

SPIRITUALITY & RELIGION

What is the difference?

Oftentimes "spirituality" and "religion" are used interchangeably; however, they are not quite the same.

Religion is an organized system of beliefs, ceremonies, and practices used to worship a God or group of gods.

Spirituality can be harder to define, as people often have their own definition of what it means to be spiritual. **Spirituality** is a way of being and understanding ourselves and the world around us.

Whether or not you consider yourself to be religious, you probably experience spiritual thoughts or concerns. Our Spiritual Care team is here to walk with you and offer compassion free of judgement, regardless of your religious beliefs.

For more information, or to request a visit from a Spiritual Care team member, call (734) 464-7810.



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Spiritual Care



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of each person*



What is spiritual care?

When someone is faced with a serious illness, spiritual matters often come to the forefront. Angela Hospice's Spiritual Care team considers it a privilege to walk alongside individuals as their personal spiritual journey continues to unfold.

Spiritual growth evolves throughout someone's lifetime, and the importance of support differs from person to person. While some find solace in the rituals and faith traditions of a particular religion, many find it in art, music, healing therapies, or by reflecting on life and meaning.

Angela Hospice's Spiritual Care team members offer compassionate support for patients and families of all denominations and faiths, and for people with no religious affiliation.

What services are provided?

Angela Hospice's Spiritual Care team is available to provide encouragement, guidance, and a trusted presence in the search for meaning, comfort, strength, love, and hope.

In reverence for all God's creation, our staff works with patients and their loved ones as they reflect on personal beliefs, relationships, life events, and questions about the end of life. Our spiritual care team can also act as a liaison with a patient's own clergy.

Our staff can help:

- Explore spiritual beliefs or concerns
- Share devotional readings
- Offer coping for common feelings, such as grief, loneliness, anger, and fear of the unknown
- Help patients and loved ones reconcile unresolved issues
- Provide prayerful companionship and conversation
- Reflect on advance directives and end-of-life concerns
- Coordinate religious rites, such as communion

CELEBRATING FAITH TRADITIONS

Modern practice suggests having a gathering with one's local pastor at home, at a facility, or at a hospice center, to help bring family members together to celebrate the life of the person entering a hospice plan of care. This helps to restore relationships and solidifies those that are already close, while giving everyone a chance to honor and celebrate the person who is dying, at a last special event. Including a minister or clergy member from the patient's own church can help facilitate their faith traditions, such as favorite prayers, music, and blessings.

If you would like to hold a small service in Angela Hospice's chapel, contact our Spiritual Care Department to confirm availability. The chapel is located on site in our Care Center, and can accommodate 25-30 people.

