Spiritual Care Educational Forum for Health Care Professionals to Be Held May 10 in New York

New York, N.Y. (April 10, 2017)—"Spiritual Care: What It Means, Why It Matters & Your Role on the Interdisciplinary Team" will be explored at an educational forum for health care professionals on May 10 in New York.

Presented by HealthCare Chaplaincy Network (HCCN) and the Spiritual Care Association (SCA), the forum will feature an interdisciplinary panel and specific sessions for physicians, nurses, social workers, and chaplains. It will take place at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Rockefeller Research Laboratories, 430 E. 67th St., New York, from 7:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. for nurses, social workers, chaplains and others. Physicians can attend a physicians'-only session from 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., or participate in the entire program.

The program reflects the view that "collaboration among various health care disciplines is essential for providing effective, compassionate whole-person care to patients and their families across clinical settings," the organizations said. Its goals include increasing the effectiveness of interdisciplinary health care team in providing spiritual care, and improving the quality of life, medical outcomes, and health care experience for patients.

Presenters are: Deborah Marin, M.D., Blumenthal Professor of Psychiatry and director of the Center for Spirituality and Health at The Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York; Melissa Stewart, LCSW-R, senior clinical social worker at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center; Rev. Kevin Massey, MDiv, BCC, vice president-mission and spiritual care at Advocate Health Care, Downers Grove, Ill.; and Cristy DeGregory, Ph.D., RN, a gerontologist and clinical assistant professor at the College of Nursing, University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C.

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of the University of Alabama School of Medicine (UASOM) and the HealthCare Chaplaincy Network. The UASOM is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The University of Alabama School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 3.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

This activity is pending approval from the National Association of Social Workers, and has been submitted to the Maryland Nurses Association for approval to award contact hours.

The cost is $150, including breakfast. For more information and to register, visit http://bit.ly/2mIcsnt.

About HealthCare Chaplaincy Network™
HealthCare Chaplaincy Network™ (HCCN), founded in 1961, is a global health care nonprofit organization that offers spiritual care-related 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 health care through clinical practice, research and education in order to improve patient experience and satisfaction and to 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, call 212-644-1111, follow on Twitter or connect on Facebook.

About the Spiritual Care Association
The Spiritual Care Association (SCA) is the first multidisciplinary, international professional membership association for spiritual care providers that includes a comprehensive evidence-based model that defines, delivers, trains and tests for the provision of high-quality spiritual care. SCA is a nonprofit affiliate of HealthCare Chaplaincy Network. Visit www.spiritualcareassociation.org, call 212-644-1111, follow on Twitter or connect on Facebook.

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