

Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Patient Navigator Walter Reed National Military Medical Center

Reports To: This position is employed by the Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine (HJF) with reporting to the Ulman Foundation Director, Service & Care Delivery and the Medical Director for the AYA Program at the Murtha Cancer Center.

Location: Murtha Cancer Center at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center

Exempt/Non-Exempt/Contract/Temporary: Exempt

Full Time/Part Time: Full Time

Standard Office Hours: Normal office hours Monday through Friday, occasional evening and weekend events. Four days per week will be working with patients at the cancer center and one day a week will be a combination of remote and in-person work with the Ulman Foundation.

Our Mission: Ulman Foundation changes lives by creating a community of support for young adults, and their loved ones, impacted by cancer.

Your Role in Our Mission: The AYA Patient Navigator will be providing direct support to AYA cancer patients and families receiving treatment at the Murtha Cancer Center (MCC) located at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, MD.

The John P. Murtha Cancer Center is a modern, patient-centric, tri-service military healthcare facility. Its comprehensive core of military and civilian oncologists and other cancer-trained clinicians and researchers provide multidisciplinary cancer-care delivery and patient-family support services. The Murtha Cancer Center, the only DoD Cancer Center of Excellence within the Military Health System, offers its patients access to cutting-edge cancer diagnostic and treatment technologies.

Specific responsibilities and deliverables of this position include:

AYA Patient Navigation

- Function as a patient support navigator for the Murtha Cancer Center at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in collaboration with the Social Work team from diagnosis through treatment and survivorship
- Assess, plan, implement and evaluate the delivery of all programs and services for adolescent and young adult patients in collaboration with the clinical team using AYA Best Practices
- Demonstrate a high degree of expertise and act as a resource to facilitate and enhance the development of quality care for patients and their families
- Build relationships and partnerships with community organizations to support patients and families
- Use a range of therapeutic and other interventions such as supportive counseling, education, and groups to address issues and manage psychosocial implications of having cancer
- Advocate with or on behalf of patients, families, and caregivers to remove barriers to quality care, to address gaps in services and to work for any changes needed to policies and programs.
- Facilitate patient education on the topic of fertility preservation, make referrals as needed
- Participate in Cancer Center meetings and other committee meetings as needed
- Collect and analyze data and trends and report findings

AYA Patient Navigation Collaboration

- Participate in biweekly AYA Patient Navigation team meetings to discuss and provide updates regarding patients, barriers to care, and resources

- Collaborate with Patient Navigation team on best practices, strategies, data, and patient outcomes
- Advance understanding of and support for the AYA Cancer Community by contributing as a thought leader in the AYA space

May perform other duties and responsibilities as assigned or directed by the supervisor. This may include attendance of and participation in required training for the role.

Education, Skills and Experience

A Bachelor's degree with a minimum of 3-5 years experience is required for this position. Experience working with the adolescent and young adult population is preferred. Experience working with oncology patients in a hospital setting is preferred. Experience with military patients or working on a base is preferred.

Background/Security Requirements:

- US Citizenship is required
- Must be eligible to obtain and maintain a Tier III Investigation/Secret Clearance and Common Access Card (CAC)

To Apply:

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to careers@ulmanfoundation.org with "AYA Patient Navigator - Walter Reed" as the subject line.