

Chaplaincy Staff

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Local Clergy visit inpatients from many area congregations. If you want them to visit you, please call the Chaplaincy Services office at 212-639-5982.

The Chaplaincy Office

Room C170 (West hallway off main lobby)
(212) 639-5982

Regular office hours are
Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM

Emergency Calls

Chaplains are on-call, by phone,
for emergencies.

Psalm 139:7-12

Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand hold me fast.
If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"
even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for the darkness is as light to you.

All Faith Chapel

Our All Faith Chapel is located in Memorial Hospital on York Avenue between 67th and 68th street. The Chapel is just off the main lobby. Please feel free to visit the chapel for prayer and meditation at any time.

A schedule for religious services is posted near the chapel door and is also available on Chapel Channel 109.1 on the main hospital TV system.

Inpatients who cannot attend chapel services can watch on TV in the main hospital.



Chaplaincy Services

PARTNERS IN HEALING



Memorial Sloan Kettering
Cancer Center

Treatment at a cancer center can be stressful...

Diagnosis and treatment may evoke feelings of profound doubt about fundamental beliefs and cause questions about the meaning of life. Patients may want to draw on their own spiritual resources — such as family support and clergy of their faith communities. Our chaplains are also available to discuss these feelings should they arise during your treatment at Memorial Sloan Kettering.

If your normal routines and daily habits are disrupted by treatment, it is not unusual to experience some of the following:

- anxiety about the unknown
- a sense of injustice
- loss of control, trust or function
- anger or frustration
- fear of pain or suffering
- a sense of isolation from family, friends and /or work
- fear about dying or death

Spiritual and emotional stressors accompany the physical journey through treatment.

Just as the medical staff provides excellent physical care, chaplains and other support services are available to give emotional and spiritual support during your healing and treatment process.

Assessing Your Spiritual Needs

Chaplains are available to listen, pray, help support family members, arrange to contact your clergy or faith group, or simply be a quiet comforting presence. Formal religious affiliation is not necessary in order to request spiritual support.

The following might be considered signs of spiritual distress:

- a diminished sense of hope
- a feeling of being overwhelmed
- helplessness or loss of control
- sadness or grief over a recent loss
- changes in your own self-image as a result of surgery or treatment
- doubts about a course of treatment that might conflict with your personal, cultural or religious values
- discouragement about your recovery or healing
- fear about procedures, surgery or a diagnosis
- a feeling of being abandoned by God

Not every patient may want to be contacted by a chaplain, but it is our desire to be available to those who do. If you feel you would like someone to visit or call you, please call 212-639-5982. Your request will be kept confidential at all times.

Request for a Visit

If you wish to speak with a chaplain or want help contacting someone of your own faith, please call 212-639-5982 or ask your nurse to request a chaplain for you.

There is no fee for chaplain care: your insurance will not be billed.

Chaplains at Memorial Sloan Kettering are clinically trained and Board Certified.

Chaplaincy service includes:

- Someone to listen without judgement
- Emotional support for self or family
- Someone with whom to share concerns about your illness or hospitalization
- Help with End-of Life decisions
- Other needs you identify

Some specific Religious Needs for inpatients:

- Communion and/or other Sacraments
- Electric candles for Shabbat
- Kosher refrigerator — installed in the pantry on each nursing unit
- Prayer/mishebayrach
- Call to clergy of your choice
- Inspirational or religious writings or literature
- Tefillin