

## Aurora Chaplain Services Program

Part of Aurora’s mission is to provide exceptional individualized care to our patients via a holistic approach to treatment. Holistic care is commonly defined as treating the patient as a whole, focusing on all elements that comprise each of us – the body, the mind, our spirit and our emotions. As spirituality is one of these components, Aurora believes it is vital to one’s recovery to offer a Chaplain Services Program to our patients to assist in caring for their spiritual needs while they are in our care.

Aurora’s Chaplain Services Program is designed to accommodate the wide variety of our patients’ spiritual outlooks that stem from a diversity of faiths. We respect the inherent value of each individual resulting in the program’s goal - *to help promote healing by addressing the spiritual and emotional needs of our patients while respecting their own beliefs and values.*

### Chaplain Requests and Referrals

Chaplain services are available to patients, families and even staff. Anyone can request a visit with a chaplain regardless of personal faith traditions. For patients, any member of the healthcare team can assist with making this request.

Some of the most common reasons a person might request a chaplain are:

- Struggling with the meaning of life
- Feeling cut off from God
- Grappling with questions about life
- Needing the comfort of prayer or spiritual support
- Working through grief
- To provide a Bible, sacred texts, or holy writings from specific faith traditions
- To assist in contacting religious leaders from the patient’s faith tradition

### Spirituality Groups

One of Aurora’s Chaplain Services Program most unique attributes is that, in addition to offering traditional Chaplain services, we also offer spirituality groups to all patients. These groups are designed to help patients in their healing process and to discover their connection with self, others, nature and the divine. Topics for spirituality groups include prayer and meditation, forgiveness, grief and communication with self and others.



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“Chaplain Joel” received a B.A. in Biblical and Theological Studies from Grand Canyon University and a Masters of Divinity from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served as an Arizona National Guard Chaplain Assistant for the past 15 years, including a one-year deployment in Iraq. Part of his National Guard responsibilities included supervising chaplain assistants who provided support for over 5000 soldiers, conducting counseling sessions for personal and professional issues, teaching suicide prevention techniques and training over 2000 soldiers stress first aid techniques. Chaplain Joel has also worked as a mobile crisis therapist for Empact-SPC in the Phoenix area.

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