

Chapter: Pastoral Services (PS)

Section 1: Pastoral Services

Policy

Patient religious preferences are identified at admission and the appropriate services are arranged or provided by the Hospital Chaplain.

Procedure

1. Pastoral services are under the direction of a full-time, board certified clinical chaplain who works closely with appropriate community resources.
2. In accordance with the Joint Commission recommendations, pastoral services provide patients with reasonable access to church services, activities, and clergy representatives according to patients' expressed religious preferences and spiritual interests. As far as possible, these resources are provided on behalf of patients of all denominations, with respect to their own spirituality and in keeping with treatment objectives. Religious organizations from the community provide services as negotiated with the Utah State Hospital.
 - 2.1. Patients under the age of 18 may participate in religious services when permission is given by the parent/legal guardian.
 - 2.2. This includes ancillary programs that are sponsored by various faiths.
3. The Hospital Chaplain serves as the liaison between hospital and religious community; coordinates the scheduling, facilities and logistics for all spiritual and religious activities/services; provides appropriate commemorative observances and memorial services on behalf of patients and staff; provides crisis intervention when called upon.

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