

ONCOLOGY REHABILITATION

TREATMENT AND RECOVERY

The Oncology Rehabilitation Program at Braintree and New England Rehabilitation Hospitals provides a full range of rehabilitative services aimed at meeting the multi-faceted medical, psychological, and functional needs of individuals with cancer-related disabilities.

In order to best meet the needs of our patients, the rehabilitation treatment team needs to know the patient's prognosis, as well as ongoing or future treatment plans.

We will begin by discussing the patient's and family's expectations for rehabilitation, and from there,

design an individualized plan of care. Rehabilitation is appropriate for patients who are medically stable and who can tolerate 3 hours of therapy each day.

We address issues:

- Directly related to the cancer diagnosis
- Indirectly related to the cancer/paraneoplastic syndromes
- Resulting from medical treatment
- Resulting from surgical intervention
- Involving complications of immobility/inactivity



TREATMENT TEAM CONSISTS OF:

- Board-Certified Psychiatrist
- Internal Medicine/Medical Oncologist
- Rehabilitation Nurses
- Physical Therapists
- Occupational Therapists
- Speech Language Pathologists
- Psychologist
- Psychiatry*
- Case Manager
- Dietician

**New England Rehabilitation Hospital only*

THERAPEUTIC OBJECTIVES

- Improvement of function—maximizing ability at home, at work, and in the community
- Caregiver support through education and equipment
- Symptom management

TREATMENT FOCUS

We offer three categories of rehabilitation:

- **Restorative:** Goal is to return the patient to their pre-morbid status without remarkable residual handicap
- **Supportive:** Goal is to eliminate as much disability as possible by proper treatment and training in compensatory techniques
- **Palliative:** Goal is to provide treatment to slow down the progressive loss of function and reduce potential complications of the disease

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