



## Mosque Notification

With your permission, the Spiritual Care staff will notify members of your mosque should you desire a visit. We will also call the community Imam if you desire.

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### EMERGENCY CALLS

Evenings, weekends and holidays,  
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## Ministry to MUSLIM PATIENTS & FAMILIES

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Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center  
Elm & Carlton Streets  
Buffalo, NY 14263

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## INTRODUCTION

The Spiritual Care staff at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center is an interfaith team who visits patients and their families in the inpatient units and in the outpatient centers. The staff members bring with them their faith tradition and training that enables them to minister to members of their own faith traditions and others. At Roswell Park a community Imam is available to help with traditions of Islam on an on-call basis.

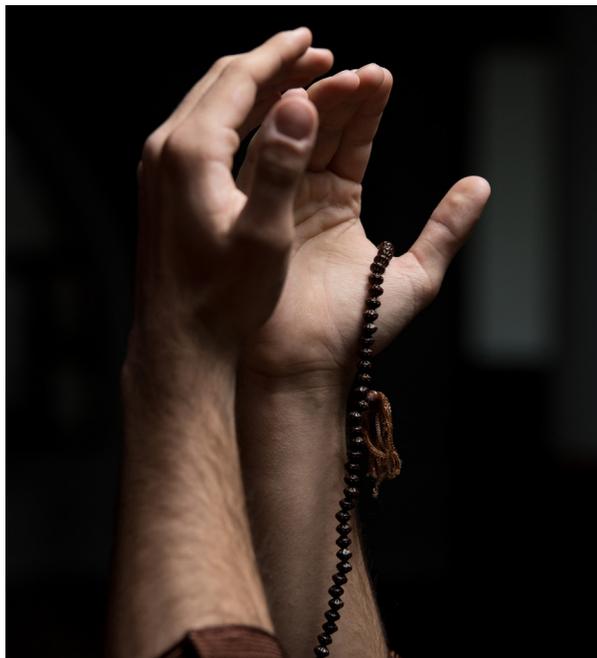
## MAY WE BE OF SERVICE?

### VISITATION

The Chaplains and Spiritual Care volunteers are available for prayer and general visitation. If there are any circumstance to your Islamic life, or if you have questions we may help you with, please feel free to contact us. Members of the team are available to speak with you.

## RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

Qur'an, Prayer Books, Prayer (salaat) schedules, du'a (supplication) are available in both Arabic and English.



## HALAL FOOD

Islamic dietary requirements forbid consuming alcohol, pork or pork byproducts. A Halal diet can consist of fruits, vegetables, fish and meat from animals slaughtered by Muslims in a religiously prescribed manner. If you have concerns about food, please contact your Dietician.

## IF YOU WOULD LIKE A VISIT

Members of the Spiritual Care staff visit inpatient units and outpatients' clinics Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm. A Chaplain and Spiritual Care Visitors are available on the weekends and on holidays. If you would like a visit, please call extension 8051 or 8852, or ask your physician, nurse or other member of your Roswell Park 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.

## THE STAFF

- Rev. Dr. Melody Rutherford, D.Min, MS
- **Community Support:** Imam Dawoud S. Adeyola, M.Ed.

## THE MEDITATION & PRAYER ROOM

Located on the first floor of the Main Hospital (Room 1493), this space is open to patients, family members and friends for meditation and prayer. On Friday afternoons between 1:30 and 2:30 PM there is time is set aside for the Jumu'a prayers (congregate worship).

## HOLY DAYS/COMMEMORATIONS

A schedule of Holy Day services is available in the Spiritual Care Office.

The Spiritual Care staff will do all they can to assist you and our family to observe your religious practices during your hospital stay. Specific dates will vary from year to year because of the differential between the lunar and solar calendars. The Islamic calendar is based on the lunar year.

## ISLAMIC HOLIDAYS

'Eyd al-Fitr, a one-day observance observed on the first day after completing the Blessed month of Ramadaan

Eyd ul-Adha: a 4 day observance commemorating the sacrifice of Prophet Ibraheem ( Abraham) and his son Isma'eel (Ishmael).



## OPTIONAL FASTS

Six Days of Shawwal  
Monday and Thursdays

## COMMEMORATIONS

**'ASHURA**  
10th day of Muharram

**LAYLATUL QADR**  
The night when the Qur'an was revealed  
(one of the last ten nights of Ramadan)

**YAWMIL 'ARAFAH**  
9th day of Dhul Hijja

**MILAD AN-NABI**  
12th day of Rabi I - Birthday of the Prophet Muhammad  
(peace be upon him)

**ISRAA AND MIRAAJ**  
27th day of Rajab

## ISLAMIC CALENDAR MONTHS

1. **MUHARRAM** (Sacred month)
2. **SAFAR**
3. **RABI I**
4. **RABI II**
5. **JUMADA I**
6. **JUMADA II**
7. **RAJAB** (Sacred month)
8. **SHA'BAAN**
9. **RAMADAAN** (Fasting month)
10. **SHAWWAL**
11. **DHUL QIDDAH** (Sacred month)
12. **DHUL HIJJA** (Sacred month)