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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A HOSPICE SOCIAL WORKER

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INTRODUCTION AND PERSONAL STORY

- My Hospice Journey
- Practice Experience (14 years with local nonprofit hospice)
- One of my first patient “Gladys”

INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM APPROACH

- Role of a Social Worker within the IDT or IDG
 - Collaboration between physicians, nurses, chaplains, HCA's, volunteers
- Benefits of a “Patient and Family centered model”
 - Physical, emotional, psychological, spiritual challenges and issues (ex. loss of control and independence, spiritual crisis, depression and anxiety)
- Future of Hospice (Healthcare) Social Workers

Employment projections data for social workers, 2018-28

Occupational Title	SOC Code	Employment, 2018	Projected Employment, 2028	Change, 2018-28		Employment by Industry
				Percent	Numeric	
Social workers	21-1020	707,400	788,600	11	81,200	Get data
Child, family, and school social workers	21-1021	339,800	364,600	7	24,800	Get data
Healthcare social workers	21-1022	180,500	211,100	17	30,600	Get data
Mental health and substance abuse social workers	21-1023	125,200	147,500	18	22,300	Get data
Social workers, all other	21-1029	62,000	65,400	6	3,500	Get data

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment Projections program

TASKS OF A HOSPICE SOCIAL WORKER

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rzTY1Na45Lc>
- Psychosocial Assessment (Biopsychosocialspiritualcultural)
- End-of-life and Grief Counseling
- Discharge Planning and Case Management
 - Advanced Directives and Funeral Planning
 - Completion of Financial Applications
 - Coordination of services (Nursing home, ALF, Home Health, DME, Volunteers)
- Community support and advocacy



ETHICAL DILEMMAS

- Quality vs. Quantity
- DPOA and Living Will (what if a patient does not have this document?)
- Pain control/relief (family member against patient's choice for pain control)
- Patient care involving spiritual/faith practices and beliefs
- Right to Die movement "Death with Dignity" laws

BE AN ADVOCATE FOR PATIENT'S RIGHTS

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

