

# Research Priorities for Healthcare Chaplaincy: Views of U.S. Chaplains

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## **For which topic were research priorities identified?**

healthcare chaplaincy

## **In which location was the research priority setting conducted?**

North America - USA

## **Why was it conducted at all?**

Chaplains in the United States and around the world appear to support an evidence-based practice approach to chaplaincy. While there continues to be strong growth in spiritual care research, several spiritual care researchers have stressed the need for a research agenda for chaplaincy.

## **What was the objective?**

to identify the research priorities of chaplains in general

## **What was the outcome?**

a list of 7 research topics

## **How long did the research prioritization take?**

winter and spring of 2016

## **Which methods were used to identify research priorities?**

survey; workshop

## **How were the priorities for research identified exactly?**

Step 1: survey: participants were asked to complete survey and return it before workshop, survey asked: Please use the space below to write down what you think are the most important areas for chaplaincy research, 499 items submitted, Step 2: data processing: content analysis. Step 3: workshop: discussing results of survey

## **Which stakeholders took part?**

Chaplains of which vast majority healthcare chaplains. Survey: 193 participants.

## **How were stakeholders recruited?**

A brief written survey was distributed to chaplains who participated in research workshops by Fitchett and colleagues at four professional chaplaincy conferences in the winter and spring of 2016: Neshama: Association of Jewish Chaplains (NAJC), the HealthCare Chaplaincy Network (HCCN), the National Association of Catholic Chaplains (NACC), and the Association of Professional Chaplains (APC).

## **Were stakeholders actively involved or did they just participate?**

Stakeholders were mere participants of the research prioritization process; they were not actively involved in the process.