

SPIRITUAL CARE SERVICES

Community Connection

At the time of admission you will be asked if you wish to identify your religious or faith affiliation for the purpose of a visit.

Volunteers from the community do regular visitation within their own faith group.

Aboriginal Liaison

An Aboriginal Patient Navigator is available to help with any specific spiritual requests. Volunteers can also be contacted for visitation.

Contact:
KGH Aboriginal Patient Navigator
Mon, Tues, Wed (250) 309-9436
Thurs, Fri (250) 770-3533

Military and Veterans

- Navy / Army / Air Force
- Veterans—Royal Canadian Legion
- RCMP / Naval Veterans
- All may request a visit from their chaplain



SPIRITUAL CARE CONTACT INFORMATION

Becky Vink—Chaplain
T: (250) 862.4114
C: (250) 212.7683 from 8 am—4 pm

Spiritual Care Office
T: (250) 862.4300 ext 7474

After Hours Pager
On-Call 4:00—8:00 am Mon—Fri
and 24/7 on Sat/Sun and Holidays
T: (250) 712.5146

On-call Chaplains are available to respond to emergencies after hours and on weekends. Contact the nursing unit in the hospital to request an on-call Chaplain.



“Healing presence is the condition of being consciously and compassionately in the present moment with another or with others, believing in and affirming their potential for wholeness, wherever they are in life.”

—James E. Miller



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Helping people draw upon their own cultural, spiritual and religious resources for wisdom, guidance, strength and healing as they journey through life stages.



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The hospital experience may raise questions of ultimate concern around faith and meaning, especially when you're faced with illness or life changing events. In such times it can be good to talk with someone who will support you spiritually and emotionally through your experience.

Spiritual Care is one of the health services provided at KGH, bringing a holistic, team approach that values and affirms spirituality and faith as part of the healing process. We specialize in caring for the whole person by seeking to understand the spiritual needs of those we serve and enabling them to draw upon the resources they find meaningful to help them cope during difficult times. These resources may or may not include religious practices. Spiritual Care services are available to all patients, family, loved ones and staff.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Confidentiality
- Respect for diversity
- Someone who will listen
- A caring presence
- Prayer if desired



HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

The hospital Chaplain is a professional employee of Interior Health who is theologically and clinically trained to provide spiritual and emotional support in diverse and multi-faith settings. The Chaplain participates in team consultations with other health care providers. A goal of Spiritual Care at KGH is to be respectful of individual beliefs and to offer compassionate, non-judgmental care in support of each person on their spiritual journey.



SERVICES OFFERED

- Spiritual counselling and support
- Care in trauma and crisis situations
- Grief and loss support
- Terminal illness and end of life support
- Help with difficult decisions and ethical dilemmas
- Help in facilitating communication with family and staff
- Liaison with community services and resources
- Religious/spiritual practices, ceremonies, rites and sacraments
- Help in planning special rituals or services of thanksgiving or remembrance

OFFICE LOCATION

The Spiritual Care Office is located on the main floor of the Strathcona building (next to the Chapel)

SACRED SPACE

The Chapel

The Chapel is located on the main floor of the Strathcona building and is available 24 hours a day as a place of quiet, prayer and meditation for people of all faiths, cultures and traditions.

There is a prayer box in the chapel which is a place to drop your confidential prayers or visit requests.

5b Sunroom

The 5b Sunroom is a place with a special purpose in addition to its use as a patient and family visiting room. It is ventilated to accommodate and honor spiritual practices of healing and health that include ceremonial use of burning substances, such as smudging.