



Muslim Spiritual Care

While our talented medical providers care for our patients' physical and mental healthcare needs, our chaplains provide spiritual and emotional support. They walk with our patients through their journey while respecting their culture, religion, value system, and faith community.

Spiritual Care welcomed two Muslim spiritual care providers in 2021 through a partnership with Open Path Resources, a nonprofit serving East African immigrant families and faith centers. All chaplains at Hennepin Healthcare are trained in interreligious and culturally competent care but having two providers who reflect our Muslim patients has been a gift. Imam Abuturab and Shukri Salah help patients and families navigate when and where to pray, provide a consistent presence for support, facilitate culturally-informed trainings, and keep tabs on important faith-based materials.

Because of donor philanthropy, our Muslim patients can receive not only the best healthcare, but the best spiritual care.

Philanthropy also supported expanded chaplaincy education and spiritual care materials and books for patients and families in crisis. These resources complement how chaplains interact with our community and give patients resources to guide them through their trauma or grief. Chaplains noted many patients and families responded the additional materials helped calm them through their journey and made the dying process less scary.

Thank you to our generous donors for helping us provide holistic support for our patients and families.



"I feel when a patient or family sees us, a spiritual or Muslim guide, within the hospital, they feel welcome. This is the time they need us, emotionally."

SHUKRI SALAH

"Faith and family are such important parts of mental health for so many of our patients. I am learning much about the interplay between faith, mental health and how to engage the Muslim faith community and patients' families to prevent re-hospitalizations and reduce barriers to care."

--- Psychiatrist Stamatis Zeris

BY THE NUMBERS 2021

<p>About 25-30 Muslim patients in the hospital a day</p>	<p>\$7,000 a month supports two Muslim spiritual care providers</p>	<p>2021 Campaign successfully concluded at \$168,000</p>	<p>5,686 Hours spent with patients and families</p>	<p>Spiritual Care Team made 15,051 visits</p>
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