



Screening the Spiritual Needs of Palliative Patients, their Families and Caregivers

The Waterloo Wellington Integrated Hospice Palliative Care (WW IHPC) Regional Program is responsible for supporting excellent hospice palliative care services and for ensuring that these services will be accessible to the people of Waterloo Wellington Local Health Integration Network (WWLHIN), regardless of place of residence, diagnosis or care setting.

The materials, "Screening the Spiritual Needs of Palliative Patients, their Families and Caregivers," have been developed by the Spiritual Care Working Group of the WW IHPC Program. It is our hope that members of the healthcare team will use these materials to assess the need for spiritual care support to patients through all phases of palliative and end-of-life care, as well as to their families and caregivers.

The folded pocket tool and the laminated, single page version contain the same information in different formats. Healthcare providers may choose to carry the pocket tool for reference, while the single page version may be posted in nursing centres or other common spaces for staff. Both formats are meant to be used as a reflection tool for healthcare providers, rather than a verbal screening of patients.

Referrals can be made to Spiritual Care Providers in the applicable settings (e.g. hospital inpatient and outpatient services; long-term care homes; residential hospices; and, community care *for those receiving palliative nursing care at home*). The Spiritual Care Screening Tool may also prompt referrals for other forms of support, such as the outreach programs and services offered locally by Hospice of Waterloo Region and Hospice Wellington.

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