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