



A Division of the New York Legal Assistance Group

LegalHealth

Professional Partnership to Promote Well Being®

Since 2001, LegalHealth has partnered with medical professionals to address the nonmedical needs of low-income people with serious health problems. LegalHealth complements health care with legal care — providing free legal services in medical facilities and training healthcare professionals to understand the legal issues their patients face. LegalHealth extends its mission nationally by providing technical assistance to bring medical and legal partners together.

CANCERCARE

Clinic Location

CancerCare Main Office
275 Seventh Avenue
22nd Floor
Manhattan

Clinic Schedule

Mondays
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Key Departments Served

All departments

Appointments

Appointments arranged through patient's social worker

LegalHealth at CancerCare

Every week attorneys bring the law office into the hospital, providing advice and representation to help patients:

- Secure government benefits
- Fix housing problems
- Address credit issues
- Handle immigration issues
- Plan ahead (e.g. wills, health care proxy, power of attorney and guardianship)
- Access special education services
- Solve insurance disputes
- Negotiate workplace accommodations

Patient Stories

Rosalie

Rosalie, a mother with two young children, was only in her early 20s when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Despite an aggressive treatment program, she knew she could die young and was scared for her children. Her doctor referred her to LegalHealth's clinic where the attorney explained advance directives. He helped her prepare a standby guardian affidavit that puts her children in the care of her mother when Rosalie becomes too ill to care for them and he helped her prepare a will leaving her property to her children.

Rafaela

Rafaela was a 60-year-old woman who had breast cancer and faced eviction from her apartment. She skipped radiation treatment to go to housing court. Rafaela's doctor referred her to LegalHealth. A LegalHealth attorney negotiated with her landlord a plan to cover past rent and avoid eviction. The landlord also agreed to make much needed repairs in her apartment. Resolution of these issues reduced Rafaela's stress and let her focus on her essential radiation treatments.

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