Helping our Patients Every Step of the Way

By excellence in patient centered services, Avon Cares for Life is devoted to enhancing the quality of care for patients who are diagnosed with or at risk for breast cancer. Our team is committed to fostering an environment that promotes compassion, respect, collaboration, and above all, hope.

Avon Office Hours
Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:30pm
Fridays by Appointment ONLY
Please call your coordinator to make an appointment.

Located at Olive View-UCLA Medical Center
14445 Olive View Drive,
AVON Office, Sylmar, CA 91342

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During this difficult time in your life, it is easy to feel overwhelmed, anxious, and scared. The **Avon Cares for Life Program** at Olive View Medical Center is designed to ease some of these feelings. We provide a comprehensive program to help support you at every step of your care beginning at diagnosis through breast cancer treatment and beyond.

**Support Services**
Our Support Services Coordinator assists patients and their families by evaluating their needs, identifying resources, and providing referrals to community organizations.

By collaborating with community partners, the Support Services Coordinator will provide a link to support services such as transportation, financial assistance, food assistance, wigs, breast prosthesis, and emotional support.

These partners include:
- Project Angel Food
- weSPARK
- CancerCare
- American Cancer Society

Our in-house groups and workshops, which are bilingual, include:
- Yoga - in partnership with Tower Cancer Research Center
- Look Good Feel Better - in partnership with the American Cancer Society
- Orientation Class - held monthly in the Avon Conference Room

**Psychosocial Services**
We recognize that the emotional and psychological well-being of our patients is an important and integral part of treatment. We focus on addressing the emotional impact of cancer to help our patients achieve optimal wellness from the time of initial diagnosis, during treatment and beyond by providing comprehensive psychosocial care.

Our Clinical Social Worker assists patients and their families by providing counseling and psycho-education as well as psychological interventions.

Psychosocial assessments, individualized interventions and referrals to community agencies are provided to facilitate and promote coping and wellness.

Our Clinical Social Worker facilitates support groups and/or workshops at different times throughout the year. Please call to obtain the current schedule.

Clinical Social Worker: Yvette Cárdenas, MSW, LCSW
Hours: Tuesday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Care Coordination**
Our care coordinators work with you one-on-one to assist you with your breast care appointments, help you start your treatments on time, and work closely with your medical team to provide coordinated care from diagnosis and throughout treatment. They will give you educational materials and the tools you need to make informed decisions about your care at Olive View Medical Center.

Hope must be there in the beginning for us to start. ~Breast Cancer Survivor

**Support after Treatment**
When you are done with your treatment and your cancer doctors feel that you are ready to have your follow-up care done by your primary care doctor, your coordinator will give you tools to assist you with this transition. These tools include a treatment summary wallet card, a patient guide with commonly asked questions, and any survivorship related material at your request.

For more information, please call your care coordinator or Eloisa Castellon, Program Assistant, 747-210-4189.