

Role Title: McGrath Metastatic Breast Care Nurse



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Functional Area: Support Services

Time Commitment: 0.6 FTE

Role Purpose	In accordance with the Purpose and Values of Breast Cancer Care WA (BCCWA), the McGrath Metastatic Breast Care Nurse (SMBCN) acts as a clinical expert in advanced breast cancer and functions as a critical member of the Support Services team and a primary resource person for patients and families impacted by Metastatic Breast Cancer that access BCCWA for support. This role also provides support for other McGrath nurses (MBCN) caring for patients with metastatic breast cancer working across WA.
Reports To	Support Services Manager
Key Responsibilities	<p>Leadership and Management</p> <p>The role provides leadership that facilitates the ongoing development of clinical practice that reflects the McGrath Model of Care.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ To have expert knowledge regarding the spectrum of Advanced Breast Cancer, inclusive of health assessment, treatment pathways, referrals, and on-going coordination of care.▪ Act as a role model and an expert clinician within services team for patients and families impacted by metastatic breast cancer▪ Create relationships across medical oncology, radiation oncology, palliative care and allied health services ensuring the continuity of care and support services to patients with metastatic breast cancer <p>Operational Responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Assess the individual needs of the patient, their families and carers and co-ordinate relevant support services in hospital and/or the community including palliative care▪ Close collaboration and liaison with the oncology, radiation oncology, palliative care and allied health departments ensuring the continuity of care and services to patients with metastatic breast cancer.▪ Participate in the multidisciplinary team meetings and treatment planning, as required.▪ Maintain a comprehensive knowledge of informational resources for metastatic breast cancer clients and facilitate access to resources relevant to client needs and preferences▪ To be available via phone or email within business hours to answer queries and provide advice regarding the care of patients who have metastatic breast

cancer.

- To be available to regional clients & staff via phone with option to visit where there is identified gap
- Maintain electronic patient records
- Enter patient and activity data in the McGrath portal (required by McGrath Foundation)

Resource Management

- Develop, facilitate, implement and evaluate supportive care management plans for patients with complex health needs.
- Provide an expert patient centred consultancy practice both within and across specialties, in accordance with clinical practice guidelines and the McGrath Model of Care.
- Facilitates and co-ordinates patient care in consultation with the multidisciplinary team, as required.
- Participates / collaborates in the design and conduct of quality improvement initiatives

Education

The McGrath MBCN contributes to the development and delivery of speciality related education programs.

- Participates in both formal and informal education programmes.
- Identifies education needs of BCCWA Services team
- Collaborates with others in the development and delivery of education programmes.
- Develops educational resources for nurses and other health care professionals.
- Participates in the orientation of staff
- Maintenance of ongoing personal professional development/education

Services Planning and Management

- Identify gaps in service and participate in strategic planning within BCCWA
- Assist in the development and the ongoing improvement of support programs
- Participate in the orientation and professional development of Services staff

Networking and community involvement

- Establish a working relationship and work collaboratively with multidisciplinary team members across the continuum of care.
- Liaise with general practitioners, specialist oncologists, cancer care coordinators, community nurses, palliative care and local hospital staff in order to build an efficient and appropriate referral network and framework of support for breast cancer clients.
- Maintain professional and courteous relationships with external service providers.
- Actively promote Breast Cancer Care WA in order to attract new clients and service providers.
- Represent Breast Cancer Care WA and/or McGrath Foundation at community

	<p>events and networking functions.</p> <p>OHS</p> <p>Adhere to the organisation’s Occupational Health Safety Policies and Safe Home Visiting policies</p>
<p>Challenges of the Role</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To function effectively across multiple healthcare agencies • Gaining an understanding of Breast Cancer Care WA and the relevant systems and processes • Managing competing priorities
<p>Expectations and Outcomes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that all requests and tasks are performed in a professional manner and to a high standard • Adhere to the strategy, policies and procedures of Breast Cancer Care WA • Adherence to the Code of Ethics and the Code of Professional Conduct for Nurses in Western Australia.