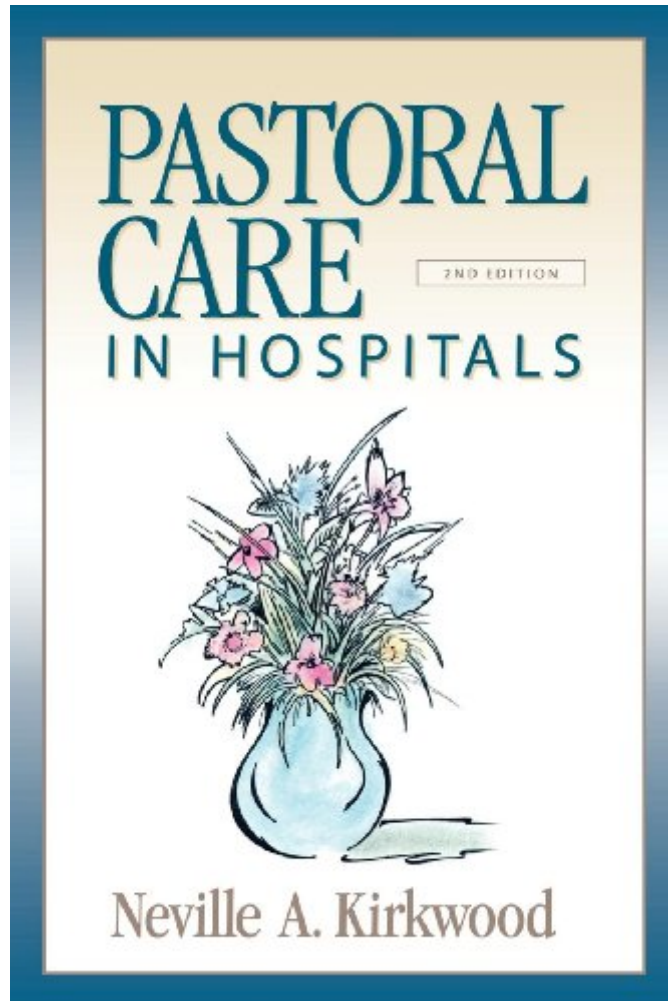


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Synopsis

Bringing comfort and concern to the bedside of the sick or dying is a challenge for lay people and clergy alike. In this practical guide, Neville Kirkwood shares his wisdom “gleaned from some twenty years of experience as a hospital chaplain” on the art of hospital visitation. This classic handbook is now updated, with an all-new section addressing best practices for hospital chaplains. Pastoral Care in Hospitals, with additional sections addressed to clergy and trained lay pastoral workers, as well as ordinary lay people who simply want to visit their fellow-parishioners, shows visitors ways to make the encounter meaningful and enriching to the patient. Kirkwood guides readers through the minefield of hospital visits “from false heartiness to too much talking” and offers a theology of visitation that can guide both professionals and laity in their ministry. A variety of exercises and a section of prayers for specific circumstances make this a must-have resource for all who work with the sick and dying, and an excellent text for course work.

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As a new hospital chaplain I found this book extremely valuable. While there are only a few books

specific to hospital ministry, this is probably the best introductory work. It covers a good variety of topics like the critical examination of self, proper use of prayer, patient's needs etc. I found the information quite useful. I have implemented some of the techniques in my ministry work. If you are looking for one book on hospital ministry this would be your best bet. I also recommend "The compassionate visitor" and 'The Hospital Visitation manual.

It has always been a special responsibility of clergy to offer comfort and concern to the bedside of the sick and the dying. Now in a newly revised and expanded second edition, Pastoral Care In Hospitals by author, lecturer, and hospital chaplain Neville Kirkwood shares his more than twenty years of experience, expertise and wisdom to assist clergy and trained lay pastoral workers (as well as ordinary lay people who simply want to visit their fellow-parishioners or family members) in making their visits and ministries more meaningful and enriching to the patients they attend. Readers will learn what to avoid (such as false heartiness and too much talking) and what to embrace (gentle candor and unobtrusive faith). Of special note are the variety of exercises and the section of prayers for specific circumstances. If you are charged with the responsibility of ministering to the ill and the dying in hospitals, hostels, or homes, then read what Hospital Chaplain Neville Kirkwood has offer by way of information, experience, guidance, and inspiration.

Comprehensive and easy to follow. Provides good solid guidance on conducting yourself as a chaplain or caregiver within the hospital setting. This book was recommended to me when I applied to be a colunteer chaplain at one of the local hospitals. It provides guidance on how to deal with people of all faiths and those who do not believe in any religion.

I am in training to become a certified Hospital Chaplain. Because of the title I thought it would give me insights and ways others have properly deal with sensitive issues. However there was little I found instructive.

Great book, would have been good to have this information much earlier in my career. Would be a benefit to anyone who is, or has the desire, to minister in the hospital.

I had already borrowed this book and thought it was a great guide to pastoral care in hospitals. I decided I wanted my own copy.

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