

## Presentation: **Hospital Chaplaincy: What Is It? How Can Orthodox Women Take Part?**

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What Hospital Chaplaincy is:

A ministry to the human spirit, that helps each patient to find their spiritual core. Hospital Chaplaincy encompasses people of all races and faiths.

What Hospital Chaplains Do: LISTEN

- visit patients
- sit on ethics and interdisciplinary committees
- work closely with medical staff
- patient advocacy
- lead worship for patients and the hospital community
- visit pastorally with all staff and administration in the hospital as needed
- lead spirituality groups for prayer and meditation

How Do You Get To Be A Hospital Chaplain?

- Seminary. MDiv is preferable, even a PhD or DMin in the hospital environment
- CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education)
- Internships and Residencies
- Board Certification
- 3+ years from start to finish
- Endorsements, Commissions and Ordinations are important, as are degrees. The letters after your name are important, although *ordination in not necessary*.
- Get as much training as you can.

Sample Visits

Questions