

The Well-Being and Cancer at Work (WeCanWork) Project

The Intersection of Oncology Care and Worker Well-Being

Welcome to WeCanWork!

What this Overview PowerPoint includes:

- Situation and Response
- How it Works
- Contact information

A New Referral to Occupational Medicine

Situation: Common for cancer treatment to impact work. Oncology teams don't have a service to refer patients to when faced with employment / work-related concerns.

Response: Create a simple, efficient referral process for oncology practices to send their patients for an occupational medicine consultation.

Objective: Improve working cancer survivors' access to experts who regularly assess patients' ability to receive work accommodations and continue working during periods of illness and disability.

Beneficial to patients by integrating oncology patients and practices with occupational medicine — experts in helping patients continue and return to work.

Beneficial to oncology care teams in assisting in care continuum — and reducing administrative burden.

How it Works

Step-by-Step for Participating Clinics

Step 1: Oncology Teams ask Patients about Employment

- 1) Are you currently employed?
- 2) What type of work do you do?
- 3) Do you plan to continue working during your cancer treatment?
- 4) Are you interested in meeting with a work specialist who can talk with you about managing the impact of treatment on work or any work-related concerns you have?

If answers are all YES, move to Step 2.

Step 2: New Referral to occupational medicine is ordered in EPIC

CU ONCOLOGY HOW TO PLACE REFERRAL TO OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE

Step 1 Open order entry

Step 2 Type Occupational Medicine, which will pull up Ambulatory Referral to Occupational Medicine

The screenshot shows the 'Order and SmartSet Search' window in EPIC. The search term 'occupational medicine' is entered in the search bar. The results are categorized into 'SmartSets, Panels, & Express Lanes', 'After Visit Medications', and 'After Visit Procedures'. The 'After Visit Procedures' section is expanded, showing a table of results. A red circle with the number '2' is overlaid on the search bar area.

Name	Type	Px Code	Pref List
AMB REF TO OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE - Castle Rock Work Comp	Outpat Ref	REF52	AMB REFERRALS METRO DENVER REGION
AMB REF TO OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE - Highlands Ranch Work Comp	Outpat Ref	REF52	AMB REFERRALS METRO DENVER REGION
AMB REF TO OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE - Northfield Workers Comp	Outpat Ref	REF52	AMB REFERRALS METRO DENVER REGION
AMB REF TO OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE - Thornton Workers Comp	Outpat Ref	REF52	AMB REFERRALS METRO DENVER REGION

Step 3 Click Broaden My Search

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Step 3: Patients receive specialized guidance

Patients will receive a call from UC Health Occ Med Clinic to schedule appointment.

The virtual consult may include:

- Discussing work accommodations
- Completing employment forms (including FMLA)
- Guidance for discussing diagnosis and accommodations with employers
- Individualized guidance on how to manage work responsibilities while in treatment

Patients will not be charged for the appointment. Their insurance will not be charged either.

Patients may request up to three total complimentary work specialist appointments.

Step 4: Oncology Care Team Members improve patient care

Care Team Members will be able to access consultation notes through EPIC.

Patients will receive recommendations and sample letters in appointment note.

Patients can access this service at any point in their treatment journey.

Recruitment Resources for Clinics

1. Overview Powerpoint
2. WCW Intake Script
for Step 1
3. We Can Work Tip Sheet
for Step 2
4. Flyer

**Continuing to work through treatment?
We can help!**

Receive guidance on how to navigate the challenges of balancing work and cancer treatment through this research study.

Ask your care team today about scheduling a visit with a work specialist.

QUESTIONS?
Email: wecanwork@ucdenver.edu
Call: (303) 724-6570

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?
You must be:
• 21 to 70 years of age
• Employed (20+ hours/week)
• Within 3 months of starting treatment

WHAT IS INVOLVED?
• Consent to participate
• Free appointment with a work specialist
• Complete 2 research surveys

RECEIVE UP TO \$100 FOR PARTICIPATING

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