

Hospital Lay Chaplain – MD Anderson Cancer Center
Hospital Catholic Chaplain Corps
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston Hospital Catholic Chaplain Corps seeks a Catholic Lay Chaplain who will have the primary responsibility of coordinating the sacramental, doctrinal, and pastoral needs of all Catholic patients at MD Anderson Cancer Center. This position will provide pastoral support to the patient and the patient's family; will coordinate the needs of the patient with the priest assigned to the facility and will triage the need for the priest in emergent situations. The Lay Chaplain will interact with the medical staff and when needed provide clarity of the Catholic Ethical and Religious Directives in support of the desires of the patient. This is a full time no less than 40 hours per week, benefits eligible position. The Lay Chaplain must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church.

The responsibilities of the Lay Chaplain may include the following:

- The core of the chaplain's ministry is being a compassionate, pastoral presence to those who are suffering and to those who serve as caregivers, such as family and when needed staff members.
- The Lay Chaplain hears an array of life stories in his/her daily ministry.
- The Lay Chaplain screens the spiritual care needs of the patient.
- Provides the Sacramental needs and refers to the Priest Chaplain when indicated.
- The Lay Chaplain provides pastoral care and counseling to the Catholic patients, their families and staff (e.g. before and after surgery), care of terminally ill patients, coping with situations personal or professional, or thinking through ethical questions.
- The Lay Chaplain rounds on all Catholic patients at least twice a week and daily on patients in ICU. Chaplain stays in touch with patients and families who may require anointing and to facilitate that happening during daytime hours.
- The Lay Chaplain is obligated to keep the staff chaplain assigned to the unit of significant issues related to their patients assigned to their care.
- The Lay Chaplain provides education to patients and families on the current theology of Anointing of the Sick and other Sacraments.
- The Lay Chaplain is responsible for recruitment, education and coordination of Catholic Pastoral Visitors and Eucharistic Ministers.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- The Lay Chaplain must be able to provide spiritual care appropriate to the spiritual and cultural traditions of the patients and families served.
- The Lay Chaplain must demonstrate knowledge of the principles of spiritual growth and development.

- The Lay Chaplain must be aware of personal boundaries and be an active listener.
- The Lay Chaplain must be self motivated and work well with medical staff and the Catholic clergy.

Education

- Bachelor's Degree required, and the Lay Chaplain must have completed or in the process of completing two units of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) or has completed or in the process of completing the Certificate in Pastoral Care or equivalency.
- The Lay Chaplain must have a good understanding of Family System Theory.

Please send cover letter, resume and an expected salary range* to resume@archgh.org with **Lay Chaplain MD Anderson Cancer Center on the subject line.**

*Applicants who do not provide an expected salary range, may not receive further review.