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The experience of parents living with a child with cancer at the end of life
Author(s): Sui-Ching Wang; Li-Min Wu; Yung-Mei Yang; Jiunn-Ming Sheen
Source: European Journal of Cancer Care; Jul 2019; vol. 28 (no. 4)
Publication Date: Jul 2019
The study was to describe the essence of the lived experience of parents with a child with incurable cancer at the end of life
Available at European Journal of Cancer Care

What is known about the spirituality in older adults living in residential care facilities? An Integrative review
Author(s): Sital Gautam; Neville, Stephen; Montayre, Jed
Source: International Journal of Older People Nursing; Jun 2019; vol. 14 (no. 2)
Publication Date: Jun 2019
Aim To synthesize evidence regarding the spiritual needs and care of older adults living in residential care facilities from the perspectives of older adults and nurses or caregivers.
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Spiritual Care for Everyone? An Analysis of Personal and Organizational Differences in Perceptions of Religious Diversity among Spiritual Caregivers.

Author(s): Liefbroer, Anke I.; Berghuijs, Joantine
Source: Journal of Health Care Chaplaincy; Jul 2019; vol. 25 (no. 3); p. 110-129
Publication Date: Jul 2019
In multicultural and multifaith societies spiritual caregivers increasingly meet clients with diverse (non-)religious or spiritual orientations. We investigate how this religious and spiritual (R/S) diversity is dealt with by spiritual caregivers working in healthcare settings, the military, and prisons.

Available at Journal of Health Care Chaplaincy

'The Elephant on the Table': Religious and Ethnic Diversity in Home Health Services.

Author(s): Reimer-Kirkham, Sheryl; Sharma, Sonya; Grypma, Sonya; Pesut, Barbara; Sawatzky, Richard; Wolfs, Dorolen
Source: Journal of Religion & Health; Jun 2019; vol. 58 (no. 3); p. 908-925
Publication Date: Jun 2019
Abstract: Healthcare services are increasingly being provided in the home. At the same time, these home contexts are changing as global migration has brought unprecedented diversity both in the recipients of care, and home health workers. In this paper, we present findings of a Canadian study that examined the negotiation of religious and ethnic plurality in home health.

Available at Journal of Religion & Health

Spiritual assessment and spiritual care offerings as a standard of care in pediatric oncology: A recommendation informed by a systematic review of the literature

Author(s): Robert R.; Stavinoha P.; Jones B.L.; Robinson J.; Weaver M.S.; Larson K.; Hicklen R.; Smith B.; Koch K.; Perko K.; Findley S.
Source: Pediatric Blood and Cancer; Sep 2019; vol. 66 (no. 9)
Publication Date: Sep 2019
Abstract: Children with cancer and their families experience shifts in spiritual wellness from diagnosis through treatment and survivorship or bereavement. An interdisciplinary team conducted a systematic review of quantitative and qualitative research on spiritual assessments, interventions, and outcomes in childhood cancer following PRISMA guidelines using a PROSPERO registered protocol.

Available at Pediatric Blood & Cancer

Finding hope and comfort: Religion and spirituality in the lives of older Irish adults with intellectual disability

Author(s): Sheerin F.; McCarron M.; McCallion P.
Source: Journal of Intellectual Disability Research; Jul 2019; vol. 63 (no. 7); p. 882
Religious practice has changed significantly in Irish society with people finding meaning outside traditional religious practice. Despite this, studies show that up to 76% of older people continue to attend weekly church services, deriving comfort from same. Little is known about the religious practice among older Irish people with intellectual disability. This study provides an insight into where they find hope and comfort.

Available at Journal of Intellectual Disability Research

Who's offering spiritual care?
Author(s): Sainsbury K.
Source: Journal of Intellectual Disability Research; Jul 2019; vol. 63 (no. 7); p. 816
Publication Date: Jul 2019
Investigating who offers meaningful spiritual care to PMLD, families and carer

Available at Journal of Intellectual Disability Research

A questionnaire-based study of attitudes to spirituality in mental health practitioners and the relevance of the concept of spiritually competent care
Author(s): Rogers, Melanie; Wattis, John; Stephenson, John; Khan, Wajid; Curran, Stephen
Source: International Journal of Mental Health Nursing; Jul 2019
Publication Date: Jul 2019
Publication Type(s): Journal Peer Reviewed Journal
PubMedID: 31286640
In the light of the increasing recognition of the relevance of spirituality in person-centred, holistic care, this study examines the attitudes of a convenience sample of mental health practitioners, including nurses, to the concepts of spirituality in general and in clinical practice.

Available at International journal of mental health nursing

Spiritual care is stagnating in general practice
Author(s): Macdonald G.W.
Source: British Journal of General Practice; Feb 2019; vol. 69 (no. 679); p. 65
Publication Date: Feb 2019

Available at British Journal of General Practice

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Source: International Journal of Mental Health Nursing; Jul 2019
Belief, behavior, and belonging: How faith is indispensable in preventing and recovering from substance abuse
Author(s): Grim, Brian J.; Grim, Melissa E.
Source: Journal of Religion and Health; Jul 2019
Publication Date: Jul 2019
This study reviews the voluminous empirical evidence on faith's contribution to preventing people from falling victim to substance abuse and helping them recover from it.

Available at Journal of religion and health

Religious comfort and anxiety in women with cancer: The mediating role of hope and moderating role of religious struggle
Author(s): Zarzycka, Beata; Śliwak, Jacek; Krok, Dariusz; Ciszek, Paweł
Source: Psycho-Oncology; Jul 2019
Publication Date: Jul 2019
Publication Type(s): Journal Peer Reviewed Journal
Religiosity is an important source of consolation among individuals suffering from cancer. However, religion does not always bring comfort. Religious struggles elicit stress. We examined whether religious comfort predicts anxiety in patients diagnosed as having cancer. Hope was examined as a mediator and religious struggle as a moderator in this relationship.

Available at Psycho-Oncology

Review of The book of joy: Lasting happiness in a changing world
Author(s): Vich, Miles A.; Dalai Lama; Tutu, Desmond; Abrams, Douglas
Source: The Humanistic Psychologist; Jun 2019; vol. 47 (no. 2); p. 201-202
Publication Date: Jun 2019
The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World by Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu, and Douglas Abrams (2016). Two senior leaders from different religious traditions, Tibetan Buddhism and Christianity, offer a practical and inspiring teaching on how to live with the difficulties of the human condition.

Available at The Humanistic Psychologist

Spirituality and locus of control—A rapid literature review
Author(s): Timmins, Fiona; Martin, Colin
Source: Spirituality in Clinical Practice; Jun 2019; vol. 6 (no. 2); p. 83-99
Publication Date: Jun 2019
Locus of control is an important psychological construct that identifies the extent to which people believe that internal or external forces influence their lives. Within the field of spirituality, there is a developing interest in locus of control as it may apply to people’s understanding of their illness. This paper aims to provide a review of locus of control research in the field of spirituality.

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### Nurse Religiosity and Spiritual Care: An Online Survey
**Author(s):** Taylor Elizabeth Johnston; Gober-Park, Carla; Schoonover-Shoffner Kathy; Mamier Iris; Somaiya, Chintan K; Bahjri Khaled  
**Source:** Clinical Nursing Research; Jun 2019; vol. 28 (no. 5); p. 636  
**Publication Date:** Jun 2019  
**Publication Type(s):** Journal Article  
This study measured the frequency of nurse-provided spiritual care and how it is associated with various facets of nurse religiosity. Data were collected using an online survey accessed from the home page of the Journal of Christian Nursing.

### Consilience: Are Science and Religion Compatible?  
**Author(s):** Dossey, Larry  
**Source:** Explore: The Journal of Science & Healing; Jul 2019; vol. 15 (no. 4); p. 245-252  
**Publication Date:** Jul 2019  
**Database:** CINAHL

### Intensive Care Clinicians' Views on the Role of Chaplains.  
**Author(s):** Choi, Philip J.; Chow, Vinca; Curlin, Farr A.; Cox, Christopher E.  
**Source:** Journal of Health Care Chaplaincy; Jul 2019; vol. 25 (no. 3); p. 89-98  
**Publication Date:** Jul 2019  
There is evidence that addressing the religious and spiritual needs of patients has positive effects on patient satisfaction and health care utilization. However, in the intensive care unit (ICU), chaplains are often consulted only at the very end of life, thereby leaving patients’ spiritual needs unmet. This study looked at the views of 219 ICU clinicians on the role of chaplains.
Clinical training groups for spirituality and religion in psychotherapy.

**Author(s):** Rupert, David; Moon, Sarah H.; Sandage, Steven J.

**Source:** Journal of Spirituality in Mental Health; Jul 2019; vol. 21 (no. 3); p. 163-177

**Publication Date:** Jul 2019

**Publication Type(s):** Academic Journal

Clinical training in spirituality and religion (S/R) is an important dimension of cultural competence. We outline a relational approach to S/R issues in clinical practice, and then describe a key relational training component, SERT groups. SERT is an acronym that references the diverse, multifaceted spiritual and existential issues that may emerge in psychotherapy. SERT groups are small training groups that utilize intentional conversation, diversity, and relational dynamics to cultivate capacities for addressing S/R dynamics in clinical practice. We describe the structure and format of SERT groups, common topics, guidelines for facilitators, and possibilities for tailoring this approach in other contexts.

The requirements of hospital-based spiritual care for cancer patients.

**Author(s):** Moghimian, Maryam; Irajpour, Alireza

**Source:** Supportive Care in Cancer; Jul 2019; vol. 27 (no. 7); p. 2643-2648

**Publication Date:** Jul 2019

This paper aimed to discover the requirements of hospital-based spiritual care for cancer patients.

Religion, Authenticity, and Clinical Ethics Consultation.

**Author(s):** Parker, J. Clint

**Source:** HEC Forum; Jun 2019; vol. 31 (no. 2); p. 103-117

**Publication Date:** Jun 2019

A clinical ethics consultant (CEC) may, at times, be called upon to make independent substantive moral judgments and then offer justifications for those judgments. A CEC does not act unprofessionally by utilizing background beliefs that are religious in nature to justify those judgments. It is important, however, for a CEC to make such judgments authentically and, when asked, to offer up one’s reasons for why one believes the judgment is true in a transparent fashion.

When Religion and Medicine Clash: Non-beneficial Treatments and Hope for a Miracle.

**Author(s):** Rosoff, Philip M.

**Source:** HEC Forum; Jun 2019; vol. 31 (no. 2); p. 119-139

**Publication Date:** Jun 2019

Patient and family demands for the initiation or continuation of life-sustaining medically non-beneficial treatments continues to be a major issue. This is especially relevant in intensive care units, but is also a challenge in other settings, most notably with cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Differences of opinion between physicians and patients/families about what are appropriate interventions in specific clinical situations are often fraught with highly strained emotions, and perhaps none more so when the family bases their desires on religious belief.
Spiritual care for people with intellectual and developmental disability: An exploratory study.

Author(s): Sango, Precious N.; Forrester-Jones, Rachel
Source: Journal of Intellectual & Developmental Disability; Jun 2019; vol. 44 (no. 2); p. 150-160
Publication Date: Jun 2019

A faith-based (pseudonym, Adam's House - AH) and a non-faith-based care service (pseudonym, Greenleaves - GL) were explored to find out if and how spiritual support was provided for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDDs).

Spirituality Experiences in Hemophilia Patients: A Phenomenological Study.

Author(s): Rambod, Masoume; Sharif, Farkhondeh; Molazem, Zahra; Khair, Kate
Source: Journal of Religion & Health; Jun 2019; vol. 58 (no. 3); p. 992-1002
Publication Date: Jun 2019

Spirituality plays an important role in coping with chronic diseases. However, the meaning of spirituality is not known in hemophilia, as a chronic disease. This study aimed to explore the essence of spirituality in hemophilia patients. This qualitative study with a hermeneutic phenomenological approach was conducted on twelve Muslim adult hemophilia patients.

Training for awareness of one’s own spirituality: A key factor in overcoming barriers to the provision of spiritual care to advanced cancer patients by doctors and nurses.

Author(s): Bar-Sela, Gil; Schultz, Michael J.; Elshamy, Karima; Rassouli, Maryam; Ben-Arye, Eran; Doumit, Myrna; Gafar, Nahla; Albashayreh, Alaa; Ghrayeb, Ibtisam; Turkar, Ibrahim; Ozalp, Gulcin; Kav, Sultan; Fahmi, Rasha; Nestoros, Sophia; Ghali, Hasanein; Mula-Hussain, Layth; Shazar, Ilana; Obeidat, Rana; Punjwani, Rehana; Khleif, Mohamad
Source: Palliative & Supportive Care; Jun 2019; vol. 17 (no. 3); p. 345-352
Publication Date: Jun 2019

Abstract:Objective: When patients feel spiritually supported by staff, we find increased use of hospice and reduced use of aggressive treatments at end of life, yet substantial barriers to staff spiritual care provision still exist. We aimed to study these barriers in a new cultural context and analyzed a new subgroup with "unrealized potential" for improved spiritual care provision: those who are positively inclined toward spiritual care yet do not themselves provide it.

Attachment to God as a mediator of the relationship between religious affiliation and adjustment to child loss

Author(s): Frei-Landau, Rivi; Tuval-Mashiach, Rivka; Silberg, Tamar; Hasson-Ohayon, Ilanit
Source: Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy; Jul 2019

The loss of a child is a traumatic life event. While bereavement research has examined the roles of both interpersonal attachment and religiosity in coping with loss, only a handful of studies have addressed the concept of attachment to God (ATG). The current study examined ATG’s role as a mediator in the relationship between religious affiliation (RA) and adjustment to child loss.

Influence of spiritual dimensions on suicide risk: The role of regional differences

Author(s): Stefa-Missagli, Stefan; Unterrainer, Human-Friedrich; Giupponi, Giancarlo; Wallner-Liebmann, Sandra-Johanna; Kapfhammer, Hans-Peter; Conca, Andreas; Sarlo, Michela;
The field of suicide prevention has been enriched by research on the association between spirituality and suicide. Many authors have suggested focusing on the various dimensions of religiosity in order to better understand the association between religion and suicidal risk, but it is unclear whether the relationship between spirituality and suicidality differs between countries with different cultures, life values, and sociohistorical experiences. To explore this, the aim of this multicenter study was to investigate the possible relationship between suicide and spirituality in Italy and Austria.

Assessing spirituality on two dimensions: Closeness to god and focal orientation

Author(s): Sharp, Carissa A.; Johnson, Kathryn A.

Assessing the nature of people's relationships with God or the Divine is a central concern in the psychology of religion. We developed an intuitive, single-item diagrammatic scale which measures spirituality along two dimensions: (1) closeness to God or the Divine, and (2) the focus of that relationship as aimed at understanding either God (theo-focused) or the Self (ego-focused). In predominantly Christian and SBNR US samples, we found that the closeness dimension (from distant to close) was highly correlated with awareness of God's presence and also with various measures of religiosity and belief in a personal God.

LGBT youth, mental health, and spiritual care: Psychiatric collaboration with health care chaplains

Author(s): Adelson, Stewart L.; Walker-Cornetta, Emilee; Kalish, Naomi

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) youth have unique medical and mental health needs. Exposure to stigma such as family non-acceptance is associated with adverse mental health outcomes that are important sources of morbidity and mortality in this population. These include depression, anxiety, substance abuse, suicidality, and risk behaviors that mediate exposure to human immunodeficiency virus and sexually transmitted infections. Different religious and/or spiritual traditions hold various beliefs and attitudes about LGBT people.

Islam and disaster management in contemporary times: A psycho-socio-spiritual response

Author(s): Fahm, AbdulGafar Olawale

This paper draws on the understanding that Islam as a religion can significantly contribute in the area of disaster management. It examines the way disaster is portrayed within the broader scope of Islamic literature, but with the specific aim of contextualizing it within contemporary approach to disaster management. Through exegetical, historical and descriptive approaches, it is
demonstrated that psycho-socio-spiritual interventions such as tawakkul (trust in God), shukr (gratitude), sabr (patience) are attributes that can help foster and promote individual and communal resilience in order to mitigate disasters. Therefore, in the face of a disaster, an individual or community can obtain vital spiritual support from their beliefs and can also have access to and rely on important support and resources that are generated or mobilized by their belief-based framework

Prayer as a religious narrative: The spiritual self and the image of god

Author(s): Cho, Eunil David
Source: Pastoral Psychology; Jun 2019
Publication Date: Jun 2019
This article examines William James’s study on prayer in The Varieties of Religious Experience by framing prayer as a form of religious narrative that demonstrates the religious person’s construction and development of the spiritual self. The author begins by reviewing William James’s theory of the self and discussing its significance for multiple constituents of the self. By assessing James’s distinction between the terms I and Me, the author discusses how James’s notion of multiple selves provides a helpful framework for understanding the narrative nature of the self. In the following section, he investigates how James discusses prayer as “the very core of the living religion” by looking at the prayers of George Müller and Karl Hilty in The Varieties. The author argues that the Jamesian understanding of prayer reveals a particular process of how one makes sense of oneself and one’s image of God.

Effect of spiritual care based on ghalbe salim on anxiety in adolescent with cancer

Author(s): Vazifeh doust, Mozhdeh; Hojjati, Hamid; Farhangi, Hamid
Source: Journal of Religion and Health; Jun 2019
Publication Date: Jun 2019
Cancer is one of the chronic and rare diseases in children that is associated with psychological trauma that can cause fear and anxiety in patients. Considering that spirituality as a solid base may be a strong factor in controlling the tense conditions, this study aimed to investigate the effect of true heart spiritual care on cancer anxiety in Mashhad.

Other News

Should Spiritual Care be Everyone’s Business?
Author: Maureen O’Neill – Director Faith in Older People
Available at Faith in Older People

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