

Request for Research Project Information

One of the core initiatives of HealthCare Chaplaincy Network is to encourage, facilitate and conduct the development of evidence for the effectiveness and value of spiritual care and chaplaincy care. In pursuit of this, experts in this field have counseled us that a major need is for descriptive studies and pilot studies, especially of the effectiveness of spiritual care interventions.

In our pursuit of this goal, we are increasingly aware that many of you may actually have tried some innovative approaches to care or implemented strategies such as spiritual screening or assessment tools. With the advent of more electronic medical records, some of you have or could collect data on the process or outcome metrics associated with your initiatives. Collecting, analyzing and publishing this data could be a great benefit to the field of spiritual care. However, many of you may lack the time, expertise or budget to take on even a small pilot project.

As we investigate ways that HCCN could enable you to carry out these studies, it would help us to know the state of the field. Thus, if you have or would be interested in gathering data on some initiative you have developed or could develop, we would like to know about it. Knowing what kind of pilot study you would like to undertake or what kind of data set you already have would help us gather the resources necessary to move this initiative forward.

If you would be open to sharing this information with us, please send several sentences briefly describing your initiative to George Handzo at ghandzo@healthcarechaplaincy.org.

Thank you for your interest and participation.

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