

Summer Clinical Practice Workshop

Reading List

Koenig HG. Spirituality in Patient Care: Why, How, When, & What. Philadelphia, PA: Templeton Foundation Press (2002)

Provides a short, practical course for health professionals interested in identifying and addressing the spiritual needs of patients. It is intended as a guide for practicing physicians, medical students, residents, and possibly students in other health professions. The primary audience, however, is physicians who wish to know how to integrate spirituality into clinical practice in an effective, sensitive, and sensible manner. Nurses and chaplains may also find this small book useful as they interact with doctors, other health professionals, and hospital administrators. Many physicians say they feel uncomfortable addressing religious issues or don't have time to do this. Others don't see addressing spiritual issues as part of their job, don't understand why it should be, don't know how or when to do it, and can't imagine what the results would be if they did. This is a book about the why's, how's, when's, and what's of addressing spiritual issues in patient care. Length: 87 pages text. To order, go to:

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Koenig HG. Spirituality in Patient Care, 2nd Edition. Philadelphia, PA: Templeton Foundation Press (July, 2007)

This landmark handbook for health professionals interested in identifying and addressing the spiritual needs of patients has been significantly revised and expanded. Over the past five years, since the first edition was written, there has been increased research on the relationships among religion, spirituality, and health, and further discussions on the application of these findings to clinical practice. Every section of the book has been re-written and updated with current research.

“I think this version will be my most important contribution to the field of spirituality and health,” says Dr. Koenig. “Every bit of what I know about the integration of spirituality into clinical practice, learned over twenty years, is contained in this book.”

Koenig addresses the whys, hows, whens, and whats of patient-centered integration of spirituality into patient care, including details on the health-related sacred traditions for each major religious group. He provides healthcare professionals with the training necessary to screen patients sensitively and competently for spiritual needs, begin to communicate with patients about these issues, and learn when to refer patients to trained spiritual-care professionals who can competently address spiritual needs.

New sections specifically address mental-health professionals, nurses, chaplains and pastoral counselors, social workers, and occupational and physical therapists. A ten-session model course curriculum on spirituality and healthcare for medical students and residents is provided, with suggestions on how to adapt it for the training of nurses, social workers, and rehabilitation specialists. To order, go to website:

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