

# The Success of the CAREpath Cancer Assistance Program

For the past four years OTIP, through a partnership with CAREpath, has offered our members specialized cancer-related service programs. Three distinct services are available at no cost to members:

- ▶ **CAREpath Navigation System** – provides members and their immediate families (spouse and dependant children) with tailored, one-on-one emotional support and medical advice from initial cancer diagnosis (or medical suspicion of cancer) throughout treatment, post-treatment and into remission.
- ▶ **CAREpath Survivor Support** – provides information and guidance for members and their immediate families (spouse and dependant children) who have completed their cancer treatment, and
- ▶ **CAREpath Cancer Information Line** – provides members with access to cancer-related information to help extended family members (i.e., parents, siblings), colleagues and friends who have been diagnosed with cancer.


**The CAREpath program is making a big difference.  
SOME ENCOURAGING STATISTICS:**

## CAREpath Navigation System:

- ▶ 78% success in reducing toxicity from treatment
- ▶ 77% of OTIP members who used CAREpath's services continued to work during treatment
- ▶ 57% success in providing access to special counselling
- ▶ 40% success in improving symptom control medications
- ▶ 33% success in expediting changes in case management
- ▶ 16% success in changing/expediting surgery

## CAREpath Survivor Support Program:

- ▶ in 36% of cases provided explanation, detection, intervention of treatment side effects
- ▶ in 14% of cases provided new or additional diagnosis
- ▶ in 10% of cases changed patient supportive care
- ▶ in 18% of cases developed patient exercise plans

For more information or to access the CAREpath program, OTIP members should call CAREpath at 1-800-290-5106 or go to [www.otip.com](http://www.otip.com) and click on the CAREpath link. 



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