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## **ABSTRACT**

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This study was conducted to answer the following problems: (1) what are the roles of the medical social workers?; (2) what are the challenges faced by the medical social worker?; (3) what are the opportunities of social workers who work in the hospital setting?

The study used the descriptive research design, this method used a survey questionnaire for data gathering. The participants of the study were the five (5) medical social workers in hospital setting.

The study found out that working opportunity of the medical social workers in hospital setting does not compensate the challenging work and responsibility in terms of promotion and economic aspect and only see it as self fulfillment. They work with nothing more in return because they want to serve, help and contribute for the development of the patients.

Medical social workers in hospital setting inspired by the patients and work for the patients. Their dedication in work measures their full effort and dedication in everything they do for the good of the patients and their families.

The Medical Social Workers viewed their Challenges and Opportunities based on their work load, place of work and function in the hospital they choose to work with.

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**INTRODUCTION**

A medical social worker is a social worker who works in a medical setting such as a hospital, outpatient clinic, hospice, long-term care facility, or community health agency. It is important to note that medical social workers are most often referred to as “social workers,” but occasionally may have other titles, including case/care manager.

The basic concept of medical social worker is not new, but its application to new areas, to larger groups in the community, to apparently well people as well as to sick individuals, is new. In dealing with people who are ill, regardless of age, the kind of the duration of the illness, or the communicability of the disease, the medical social must understand the role of emotions and the meaning of behavior in illness. He or she must understand the relationship and influence of social factors on ill health, and she be able to utilize the community resources that are best suited to the needs of that individual patient and his family. He or she must function in continuous