

What We Do

Members of the Spiritual Care team at St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton are trained and certified professionals who follow the standards set by the Canadian Association for Spiritual Care, [C.A.S.C.](#) Within their scope of practice and in accordance with the CASC Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice, Spiritual Care Professionals. Spiritual Care Staff are also Registered Psychotherapists and are members of the College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario:

- Provide spiritual and religious care to inpatient and outpatient populations, and their attending family members and friends
- Provide twenty-four hour/seven days a week accessibility to spiritual care services
- Record spiritual care visits in inpatient charts
- Coordinate and provide services of commemoration or memorial
- Provide liaison services with community faith and spiritual tradition representatives
- Explore the spiritual significance and meaning experienced in times of sickness
- Examine the implications of one's life, family and community as a result of the hospital experience
- Support staff as they provide care to patients and families
- Provide bereavement support
- Facilitate and provide spiritual and faith based activities