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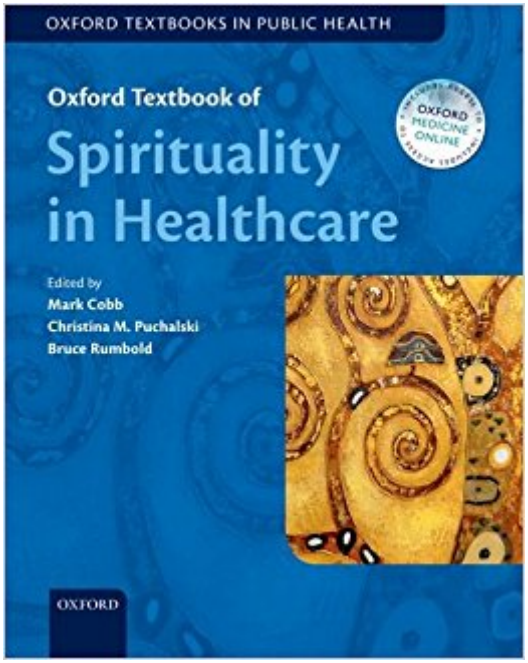


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## Synopsis

The relationship between spirituality and healthcare is historical, intellectual and practical, and it has now emerged as a significant field in health research, healthcare policy and clinical practice and training. Understanding health and wellbeing requires addressing spiritual and existential issues, and healthcare is therefore challenged to respond to the ways spirituality is experienced and expressed in illness, suffering, healing and loss. If healthcare has compassionate regard for the humanity of those it serves, it is faced with questions about how it understands and interprets spirituality, what resources it should make available and how these are organised, and the ways in which spirituality shapes and informs the purpose and practice of healthcare? These questions are the basis for this resource, which presents a coherent field of enquiry, discussion and debate that is interdisciplinary, international and vibrant. There is a growing corpus of articles in medical and healthcare journals on spirituality in addition to a wide range of literature, but there has been no attempt so far to publish a standard text on this subject. Spirituality in Healthcare is an authoritative reference on the subject providing unequalled coverage, critical depth and an integrated source of key topics. Divided into six sections including practice, research, policy and training, the project brings together international contributions from scholars in the field to provide a unique and stimulating resource.

## Book Information

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"This book is a MUST read for every professional in Healthcare. Spirituality in Healthcare brings a fresh new perspective to the subject. Almost every aspect of spirituality is covered in this book. Seen through the eyes of hundreds of main stream science and medical contributors (The contribution lists reads like a who's who of the world medical and science based communities) this book looks at the history, development and application of every main stream faith, religion, cultural and even political based beliefs." --WLS Support Blog September 2012"This is a book for a wide range of disciplines. Its users in health care chaplaincy could include individual chaplains who wish to deepen their understanding, broaden their practice and bolster their legitimacy. Chaplaincy teams could use it like a journal club, taking a chapter per month and discussing it. Chaplaincy training courses could quarry the topics and texts for curriculum development. Unfortunately, and inevitably, this big book comes with a big price-tag: L125 RRP (that's Recommended Retail Price). Yet, in its own words, it is a 'unique resource' - there is nothing else like it out there. Speak nicely to your budget-holder; beg your health care sciences library to purchase a copy; blow your last instalment of RRP (that's Recruitment and Retention Premium). Go get." --Journal of Health Care Chaplaincy, Feb 2013 Feb 2013"...an integrated and valuable source on the key topics in spirituality in healthcare." --Catholic Medical Quartely, Feb 2013 Feb 2013"Editors Cobb, Puchalski and Rumbold along with 78 highly qualified collegues around the globe have produced a concise and currently peerless representation of spirituality and health as an integral part of clinical practice and as an emerging field for interdisciplinary research. This is an even better point of entry into the field than the recently revised and highly reliable Handbook of Religion and Health by H. Koenig, D. King and V. Carson, which is an essential volume for specialists... this is a landmark volume that merits a place in any health sciences or religious studies library collection... Essential. Students of all levels, researchers/faculty, and professionals/practitioners." --CHOICE, April 2013"Inclusive of worldwide spiritual traditions, and addressing diverse diagnostic groups, the book is useful to practitioners and students in different international settings. It also addresses research issues, including measures, making the book a helpful resource for those interested in examining the relationship of spirituality and health. The editors bring a broad healthcare perspective from Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Many chapter authors are the experts in their fields... By offering several broad perspectives, the book engages readers in thoughtfully developing personal responses while learning to address patients' needs as part of a healthcare team." --Doody's Notes, July 2013"This book is an essential tool for students, professionals and researchers. Despite being divided into several chapters, each is clear, systematic, didactic and relatively brief... It is an essential handbook about an emerging theme and current, which has been developed in the research, the results have

tended to emphasize its importance in the life and health of patients, as well as the ethical imperative to be included in clinical practice." --Journal of Nursing, August 2013

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The depth and breadth of the articles in this textbook is stunning. This book should be required reading for anyone (doctors, nurses, medical social workers, etc.) working directly with patients in hospitals and other healthcare settings. I would also highly recommend it to ministerial students

involved in Clinical pastoral Education and anyone interested in spiritual and pastoral care.

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