

“Comfort, Guidance, and Care”

The Pastoral Care department at Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth seeks to offer comfort, guidance, and care to patients, staff members, and families. As clinical providers of spiritual care, our Chaplains are trained to respond to a multitude of needs.

We offer a variety of professional services including:

On-Call Services

Chaplains are on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There is a chaplain on the grounds available to respond to your needs. During duty hours (M-F 0645-1630) a chaplain can be contacted by calling the Pastoral Care Services Department at 953-5550. After hours, a chaplain can be contacted through the Quarterdeck at 953-5008.

Inpatient Visitation

Chaplains make daily rounds on each ward, visiting patients and staff members. We participate in your healing process as a member of your healthcare team. Each day, Chaplains visit all newly admitted patients to the hospital and provide information



on Pastoral Care Services. If you would like a chaplain to stop by for a visit or for private prayer, please call Pastoral Care Services at 953-5550.

Confidential Pastoral Counseling

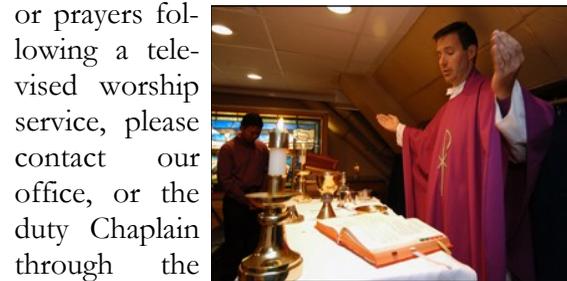
Pastoral Care Services chaplains provide a wide range of counseling services, including faith-based and denominationally related counseling, pre-marital and marital counseling, grief, bereavement, and life-transition counseling, as well as crisis intervention and anger management counseling. Additionally, a Licensed Pastoral Counselor is available for professional faith-based therapy.



All chaplains are recognized and endorsed by their respective faith groups and by the Department of Defense, and have at least three years of graduate education. Several have post-graduate degrees and/or additional clinical training. Patients, staff, and family members are welcome to call in advance to schedule an appointment. Same day appointments are also available.

Closed-Circuit TV Ministry

All religious worship services conducted in the Main Chapel (Bldg #3 2nd Floor) are televised on channel 22. All televisions on board NMCP have access to this ministry. If you are unable to leave your hospital room for any reason, but would like to receive communion or prayers following a televised worship service, please contact our office, or the duty Chaplain through the Quarterdeck at 953-5008.



Prayers for All Faiths

In the Morning...

O God, early in the morning I cry to you. Help me to pray and to concentrate my thoughts on you; I cannot do this alone. In me there is darkness, but with you there is light; I am lonely, but you do not leave me; I am feeble in heart, but with you there is help; I am restless, but with you there is peace. In me there is bitterness, but with you there is patience; I do not understand your way, but you know the way for me. Restore me to liberty, and enable me so to live now that I may answer before you. Lord, whatever this day may bring, may your name be praised.

O God: Give me strength to live another day; Let me not turn coward before its difficulties or prove recreant to its duties; Let me not lose faith in other people; Keep me sweet and sound of heart, in spite of ingratitude, treachery, or meanness; Preserve me from minding little stings or giving them; Help me to keep my heart clean, and to live so honestly and fearlessly that no outward failure can dishearten me or take away the joy of conscious integrity; Open wide the eyes of my soul that I may see good in all things; Grant me this day some new vision of thy truth; Inspire me with the spirit of joy and gladness; and make me the cup of strength to suffering souls. Amen.

At bedtime...

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

Pastoral Care Referral Form

If you would like a chaplain to visit you, please give this form to your provider, or to a staff member.

Name: _____

Rate/Rank: _____ Service: _____

Gender: M/F (circle one) Age: _____

Marital Status: _____

Religious Preference: _____

Hospital Affiliation: Patient/Family Member/Staff

Ward/Location/Office: _____

Phone Number: _____

Best Time to Visit: Morning/Afternoon/Evening

What is the nature of this request?

Anointing Baptism Staff Support

Pastoral visit for worsening condition or expectant death

Pastoral counsel for ethical decision making

Other _____

Other information you would like us to know before we contact you?
