## HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

## Administrative Policy & Procedure Chaplaincy Services

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## **PURPOSE**:

The Pastoral Care Department is an integral part of the healing team of Hackettstown Regional Medical Center. The chaplains are committed to the task of helping restore and maintain the total wellness of those they serve in the spirit of respect and compassion.

## **POLICY:**

Chaplaincy services are available to staff, patients and their families, regardless of religious affiliation. A chaplain or other designated and qualified clergy is on call 24 hours a day to serve patients and families in need of immediate counseling, guidance and support. Referral service is offered as needed.

The chaplains may initiate interaction with patients to offer pastoral care; however, referrals from physicians, nurses, other members of the health care team, family members, area clergy, or requests from the patients themselves, are invited and promptly responded to.

To contact the chaplain, call extension 7757 or the hospital operator.