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### **THREE LIFESPAN HOSPITALS JOIN HEALTHCARE CHAPLAINCY NETWORK'S CLINICAL PARTNERSHIP**

**New York, N.Y. (Oct. 31, 2017)** HealthCare Chaplaincy Network (HCCN) continues to grow its relationship with various institutions with the addition of Lifespan, Rhode Island's first and largest hospital system. With three hospitals as part of the collaboration, Lifespan is HCCN's largest clinical partnership.

A not-for-profit organization, Lifespan is overseen by a board of volunteer community leaders who are guided by its mission: *Delivering health with care.* The health system engaged HCCN, a leader in chaplaincy care, to provide full management of their Chaplaincy Care Services. An on-site assessment of the chaplaincy care services was conducted to understand existing methods and establish a plan for a comprehensive, best-practice model of chaplaincy delivery that can be consistently integrated into Lifespan's clinical system, educational programs and operations.

"We were pleased to receive the call from Lifespan," explained Rev. Eric J. Hall, HCCN's President and CEO. "Delivering spiritual care is what we do on a daily basis and we have developed a firm strategy to ensure that Lifespan is able to provide cost effective spiritual assistance to its patients."

Similar to the most-recent partnership with University Hospital in Newark, N.J., in June, Lifespan will benefit from HCCN's multi-faith spiritual care resources: evidence-based quality indicators as demonstrated in the Excellence in Spiritual Care Award and robust educational initiatives. HCCN is in the process of making permanent hires for Lifespan's hospitals with a system-wide director and at least six staff chaplains for a November 1st start.

"We believe our new relationship with HealthCare Chaplaincy Network will help us meet the spiritual needs of patients, families and care team members," said Theresa E. Jenner, Administrative Director of Clinical Social Work at Rhode Island, The Miriam and Newport hospitals. "We also hope to enrich the spiritual experience of patients and staff by building on our offerings of memorial services, acknowledgment and celebration of holy days marked by various faith traditions and staff education."

The three hospitals that encompass Lifespan's partnership with HCCN are Rhode Island Hospital, including Rhode Island Hospital's pediatric division Hasbro Children's Hospital, The Miriam Hospital and Newport Hospital.

HCCN's goal is to establish a chaplaincy care department that is a fully-integrated, significant contributor to the excellent care that the system provides in so many other dimensions. HCCN will work diligently to communicate effectively so that the clinical partnership will be a success for all involved and that those in need of spiritual care are best served.

As a clinical partner, Lifespan joins other institutions in HCCN's ongoing dedication to the development of clinical chaplaincy programs, including Hospital for Special Surgery, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, NYU Langone Medical Center, NYU Winthrop Hospital, St. Mary's Center and University Hospital.

For anyone interested in a position as a [full-time chaplain](#) at Lifespan, please contact Human Resources Manager, Edward Haran, [eharan@healthcarechaplaincy.org](mailto:eharan@healthcarechaplaincy.org).

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### **About HealthCare Chaplaincy Network**

HealthCare Chaplaincy Network is a global healthcare nonprofit organization that offers spiritual care information and resources, and professional chaplaincy services in hospitals other health care settings and online. Its mission is to advance the integration of spiritual care in healthcare 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. For more information, visit [www.healthcarechaplaincy.org](http://www.healthcarechaplaincy.org) or call 212-644-1111.

### **About Lifespan**

Lifespan, Rhode Island's first health system, was founded in 1994 by Rhode Island Hospital and The Miriam Hospital. A comprehensive, integrated, academic health system affiliated with The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, Lifespan's present partners also include Rhode Island Hospital's pediatric division, Hasbro Children's Hospital; Bradley Hospital; Newport Hospital; and Gateway Healthcare. For more information, visit [www.lifespan.org](http://www.lifespan.org).

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