

THE ROLE OF PROFESSIONAL CHAPLAINS IN WHOLE PERSON CARE

INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM MEMBER

PRACTICE GUIDELINES ESPECIALLY IN PALLIATIVE CARE CALL FOR A BOARD CERTIFIED CHAPLAIN TO BE A MEMBER OF THE HEALTH CARE TEAM.



Source: National Consensus Project for Quality Palliative Care Clinical Practice Guidelines for Quality Palliative Care, 3rd edition 2013



Medicare's hospice benefit covers chaplain services.

INTERVENTIONS BY AN INTERDISCIPLINARY HEALTH CARE TEAM THAT INCLUDES **CHAPLAINS CAN LEAD TO FEWER HOSPITAL TRANSFERS FOR GERIATRIC SKILLED NURSING FACILITY RESIDENTS.**

Source: Journal of the American Geriatrics Society, 2011

WHY INCLUDE A CHAPLAIN IN THE HEALTH CARE TEAM?

HELPS IDENTIFY PARAMETERS FOR CHAPLAINCY REFERRAL

PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY TO COMMUNICATE FINDINGS/RECOMMENDATIONS INTO TREATMENT PLAN

INCREASES LIKELIHOOD OF CONSIDERING THE PATIENT AS A WHOLE

Sources: Journal of Health Care Chaplaincy, 2012; Journal of Palliative Medicine, 2009

89%

of physicians had experience with a chaplain

90%

were satisfied or very satisfied

Source: Archives of Internal Medicine, 2009

CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS

CHAPLAINS HELP PATIENTS

- ✓ COPE WITH THEIR ILLNESS
- ✓ ALIGN CARE PLANS WITH **VALUES**, PROMOTING **A CULTURE OF RESPECT AND DIGNITY**
- ✓ TAP INTO **INNER STRENGTHS AND RESOURCES**

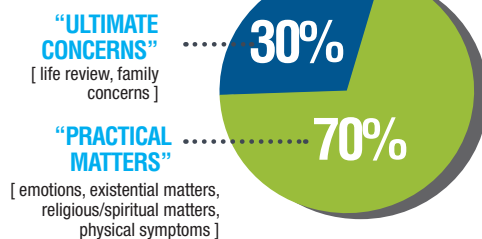
Sources: BMC Palliative Care, 2014; BMC Palliative Care, 2015; Journal of Palliative Medicine, 2009

Professional chaplains facilitate end-of-life care discussions for advanced cancer patients that can influence patient satisfaction, hospice enrollment, and better quality of life near death.



Sources: Journal of Clinical Oncology, 2007, 2009; Journal of Pain and Symptom Management, 2011

OF **1,140** CHAPLAIN INTERVENTIONS, VISITS CENTERED ON:



Source: HCCN Caring for the Human Spirit Conference, 2014

#1 REASON

PARTICIPANTS USE **SPIRITUAL CARE CALL CENTER** STAFFED BY **PROFESSIONAL CHAPLAINS**

43%

"They have no one else"



28%

"They wanted to talk to someone"

Source: HCCN Chat with a Chaplain survey, 2014-15



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