

# Financial Support Information for Cancer Patients

## *Helpful tips*

### Keep your receipts and a travel log.



Receipts such as parking and medical supplies, and the kilometres travelled for medical appointments, may be helpful to you when you're filing your taxes. Talk to a social worker for more info. Call 705-728-9090 x43520 for an appointment.

### Buy a multi-use parking pass.



Most hospitals have a multi-use parking pass that can save you money if you'll be visiting often. At the Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre, there are parking passes that allow you to have unlimited in and out access, ranging from 24 hours, 1 week, 1 month, or longer. Visit [www.rvh.on.ca](http://www.rvh.on.ca) or call 705-728-9090 x44114 for more details.

### Consider Canadian Cancer Society's Wheels of Hope transportation service.



Canadian Cancer Society's [Wheels of Hope Transportation Service](http://www.cancer.ca) may be helpful for patients who are having active treatment and need help getting to and from their appointments. A Compassionate Program is available for those who cannot afford the \$100-200 annual registration fee. Call 1-800-263-6750 or visit [www.cancer.ca](http://www.cancer.ca) for more info.

### Talk to a social worker.

A social worker can help connect you with other financial support options including government programs. Call 705-728-9090 x43520 for an appointment.

**Turn over for more information...**

Hudson Regional Cancer  
Program  
[www.rvh.on.ca](http://www.rvh.on.ca)  
(705) 728-9090 x43333  
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If you are employed or recently employed:	If you are not employed:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check if your employer offers short-term and/or long-term disability benefits</li> <li>• If you have worked 600 hours in the past 12 months, you can apply for Employment Insurance Sick Benefits. Contact 1-800-206-7218 or visit <a href="http://www.esdc.gc.ca/">http://www.esdc.gc.ca/</a> for more info.</li> <li>• If you have contributed to Canada Pension Plan (CPP) for 4 out of the past 6 years, you can apply for CPP Disability Benefits. Contact 1-800-277-9914 or visit <a href="http://www.esdc.gc.ca/">http://www.esdc.gc.ca/</a> for more info.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply to Ontario Works for urgent financial assistance. Contact 705-722-3132 or 1-877-272-8610</li> <li>• Apply to Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP): 705-737-1311 or 1-888-256-6758. You may be eligible for ODSP even if you are on CPP Disability</li> </ul>

### What other resources are available?

**Hudson Regional Cancer Centre Compassionate Fund:** Provided limited financial support for cancer patients experiencing a financial emergency. Referral to the cancer care social worker is required for financial assessment and completion of application for assistance. Call 705-728-9090 x43520 to make an appointment with a social worker.

**Speak to a Drug and Special Access Navigator:** If you are having difficulties paying for your cancer-related prescription drugs, the Drug and Special Access Navigator can help you with private insurance for prescription drugs, government and patient assistance programs. Call 705-728-9090 x43373 to make an appointment.

**Trillium Drug Program:** The program will assist patients with the cost of medications covered under the Ontario Drug Benefit program. For more information, search "[Trillium Drug Program](#)" in your web browser, or contact the SMRCP Drug and Special Access Navigator at 705-728-9090 x43373.

**Assistive Devices Program (ADP):** Covers 75% of the cost of prosthetics and other medical devices. Contact: 1-800-268-6021 or search "[Assistive Devices Program](#)" in your web browser.

#### Community Funding Sources:

Contact Canadian Cancer Society at 1-888-939-3333 or [www.cancer.ca](http://www.cancer.ca) for funding sources in your community.

**Wellspring Money Matters:** a Money Matters Case Manager can provide you with confidential help and support you need to navigate the financial challenges of cancer.

<https://wellspring.ca/downtown-toronto/programs/all-programs/money-matters-new/>



**Look inside our *Cancer Care Services* booklet for more options.** Online version is available on [www.rvh.on.ca](http://www.rvh.on.ca) (search using "cancer support"). Paper copies are available in the Cancer Centre waiting areas.