

Spiritual Care for the Journey

We all experience loss, trauma and illness in our lives. Yet a diagnosis of cancer brings with it a particular set of emotions and questions. As you begin treatment, patients and family members often find it helpful to speak with a spiritual care provider. Your spiritual care provider will be with you on the cancer journey as an advocate, guide and friend.



Hope for the Journey

Chaplains are specially trained ministers who support you on your spiritual and emotional journey through illness. Chaplains come from all different religious backgrounds. They work for the hospital and provide spiritual care to people of all faiths or none at all. They will help you find the strength within to face your diagnosis. They see you as a whole person with your own story. Our chaplains will spend time with you, listening to your story and helping you understand your illness in the context of your life. One of their goals is to support you and help you identify sources of support of hope and support in your own life.

Your chaplain will:

- Listen without judgment
- Help you make sense of what is happening
- Support you in your own spiritual journey
- Connect you with support groups, one-on-one counseling and other resources
- Be there in times of sadness or difficulty
- Encourage you
- Celebrate with you when you get good news or finish treatment
- Be a sounding board when you try to make treatment decisions
- Pray for you and with you
- Provide communion, baptism and other religious rituals
- Help connect you with a minister of your own faith
- Advocate for you as you seek out the best medical care
- Visit you in the hospital and in the chemotherapy and radiation clinics
- Keep conversations confidential
- Care about you

“Facing a cancer diagnosis can be one of life’s most difficult challenges. As members of your Cancer Care Team, we are here to help you maintain a sense of well-being as you go through your treatment. There are many unknowns on the road ahead, but you will not be alone. The entire Pastoral Care Team at Erlanger will be with you on the journey to listen, to care and to support you through this experience.”

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