

**ARROWHEAD REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER  
CANCER PROGRAM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES  
2026 Summary of Policy Revisions**

Policy & Issue #	New	Major	Minor	Reviewed	Policy Title	Explanation (New and Major Revisions Only)
100.05 v3		X			Departmental Care Services	<p>The policy was updated to reflect procedure. After our commission on cancer accreditation survey, it was recommended to revise the policy for a better understanding of the distress screening process. Cancer patients are screened for any psychosocial distress related to their cancer diagnosis at least once during their first course of treatment. The screening takes place in the oncology clinic, infusion center, or inpatient unit. The intent of psychosocial services is to improve or resolve psychosocial issues related to cancer care and support resumption of optimal maximum functioning. A qualified social worker collects the data, documents the findings in the patient’s electronic health record (EHR) and makes appropriate referrals for resources and follow up. The annual data report includes the total number of patients screened, number of patients referred for additional psychosocial assessment and support. The report is presented to the oncology committee to identify opportunities for improvement.</p>