Nursing Spiritual Assessment Job Aid
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The Joint Commission requires admission assessment and assessments every shift to be done by RN for patient’s emotional/spiritual needs in providing holistic patient-centered care.

This will be documented in Cerner by RN completing the following:

1. **Nursing Spiritual Assessment on Admission History Form**
   a. Identify patient’s emotional/spiritual needs from a list of 7 factors—including “no needs identified.”
2. **A re-assessment each shift** will need to be completed by observation of the same 7 factors.
3. **A check in any box for an identified need** will automatically trigger a consult to the appropriate person, i.e., Chaplain, Bereavement, Social Worker.

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**You make the referral. We make contact.**

**HOW to consult a Chaplain?**

- **Vocera “Pastoral Care”**
  - Mon. – Fri. 9a-5p
  - After 5pm M-F and weekends (Dial Operator to page Chaplain)
  - **Dial Operator** directly for a **Catholic Priest (24/7)**

- **For all emergencies** Dial “0” for the Operator who will page a Chaplain.
- **Documentation of spiritual assessment in Cerner will trigger a consult if any identified need is selected.**

**WHEN to order a Consult?**

- Patient received a difficult/ a change in condition
- Exhibiting difficulty in coping with their treatment
- Request received for a listening presence from patient/family
- Patient is actively dying (on Palliative Care)
- Patient/family requesting sacramental/religious needs be met
- Requesting or would benefit from a Bereavement Counselor
- Requesting to speak with an in-house Chaplain