

SUPPORTIVE CARE

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. WHAT IS SUPPORTIVE CARE?

A tailored package providing homecare services to women and men undergoing chemotherapy and/or radiation treatment for breast cancer.

2. WHAT DO THE HOMECARE SERVICES INCLUDE?

Housekeeping, ironing, lawn mowing, child care, transport to and from appointments. These services are available on an individual basis or can be tailored into a package depending on your needs.

3. WHAT IS THE LENGTH OF TIME THE HOMECARE SERVICES CAN BE UTILISED?

The homecare services can be utilised during chemotherapy and/or radiation treatment.

4. WHO UNDERTAKES THE HOMECARE SERVICES?

The Foundation hires registered providers who have met with specific codes of the industry including insurance coverage. The Foundation will do its best to ensure that the providers you are given will be the same throughout your treatment and are fully trustworthy.

5. WHAT HAPPENS IF THE HOMECARE SERVICE PROVIDED IS NOT UP TO STANDARD?

Contact the Foundation immediately and we will work with the provider to resolve the issue as quickly as possible.

6. HOW MUCH DOES SUPPORTIVE CARE COST?

This service is offered by the Foundation FREE OF CHARGE. The Foundation's mission is to ease the burden for women and men undergoing breast cancer treatment and their families.

7. WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF USING SUPPORTIVE CARE?

Chemotherapy and/or radiation treatment can be very debilitating and can take an enormous toll, not just on the patient, but the family as well. Patients need to focus on regaining strength and their health so by taking advantage of the homecare services it will endeavor to ease the stress and make life a little more comfortable by not having to worry about domestic chores and the like.





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The Hunter Breast Cancer Foundation is a locally founded and managed not for profit organization established to provide **information** and **support** for women and men being treated for breast cancer in the Newcastle and Hunter Region and their families. The Foundation's primary role is to offer women and men, newly diagnosed, during treatment and post treatment, practical day-to-day 'grass roots' supportive care and to bring them together for fun and social activities.

The Foundation is about understanding the needs of people who are dealing with the effects of breast cancer and offers a *hand of friendship* to men and women to help them through their journey – we do this through our supportive care program. This program is tailored to meet individual needs and offers house cleaning, lawn mowing, washing/ironing, child care, transport to and from treatment/medical appointments and financial assistance.

The Supportive Care offered by the Foundation is completely FREE OF CHARGE and is available to all women, men and their families.

Questions and answers relating to our Supportive Care can be found on the reverse side of this information leaflet.

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