



Spirituality for Healthcare Quality Improvement: Reflections and Evidence from Research

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Healthcare has evolved exponentially in the past thirty years. Societies have invested like never before in the training of health professionals, in technologies, research, prevention, and in the production of new medicines. The provision of safe and quality healthcare has also become a goal for governments. Evidence from research further shows that there is a need to consider other non-drug dimensions in clinical settings, such as interactions, cultural skills, and spirituality.

These are areas that definitely contribute to quality of life but there are still doubts about how to make them a reality in healthcare contexts. This will be a comparative volume that features spirituality in healthcare, across religions, and across clinical conditions.

This volume will bring together some of the most current and ground-breaking work on spirituality in healthcare. The focus is on identifying innovative ways of dealing with spirituality in healthcare—identifying spiritual needs, spiritual well-being, spiritually competent interventions, respect for spirituality as a way of dignifying care, and the relationship between spirituality and the improvement of clinical conditions.





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