

Spiritual Care at City of Hope

“There is no profit in curing the body
if in the process we destroy the soul”

Samuel H. Golter
City of Hope Creed

The staff, at City of Hope, is committed to caring for our patients...body, mind and spirit. We truly believe that the mind and spirit are every bit as important as the body. So while our medical, nursing and psychosocial staff are working to heal the body and mind...our spiritual care department is committed to the spirit and addressing the suffering that is part of facing cancer.

Many people are very faithful to a particular tradition and would describe themselves as religious. Others might not be affiliated with a religious institution, but do consider themselves quite spiritual and connected to something greater than themselves.

Spiritual Care at City of Hope isn't limited to those who identify with a particular religious tradition or teaching. Our chaplains provide spiritual care to each individual, providing support in whatever way best serves the patient and family.

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What do Chaplains do?

- Offer compassion and presence
- Listen to your concerns
- Address spiritual or religious concerns

When should I ask for a chaplain?

- If you're feeling your faith, or world view, is being challenged.
- If you're asking yourself, "Why is this happening to me?"
- If you're trying to find meaning in the experience.
- If you're experiencing distress related to religious or spiritual matters.
- If you have fears about your own mortality.
- If you would like to tell your story.
- If you feel alone...and lonely.
- If you're struggling with making decisions.
- If prayer and/or meditation might be helpful.
- If you would like to see a clergy person from your faith tradition.
- If you want the rituals or sacraments from your faith tradition.

How do I contact a chaplain?

- Call the Spiritual Care Office at 63898.
- Let your nurse know you want to see a chaplain.
- Let your physician know you want to see a chaplain.