

**PASTORAL SKILLS SCALE (PSS)\***

<b>Please rate your ability to:</b>		<b>Not at All</b>	<b>Minimal</b>	<b>Fairly Good</b>	<b>Very Good</b>	<b>Excellent</b>
1)	Identify spiritual/existential issues with patients and families					
2)	Initiate conversation around spiritual/existential issues with <i>patients</i>					
3)	Initiate conversation around spiritual/existential issues with <i>families</i>					
4)	Deal with the spiritual issues of children who are family members					
5)	Respond to spiritual/existential issues initiated by the adult patient					
6)	Respond to spiritual issues of pediatric patients					
7)	Make and follow through on spiritual assessment and care plans					
8)	Help others use resources within their own spiritual/cultural tradition					
9)	Balance professional boundaries with human connectedness					
10)	Reflect on your work from a theological/spiritual perspective					
11)	Be present to another person's grief					
12)	Facilitate meaningful good-byes with your patients and families					
13)	Access a variety of resources from <i>within</i> the hospital to meet spiritual needs of your patients					
14)	Access a variety of resources <i>external</i> to the hospital to meet spiritual needs of your patients					
15)	To discuss medical ethical issues with patients from a <i>secular</i> point of view					
16)	To discuss medical ethical issues with patients from a <i>theological</i> point of view					
<b>How confident are you:</b>						
17)	About deciding when to share from your own experience					
18)	That you can help patients and families cultivate realistic hope					
<b>How comfortable are you:</b>						
19)	Praying with patients and families					
20)	With the use of religious language in conversations with patients					
<b>How capable do you feel to provide spiritual care to patients from the following traditions:</b>						
21)	Buddhist					
22)	Hindu					
23)	Jewish					
24)	Muslim					
25)	Protestant					
26)	Catholic					

\* The PSS is not known to have been officially published. The items listed have been taken from a questionnaire incorporating the PSS, used in Jankowski, K. R., et al., "Change in pastoral skills, emotional intelligence, self-reflection, and social desirability across a unit of CPE," *Journal of Health Care Chaplaincy* 15, no. 2 (2008): 132-148; which noted that the measure's origins and development were unknown to the authors but that it had been "used at a number of CPE centers" [p. 136]. The formatting of the PSS presented here was created by John Ehman for ACPE Research for academic purposes. —JE, 6/11/18