

Ideal Intervention Project e-Newsletter

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Calling All Clinical Pastoral Educators!

Help students consolidate learning. Help them contribute to a free-access national spiritual care knowledge base. Add the material below the dotted line to your next student handbook and/or syllabus as a requirement. Confidentiality is assured.

Calling All Staff Chaplains, Pastoral Counselors, Community Clergy, Retirees, and All Other Spiritual Care Practitioners!

Cut and paste the five-step Ideal Intervention Form below into your files. Then create and submit your own IIPs as a vital part of your reflective practice. Confidentiality is assured.

-----Cut Here and Paste into Student Handbook/Syllabus-----

THE IDEAL INTERVENTION PAPER

You will consolidate your learning by selecting a verbatim previously presented to your peer group. Then, prepare an Ideal Intervention Paper (IIP) in light of insightful comments and suggestions made by those peers and supervisor. Use the simple five-step Ideal Intervention Form below.

Write the IIP in such a way that you or another chaplain could make a more effective intervention with patients, families or staff with similar spiritual/pastoral needs. Do not address your learning issues. The IIP should be prepared as a Word document suitable for forwarding as an e-mail attachment, and should include the following elements. Copy your supervisor with the forwarding cover e-mail message as evidence of your IIP submission to the national knowledge base editor.

Ideal Intervention Form

(For Use by All Spiritual Care Practitioners)

- 1. Statement of the Spiritual/Pastoral Care Central Issue** (e.g., Feeling Angry and Abandoned by God; Hope in Terminal Illness, etc.)
- 2. Narrative Summary of the Actual Spiritual/Pastoral Care Intervention** (No more than two paragraphs of narrative description. Take confidentiality precautions.)
- 3. Narrative Summary of the Ideal Spiritual/Pastoral Care Intervention** (No more than two paragraphs of narrative description of how you would do the intervention differently if given another opportunity. Write so that another practitioner with a similar situation could benefit from your insights.)
- 4. Identify a resource/resources that you would recommend to other pastoral care givers regarding this topic.** (Books, journal articles, pamphlets, etc.)

5. Forward a copy of this completed form to Knowledge Base Editor John Gleason at mariejohn50@att.net as a Microsoft Word attachment for inclusion with similar data toward validating evidence-based spiritual care best practices. Confidentiality precautions will be taken. Thanks for your contribution!

(Please go to **www.ACPEResearch.net** and click on “Special Section: Ideal Intervention Paper (IIP) Project” to view the free-access national spiritual care knowledge base and for further information on the Project.)

Conclusion

The ethical imperative and the professional challenge is to join in these timely efforts to learn at a deeper level, to contribute to the cause of eliciting spiritual care best practices, and most importantly, to better serve the spiritual/pastoral needs of patients, family members and staff. Your IIPs will contribute significantly in these vital ways.

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