

### ***When to call a chaplain:***

- There is a specific spiritual or religious need or concern
- Local clergy of a patient needs to be contacted
- Treatment team feels a pastoral consultation might benefit the patient
- Experience of grief or loss
- A family member has questions about spiritual support or requests a chaplain visit

### ***To make a referral:***

- Call 914-997-5999 (or ext. 5999) and leave a message.
- Please leave your name if you are a staff person, your unit, and the patient's name.
- Please give a brief description of the patient's needs or reason for seeing a chaplain, i.e., a bible, Quran, rosary beads, Sabbath candles, a visit, grief counseling, to see a specific religious clergy, etc.

### ***For an emergency:***

- The pager number for Pastoral Care is 914-321-7346. Rev. Lynne Mikulak carries this pager.

### **Local religious communities who help with requests and emergencies:**

**Roman Catholic:** If a patient would like a visit or confession with a Catholic priest, please call the Pastoral Care Department, and we will contact priests through Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church. They can usually respond within 48 hours.

A **Catholic Mass** is held every Sunday in the auditorium at **9:45 a.m.** by priests from Our Lady of Sorrows. Chaplains are not available on the weekends to help with escorting patients to this service.

Eucharistic ministers visit all adult units on a weeknight, either weekly or every other week. Their schedule is subject to change.

#### **Jewish:**

Rabbi Greenberg is the staff rabbi, available to visit patients and provide religious services. Please contact him by calling the department main number, ext .5999.

Rabbis from *Partners in Health, Bikur Cholim of Rockland County* visit Hasidic patients and bring kosher meals. They can be contacted directly at 845-425-7877.

The Food and Nutrition Department provides **kosher meals** for Jewish patients by request, ext. 2248.

Electric Sabbath candles are available to be placed at the nursing station, but not for individual patient rooms.

**Muslim:** If there is a request for a Muslim Imam, please call the Pastoral Care Department. An Imam affiliated with the NewYork-Presbyterian system is available by phone.

**Other Contacts:** If a patient is of any other religious faith, Buddhist, Hindu, etc., and would like to speak to a representative of their faith, the Pastoral Care Department can help them connect to a local worship community.

## ***The Pastoral Care Department***

- The coordinator of pastoral care and education is Rev. Lynne Mikulak, M.Div., M.S.W., board certified chaplain, and an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ.
- Rabbi Shmuel Greenberg visits patients on Fridays and provides holiday services.
- Chaplain Liso Starrett, M.Div., board certified chaplain, is available on Mondays only, visits patients and runs spirituality groups on the units.
- Chaplain Doris Pancaldo, an ordained interfaith minister, is available alternating weekdays, visits patients and runs spirituality groups on the units.
- Chaplain Barbara Rakowski, an ordained interfaith minister, is available alternating weekdays, visits patients and runs spirituality groups on the units.

**The Pastoral Care office is located near the chapel in Room 103 Center Building.**

## ***The Chapel***

The Stubenbord Memorial chapel, located in the center building near the front entrance, is open for interfaith prayer and meditation seven days a week. It is closed in the evenings.

## Department of Pastoral Care

NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital  
Westchester Division

Phone: 914-997-5999

Room 103 near the Chapel