



Ovarian Cancer Senior Clinician - psychologist, counsellor or social worker

- *Improve the psychosocial wellbeing of people with ovarian cancer*
- *Work within a passionate and purpose-driven team*
- *Australia wide support – opportunity to work remotely*

Position Description

Position Purpose

This Ovarian Cancer clinician is responsible for supporting people who need support with significant psychosocial and practical issues, during their ovarian cancer experience from diagnosis to end of life.

About the Position

- Location:** Queen Victoria Women's Centre, Melbourne (or working remotely within Australia)
- Reports to:** Senior Psychologist & Team Leader
- Duration:** 12 months fixed term
- Fulltime:** Part-time - 0.6FTE - 45.6 hours per fortnight (0.4-0.5FTE (30.4-38 hours per fortnight may be considered))

About the Organisation

Ovarian Cancer Australia (OCA) is the leading national body for ovarian cancer in Australia. Founded in 2001 by a group of people personally affected by ovarian cancer, our vision *is to save lives and ensure that no woman with ovarian cancer walks alone*. We work to ensure that:

- Women with ovarian cancer have a strong voice
- All people with ovarian cancer have access to best practice diagnosis, treatment, information and support
- A vibrant and growing national ovarian cancer research effort in Australia informs practice and translates into improved quality of life and survival for people impacted by ovarian cancer.

Our values: We listen: We are inclusive: We are courageous: We act with integrity

For more information, please visit www.ovariancancer.net.au.

Position Background

Each year in Australia, approximately 1700 people are diagnosed with ovarian cancer, and more than 1,000 die from the disease. Ovarian cancer has an extremely poor prognosis and has the lowest survival rate of any female cancer. In Australia, the overall five-year survival rate for people diagnosed with ovarian cancer is 48%. People have poor quality of life and outcomes, and OCA has a range of programs supporting them and their loved ones. The main programs are via the helpline, the Teal Support Program (nursing support), psychosocial services (counselling and psychological support), support groups and information resources.

This role forms part of the OCA psychosocial support team providing psychological support to people impacted by ovarian cancer across Australia primarily using telehealth

Key Responsibilities

Support People Impacted by Ovarian Cancer

- Provide counselling to people with ovarian cancer and their families who reach out to OCA.
- Effectively and routinely communicate with people and their families to provide them with a better understanding of their health and to facilitate successful health outcomes.
- Communicate and collaborate with primary care and specialty providers in support of optimal health outcomes.
- Provide education and self-management support as it relates to managing the person and their illness.
- Work and participate as part of a multidisciplinary team.
- Facilitate successful collaboration resulting in high consumer satisfaction levels.
- Maintain confidentiality of information in accordance with organisational policies.
- Monitor the person's progress.
- Work closely with the Support Services team.
- Group facilitation: facilitate a monthly online support group.

Develop, implement and monitor new support programs including

- Coordinate the development, piloting and evaluation of new programs to address identified needs or services gaps.
- Identify strategies and approaches to build and sustain successful pilot projects.
- Implement and monitor the integration of newly established programs into the suite of OCA's support activities.
- Identify and develop partnerships and funding opportunities that will enable the development of innovative programs, or their ongoing sustainability once successfully piloted.

Stakeholder management

- Manage both internal and external relationships. Key external relationships are with the local treating teams.
- Represent Ovarian Cancer Australia in a professional capacity at relevant meetings, committees and conferences.

Reporting, evaluation and accountability

- Maintain the Customer Relationship Management (CRM) Database to record all case management related activities, in accordance with privacy guidelines.
- Regularly review program data, compile reports, identify areas for quality and service improvement and initiate appropriate quality improvement activities.
- Contribute to evaluation data collection as relevant to areas of responsibility and collate information into routine and ad hoc reports for Senior Leadership Team, Board, and funding bodies.
- Maintain current knowledge of advances in ovarian cancer, supportive and palliative care and methods of program delivery.

General

- Work in collaboration with the organisation's teams to support projects, campaigns and other Ovarian Cancer Australia activities.
- Work collaboratively with other Ovarian Cancer Australia staff to optimise the promotion of the Teal Support program.
- Contribute to the development of Ovarian Cancer Australia and Support Program strategy and planning.
- Contribute to the culture of decision-making including initiative, cooperation, collaboration and shared accountability.
- Other duties as directed.

Experience, Skills & Qualifications

- Tertiary qualifications in psychology (must be a registered Psychologist), counselling or social work. Other allied health disciplines (e.g., occupational therapy) with training and experience in delivering mental health support are encouraged to apply.
- Registered member of Australia Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) or other appropriate professional body.
- At least five years' experience working with people with cancer (experience working with people with ovarian cancer is desirable) or other chronic illness.
- Appropriate expertise in psychological or counselling interventions (e.g., cognitive behaviour therapy and acceptance and commitment therapy).
- Experience delivering counselling services via Telehealth (video and/or telephone)

Key Selection Criteria

- Tertiary qualifications in psychology (must be a registered psychologist), counselling or social work. Other allied health disciplines (e.g., occupational therapy) with training and experience delivering ,counselling/mental health support are also encouraged to apply.
- Registered member of Australia Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) or other appropriate professional body.
- At least five years' experience working with people with cancer (experience working with people with ovarian cancer is desirable) or other chronic illness.
- Appropriate expertise in psychological interventions (e.g., cognitive behaviour therapy, acceptance and commitment therapy).
- Experience delivering counselling services via Telehealth (video and/or telephone).
- Excellent knowledge of the psychosocial impacts of cancer and wide knowledge of other practical/psychological/social support services relevant to people with cancer.

- Experience in facilitating group programs.
- Strong communication skills working within the health care team.
- Computer literacy /CRM experience (Salesforce or other similar application highly regarded). Demonstrated capacity to work proactively and strategically.
- Strong alignment with Ovarian Cancer Australia's values.

Mandatory Requirements

- Proof of eligibility to work in Australia.

Attributes

- Commitment to the mission and values of Ovarian Cancer Australia
- Positive, collaborative and 'can do' approach
- Inclusive and supportive team player.
- Resilient and actively conscious of self-care given the nature of OCA's purpose and the potential interactions with those affected by ovarian cancer.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

OCA offers salary packaging options and flexible working arrangements including a hybrid model of working from the OCA offices centrally located in Melbourne (Melbourne employees only) and working from home. OCA teams work collaboratively and those employees working remotely interstate are always involved in team gatherings and meetings online. We are passionate about our purpose and are excited to be seeking new talent to join our team.

Applications must include:

1. A covering letter addressing the above key selection requirements.
2. A current curriculum vitae or resume.

Please email applications to: careers@ovariancancer.net.au

Telephone enquiries regarding the position may be directed to:
Shirley Getley – People & Culture Manager on : 0417 282 367 or
Lauren Williams – Senior Psychologist & Team Leader on : 03 9289 9773

Closing date for applications is 4 November 2022

We will be shortlisting and interviewing as we receive applications and may appoint the right candidate ahead of the closing date, so if this sounds like your next career challenge, apply today!