

National Chaplain's Meeting Workshop

*hospital visits,
nursing home visits,
private home visits,
& hospice spiritual care*



Chaplain's Workshop

VFW CA District 3

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Goals

1. Increase your confidence
2. Clarify your role in this context
3. Provide some basic tips you can easily put into practice



Changing nature of healthcare

- Technology
- Managed Care
- Decreased personal touch



Visitation Principles.

- Client centered
- Listen
- Look professional
- Be a friend!



Hospital Visitation Protocol

- Call before visiting the patient.
- Stop by the Nurses Station prior to your visit.
- Make sure that you sign in and get a visitor's badge.
- Please wash your hands before and after your visit.
- Pay attention to door notices that are posted.
- Wear PPE when appropriate.

Visit Hand Washing Sink near Nurses Station



Acute Care Hospitals

You are on their turf,
not yours.
Abide by rules & signs

Different culture with
its own language.



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**HIGH FALL
RISK**

FLUID RESTRICTION

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WARNING

ISOLATION ROOM

**DO NOT
ENTER**

NPO or Nothing by Mouth

3 Things You Need to Know About NPO



1. NPO means "nothing by mouth"

It refers to the time before an exam or procedure during which you can't eat or drink.



2. NPO is a safety precaution

If your stomach isn't empty and you get nauseous during a procedure, your stomach contents can flow into your lungs.



3. The length of time varies

NPO can begin at midnight the night before an exam, or as little as an hour before. It depends on the specific procedure or exam you are having.

Bringing Bibles



Avoid large study Bibles but large print
benefits elders

Spiritual Care and Ministering in Hospitals

- While it is okay to bring the Bible with you during visitations with veterans in hospitals and nursing homes, please remember that the mission at that point is to use spiritual care to aid them in their recovery process.
 - Please don't try to convert them to your faith group.
 - Don't assume that since they are from a faith group that is different from your own that they will not be receptive to the Chaplain's visit.

Spiritual Care and Ministering in Hospitals

- Do your homework. Try to find out their religious preference prior to visit.
- Learn to minister to people where they are currently in their faith.
- Remember that the main objective is not Evangelism
 - the winning or revival of personal commitments to Christ (definition)

Convalescent Hospitals and Care Homes

- Physically disabled
- Cognitive decline: dementia and Alzheimer's.
- Aggressive behavior?
- Lonely, bored

Hospice

- Be aware of the **five stages of death and dying**
 - Kübler-Ross wrote *“On Death and Dying: the “Five Stages of Grief.”*
 - **denial**
 - **anger**
 - **bargaining**
 - **Depression**
 - **acceptance.**
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- focus is on **comfort**, not the prolonging of death

General principles and closing thoughts

- Home Church?
- HIPPA
- Prayers
- Know your limitations

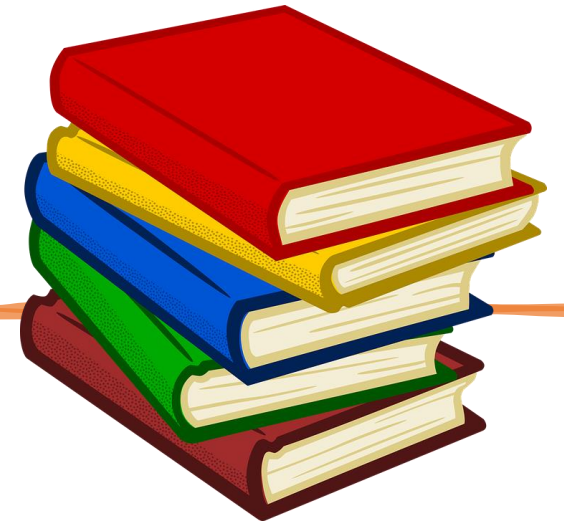
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Remember
“readers are
Leaders”



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