

To walk life alone
TAKES COURAGE.

TO BEND TO LIFE'S NEEDS
takes patience.

To carry one's sorrow **TAKES STRENGTH.**

TO LIVE ONES LIFE
takes faith.

To find one's courage takes bearing.

TO FIND ONE'S PATIENCE
takes caring.

TO FIND ONE'S STRENGTH
TAKES DEEP INNER SEARCHING.

*To find
one's faith*
TAKES GOD'S LOVE.

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Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center
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Spiritual Care

at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center

INTRODUCTION

Spiritual Care encourages a holistic approach to the treatment of cancer and enables individuals and families to respond to their spiritual and emotional needs.

MAY WE BE OF SERVICE?

The diagnosis of cancer often carries with it significant and sometimes overwhelming stress. At such times, it is natural to look to others for support.

- The chaplains in the Spiritual Care Department are familiar with, and sensitive to, the issues that accompany illness, and will respect the individual beliefs and preferences of you and your family in dealing with your illness.
- Chaplains provide spiritual care to all persons regardless of religious affiliation. You do not have to belong to a faith congregation or even consider yourself religious to request a chaplain. We are ready to visit with you and your loved ones, and hope to be of service to you while you are at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A VISIT

- Chaplains visit inpatients and outpatients Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm. A chaplain is also available on the Weekends from 8:30am to 12:30pm. If you would like to visit with a chaplain, please call extension 8051 or 8852, or ask your physician, nurse or other member of your Roswell Park health care team to make the request for you.
- Chaplains are also available 24 hours a day to respond to the urgent spiritual and emotional needs of patients and families.

OTHER SERVICES

Chaplains work with physicians, nurses, social workers and psychologists to ensure the total care of patients and their families. They provide spiritual counseling and minister to the spiritual, emotional and psychosocial needs of patients, family members and friends at all stages of the treatment process.

- Protestant and Roman Catholic chaplains provide sacraments and religious literature on request. Clergy of other faith traditions are available upon request.
- Lay volunteers and participants in chaplaincy training programs also minister to patients and families under the direct supervision of the staff chaplains.
- Bibles, prayer leaflets, and religious articles are available in the Spiritual Care Office.

MEDITATION AND PRAYER ROOM

The “all faith” Meditation and Prayer Room located on the first floor of the Hospital (Room 1403) is open to patients, family members and friends for meditation and prayer.

THE CHAPLAINS

DIRECTOR:

- Rev. Dr. Melody Rutherford, DMin, MS
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CHAPLAINS:

- Chaplain Joseph Blatz, MAPM
- Chaplain Yvon Dimiyo, MAT
- Rev. Dr. Reninger Flores, DMin, MHC
- Rev. Joseph Porpiglia, MDiv

SCHEDULED WORSHIP SERVICES AND PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- **ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS**
Monday and Wednesday at noon
- **MUSLIM PRAYER**
Friday at 1:30 pm
- **PRAYER AND WORSHIP SERVICE**
Every 2nd and 4th Thursday at noon

- Services for other faiths are coordinated through the Spiritual Care Office.
- Bedside services are available on request.
- The chaplains will do all they can to help you and your family continue to observe your religious practices during your hospital stay.

HOLIDAY / HOLY DAY WORSHIP

A listing of scheduled holiday, Holy Day, and Festival services is available in the Spiritual Care Office.

COMMUNITY CLERGY

The chaplains encourage visits by clergy from all religious denominations. With your permission, the Spiritual Care staff will notify your clergy should you desire such a visit.

OFFICE

➤ Hospital, First Floor, Room 1401
Phone: (716) 845-8051

➤ North Building, Third Floor, Room 309
Phone: (716) 845-8852

EMERGENCY CALLS

Evenings and weekends, call (716) 845-2300.

