

**HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
PASTORAL CARE POLICY MANUAL
ANNOINTING**

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Purpose: To assure that anointing is available to all.

Policy: Pastoral Care Services will provide the service of anointing upon a patient's request if the patient does not have their own clergy, or if their clergy is not available, or the patient specifically states his/her preference for the Chaplain to provide the service.

Procedure: After receiving the request, the Chaplain will discuss with the patient whether his or her clergy, or a clergy from the patient's own faith group, if any, can be involved. If not, the Chaplain will proceed, after discussing the practice of anointing as referenced in James 5:14-16.

Olive Oil for anointing is kept in the Pastoral Care Office.

When anointing is performed, the Chaplain is to talk with the nurse to assure privacy without the disruption of essential medical services. At the conclusion of the service, the Chaplain will inform the nurse and record in the patient's chart.