



National Guidelines for Spiritual Care in Aged Care

1. Organisational leadership and alignment

Spiritual care is systemically embedded and practiced at all levels and in all processes throughout the organisation.

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2. Relationships and connectedness

Older people experience care in a relational context where they feel connected and welcome, and where their individual worth is respected and preserved. Those who have contact with older people are equipped and supported to spiritually engage and connect so as to establish and maintain mutual, respectful and genuine relationships.

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3. Identifying and meeting spiritual choices, preferences and needs

Spiritual care is based on choices, preferences and individually assessed needs that are identified, documented, evaluated and shared by the care team in a way that recognises the dynamic and changing nature of these needs.

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4. Ethical context of spiritual care

Spiritual care is provided within an ethical framework that is reflected in organisational policies, procedures, processes and practice.

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5. Enabling spiritual expression

A range of individualised activities and interventions is available to encourage the finding of meaning, purpose, connectedness and hope, and to transcend loss and disability. These options, activities and interventions occur in the context of deep and abiding relationships.

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