

HealthCare Chaplaincy Network™ (HCCN) is a global nonprofit organization that offers spiritual-related information and resources, and professional chaplaincy services in hospitals, other health care settings, and online. HCCN’s mission is to advance the integration of spiritual care in health care through clinical practice, research and education in order to increase patient satisfaction and help people faced with illness and grief find comfort and meaning—*whoever they are, whatever they believe, wherever they are*. The organization has been caring for the human spirit since 1961.

HCCN’s multitude of programs and services emphasize the importance of spiritual care as a component of overall wellness, and provide multi-faith chaplaincy services to individuals and their families facing illness, grief, health crises or spiritual distress. HCCN’s leadership includes a prominent board of directors and numerous advisory boards composed of experts in spiritual and palliative care from around the world. Rev. Eric J. Hall, president and CEO, has had a decades-long career in leading nonprofit organizations.

HCCN’s 55-year history includes building and administering chaplaincy departments at major hospitals in New York such as Hospital for Special Surgery, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, and NYU Langone Medical Center; providing continuing professional education to professional multi-faith chaplains, clergy and multi-disciplinary health care providers; and leading the field in evidence-based spiritual care research, funded in part by The John Templeton Foundation.

HCCN’s core services include an annual global spiritual care conference, Caring for the Human Spirit®; professional development (online courses, webinars) for chaplains and other providers to help advance knowledge, skills and research in spiritual care and palliative care; and a semi-annual spiritual care magazine (Caring for the Human Spirit® magazine) and a monthly professional journal (PlainViews®) for chaplains and other health professionals. HCCN’s The Chaplain Connection® offers a unique online networking and educational platform to engage professional chaplains; and its “Excellence in Spiritual Care Award” recognizes hospitals, hospice and other health settings that meet HCCN’s national standards of spiritual care, illustrating that the institution is committed to identifying and optimally addressing patients’ spiritual and religious needs.

Today, as health care increasingly focuses on the whole person—body, mind and spirit, and as health services move more to outpatient delivery, HCCN is striving to ensure that spiritual care support reaches a wide audience of patients, patients’ families, and health care professionals—whether in a hospital, in an outpatient setting, a long-term care facility, or at home. As such, HCCN has been rolling out Outpatient Chaplaincy®, a ground-breaking portfolio of cost-effective, technology-driven initiatives focused on spiritual care. These services include HCCN-TV™, spiritual-themed programming for use in hospital, clinic and residential settings; palliative care and spiritual care interactive online patient engagement modules; and content-rich websites focused on spiritual care with access to a spiritual care call center, where professional board-certified chaplains respond to queries via phone, email and video call. These unique services are expanding outreach to people around the nation and world who previously had no access to professional chaplains or HCCN’s deep reservoir of spiritual resources.



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