

The nonprofit, multifaith HealthCare Chaplaincy is a national leader in research, education and practice that integrates spirituality with medical care. It has the responsibility to help hospital patients and families in difficult situations find meaning and comfort regardless of religion or beliefs. For nearly 50 years it has collaborated with major medical centers and other professional organizations. It is a thought leader for quality, accessible and affordable palliative care. *The New York Times* says, "Palliative care (is) one of the fastest-growing fields in medicine." Palliative care helps patients with a serious, life-changing illness and their families make informed decisions about their treatment options that are consistent with their values.



- ◆ We are responsible for chaplaincy care departments at 13 partner institutions, including Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, NYU Langone Medical Center, and North Shore University Hospital.
- ◆ Our chaplains and students made approximately 156,000 visits in 2009 to patients, loved ones and staff. Chaplains participate in ethics committees and serve as a spiritual touchstone for difficult issues such as advance care planning and organ transplantation .
- ◆ In 2009 our national consulting practice helped improve chaplaincy service at Mount Sinai Medical Center, Intermountain Healthcare in Salt Lake City, and the U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.
- ◆ We are a proponent of protocol driven practice models that align the chaplain's care of the patient with important outcomes including patient satisfaction and help reduce conflicts and crises that stem from miscommunication and differences in cultures and beliefs.
- ◆ We are a major provider of accredited Clinical Pastoral Education in the United States and a leader in professional chaplaincy research – have published more than 80 articles in peer-reviewed journals.
- ◆ We are developing a Palliative Care Campus that will house an innovative, 108-unit, enhanced assisted living residence for persons with serious progressive illness. The Campus will include the Chaplaincy's research, consulting, administrative, and education offices, and a specialized medical practice, including geriatricians, internists, physical therapists, occupational therapists, and other related disciplines. This unique development, which we expect to open in 2012, will serve as the home for HealthCare Chaplaincy's comprehensive approach to providing care and preparing caregivers to care for the whole person through a spirit-centered care approach.

A mother and a patient tell how our chaplains helped two people in need:



*"Yusuf (Chaplain Al-Hajji Imam Yusuf Hasan) gave me the feeling that things were going to be okay and that my son was going to come through it. He's seven years old now and doing great. When I take him to the hospital every four months for his check-up, we still see Yusuf. I'll never forget that he was there for us at a very difficult time."*

*"In the spring of 2000, I was diagnosed with a recurrence of Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. I chose to undergo a stem cell transplant, which involved a lengthy hospitalization. During this time, I was visited by a chaplain from HealthCare Chaplaincy. He had seemingly unlimited time to speak with me, find out my fears, and help me determine what was true to me at that difficult time. He contributed greatly to my healing and recovery. Healing comes from speaking, sharing, and opening up. Healing and recovery is a process." – Howard Sharfstein*



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