



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 non medical 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.

NYU LANGONE MEDICAL CENTER LAURA AND ISAAC PERLMUTTER CANCER CENTER

Clinic Location 160 East 34th Street, 11th Floor
Manhattan

Clinic Schedule Wednesdays
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Key Departments Served
(referrals / training)** Oncology

Appointments Amanda Truglio
212-731-5109

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.

George

George was being treated for cancer at the Institute and had health insurance coverage from his employer. However, his employer failed to make premium payments and George's coverage was cancelled. In May of 2008, George's employer had provided new coverage, but the former insurance company denied all of his treatment claims for failure to obtain the required referrals and pre-authorizations even though the policy was retroactive to April 2008. LegalHealth appealed on George's behalf and was able to overturn all the denials. The insurance company paid all of George's claims for April 2008 in full.

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