



Spirituality and Healing in Medicine

In the acute care setting, quality care not only includes the physical aspects of treatment, but also the spiritual, psychosocial and emotional components. Your support of the Spirituality and Healing in Medicine program has a direct impact on enhancing the mind, body and spirit of total patient care, including:

■ Palliative Care Program

The goal of this program is to uphold the value of a person's quality of life who may be facing a chronic illness. The interdisciplinary team works with the physicians, patients and families to evaluate and address the patient's physical, spiritual and emotional needs. The program's focus is to alleviate suffering, enhance quality of life and allow the patient to live with dignity and freedom.

Last year, our palliative care team provided more than 1,800 consults, which translates to more than 5,500 visits throughout our hospitals.

■ Clinical Pastoral Education

As the leading international clinical training program for clergy, this program provides interfaith, professional education for ministry in the health care setting. Last year at Morton Plant Mease, five full-time chaplains with seven interns provided more than 10,000 visits to patients, families and team members.

■ Comprehensive Ethics Program

Morton Plant Mease has developed an active clinical ethics program with an interdisciplinary committee that is called upon to review and offer advice on some of the most complex cases in our hospitals, conflicts among caregivers, and end of life issues.

■ Bereavement Program

Bereavement follow up gives us a way to express our care and concern and provide grief support groups and informational materials for those grieving in our community. Since its inception, this program has distributed more than 30,000 cards, bereavement packets and education flyers to our community.