

MEDIA ALERT



CARING FOR THE HUMAN SPIRIT CONFERENCE EXPLORES RESEARCH AND CLINICAL ADVANCES ON INTEGRATING SPIRITUAL CARE IN HEALTH CARE

WHAT: HealthCare Chaplaincy Network (HCCN) is exploring the latest in evidence-based thought, research, and clinical experience related to integrating spiritual care in health care at its third annual Caring for the Human Spirit Conference for chaplains, physicians, nurses, social workers, researchers, and other health care professionals.

WHEN: April 11-13, 2016

WHERE: Hyatt Regency Mission Bay, San Diego, Calif.

WHY:

- “This global conference reinforces the critical value of spiritual care as part of whole-person care,” said Rev. Eric J. Hall, HCCN’s president and CEO. “It promises like in past years to be transformative, highlighting the latest advances in the field and laying the groundwork for the spiritual care of the future.”
- A growing body of research demonstrates the positive impact of professional chaplaincy and spiritual care on medical outcomes and patient experience, including improved quality of life.
- The conference features highly-regarded international experts in spiritual care and palliative care. They include Harvey Max Chochinov, M.D., Ph.D., FRSC, of the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB Canada, who is renowned for research on the emotional and psychological needs of dying patients; Tracy A. Balboni, M.D., M.P.H., of Harvard Medical School, Dana-Faber Cancer Institute, Boston, Mass.; George Fitchett, D.Min., Ph.D., of Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, Ill.; Carlo Leget, Ph.D., of University of Humanistic Studies, Utrecht, the Netherlands; and Rev. Kevin Massey, M.Div., BCC, of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, Ill.
- The event includes more than 30 workshops, including one on new quality indicators for spiritual care; a scientific poster session; a renewal ceremony for professional chaplains; and an exhibit hall.
- On April 12, HCCN is presenting its prestigious Pioneer Medal for Outstanding Leadership in Health Care to Joseph F. Prevratil, J.D., president and CEO of the Archstone Foundation, Long Beach, Calif.; and George Fitchett, D. Min., Ph.D., professor and director of research, Department of Religion, Health and Human Values, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, Ill.

About HealthCare Chaplaincy Network™

HealthCare Chaplaincy Network™ is a global health care nonprofit organization that offers spiritual-related information and resources, and professional chaplaincy services in hospitals, other health care settings, and online. For more information, visit www.healthcarechaplancy.org or call 212-644-1111.

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