PIH Health James P. Fitzgerald MD Spiritual Care Services is committed to providing compassionate spiritual and emotional support to patients, family members, friends and staff. PIH Health’s chaplains are part of a multidisciplinary team that works together to ensure patients and their family members receive comprehensive care that addresses both their physical and spiritual well-being. Chaplains support patients and family members through the anxiety and concern that often surrounds hospitalization. Chaplains are always available to share prayer or just be a listening ear and supportive presence for people of all religious traditions and spiritual backgrounds.

Services

- Prayer and spiritual support
- Counseling for patients, visitors and staff
- End of life support
- Contact a patient’s faith community/spiritual resource
- Assistance with advance healthcare directive
- Grief support group
- Spiritual rites
  - Blessings
  - Confession
  - Baptism
  - Communion
  - Anointing of the sick/last rites

Spiritual Materials

- Bibles
- Spiritual Cards
- Rosaries
- Spiritual reading materials and prayer booklets

We also have several on-call chaplains and after hours staff that can be reached in an emergency. Spiritual support is provided in both English and Spanish.

The Chapels at PIH Health

- Open to all patients, visitors, and staff for prayer and meditation.
- Available 24 hours a day
When to Call a Chaplain

- When you or your family is in crisis as you strive to understand medical decisions in light of your values and belief systems
- When you need to speak with someone regarding spiritual or emotional concerns
- When you have questions about end-of-life issues or if a patient is facing death
- When there is a new diagnosis or a recurrence, especially of a serious or life-limiting illness
- When you would like to pray or are in need of the sacraments or a blessing
- When you have difficulty contacting/locating spiritual resources in the community
- When you have fear of an upcoming surgery or procedure
- When you need family support after a loss, i.e., grief counseling, funeral arrangements, etc.
- When you have unanswerable questions like “Why is this happening to me?” or “Where is God?”
- When you have questions about the California Healthcare Advance Directive (Durable Power of Attorney for Healthcare)

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