



ARH Chaplaincy Services

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- **Wikipedia Defines Chaplaincy Services:** as Ministers, priests, clergy, pastors, Rabbi's Imams, and even laymen that are available to assist with the spiritual, religious, and emotional needs of the people that they minister to, which often includes family and staff of the organization to which they are called.

Many Types of Chaplains:

**Healthcare, Law Enforcement, Fire Departments,
Military, Prison, Sports, Corporate, Nightclub and
Theatre Chaplains, Market Place Chaplains,
Corporate Chaplains, Cruise Ship Chaplains**

- **ARH Volunteer Healthcare Chaplains**
- **Our Chaplains Serve in all 14 ARH hospitals**
- **Approximately 90 Volunteers**
- **Representing several different denominations**

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What is our purpose or our goals?

- Provide spiritual guidance to patients and staff !
- To pray with and encourage those we come in contact with- including patient families.
- To provide scripture which encourages hope

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- Mission Statement:
- ARH chaplains are available to lead people to experience grace, forgiveness and reconciliation; to offer guidance and support through grief, crises, dying and death; and particularly in end of life decisions; and to enable people to find hope, faith, and love.

- In moments of fear, anxiety, or loneliness; when facing questions of meaning and purpose; and when seeking to experience God in the midst of hospitalization, Chaplains are available to assist making hospitalization an experience of spiritual growth.

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- ARH Chaplains seek to assist patients to use their personal religious and spiritual beliefs and practices in coping with vital life concerns during hospitalization.
- ARH Chaplains offer religious and spiritual support, conduct religious sacraments and rituals, and to pray and read scripture.

ARH Chaplaincy Services Policy G-VII-01

- Surveys indicate that more than 80% of hospitalized patients would like to have some type of spiritual guidance and encouragement during a time of health concerns.
- ARH Chaplains provide encouragement, prayer and a listening ear during the times of hospital stays.

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Eligibility Requirements

- Chaplains must be qualified Spiritual Care providers who are ordained, licensed or commissioned by their faith community.
- Pastors, Deacons, and members that have been recommended by their faith community.
- Chaplains must complete the Orientation to ARH Chaplaincy Program

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Backpack and
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- Blue Christmas Services



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- Emergency Response Chaplains
- Team of 3 at each hospital
- Responding to ED during times of natural disasters, multiple car accidents or shootings.
- Wearing a red vest indicating their role
- Being available to help families at the time of unforeseen accidents

WHY?

- Why do we provide Chaplaincy Services at all ARH Hospitals?
- Do Chaplains directly contribute to Hospital Revenues?
- Why?

Value of Chaplaincy Services

A multicenter observational study, which evaluated 326 inpatients in four Midwestern hospitals, stated that 94% of patients found the visits of chaplains or clergy to be very helpful and demonstrated that patients who were visited daily by a chaplain had significantly greater satisfaction with their hospital stay

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Another Study indicated:

When chaplains help a patient's family, the patient is more likely to choose that institution again for future hospitalization due to the spiritual guidance from the Chaplain.

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Chaplains help healthcare organizations meet patient expectations for compassionate spiritual care services, thus enhancing the image of healthcare organizations.

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In an age of high technology medicine, brief hospitalizations, and shortened contacts with physicians and other health professionals, chaplains offer one of the few opportunities for patients to discuss their personal and spiritual concerns.

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End of Life

Spiritual care plays a significant role when cure is not possible and persons question the meaning of life.

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Approaching death can prompt serious spiritual questions that contribute to anxiety, depression, 'hopelessness and despair.

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Chaplains bring time-tested spiritual resources that help patients cope with end of life issues

Why?- The answers are-

- Significantly greater satisfaction with services
- More compassionate healthcare
- Providing support services during times of death and crisis- for patients, family and staff

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- Staff is encouraged to refer Chaplains to Patients
- Remember that Chaplains are not just there to patients but also to encourage staff.

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- Your role as a Doctor or Administrator can be enhanced by providing spiritual care.
- Not required by ARH, but certainly allowed and appreciated.

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- The majority of patients believe that spiritual care by physicians is important. Approximately half indicate they would like their physicians to pray with them. Faith can play an even greater role in the lives of people facing serious illness, as patients turn toward religion for guidance or support.
- In the setting of severe illness, [religious and spiritual support](#) from the medical community significantly impacts patient-reported quality of life.
- 11-13 AMA Journal of Ethics

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Researchers increasingly report evidence linking positive spirituality with health, calling it the forgotten factor in health and insisting the spiritual care of our patients should not be the exclusive domain of pastoral professionals.

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Two-thirds of U.S. physicians believe the experience of illness often or always increases patients' awareness of and focus on religious and spiritual issues, about 75 percent of these physicians believe prayer is positive in healthcare by helping patients cope and giving them a positive state of mind. In addition, 55 percent believe prayer provides emotional and practical support.

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However- please understand that you are not under any obligation to follow this practice.

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Questions??