Name of Policy:	**<u>Local Clergy Contact with Patients</u>**	
Policy Number:	3364-103-PC-06	THE UNIVERSITY OF **TOLEDO** 1872
Department:	Service Excellence - Pastoral Care	
Approving Officer:	Chief Experience Officer	
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_____	Major revision of existing policy	__X__	Reaffirmation of existing policy

(A) Policy Statement

Clergy and religious professionals acting as representatives of local pastoral communities may visit patients during regular visiting hours and at other times with appropriate notification, approval, and identification.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To assure that patients in this hospital have their place of worship and/or pastor available to provide them with any spiritual and/or emotional support they and their families may desire during their stay at UT Medical Center.

(C) Procedure

1. Clergy may visit members of their faith communities during regular visiting hours and at other times with appropriate notification and approval.

2. Clergy should identify themselves at the Information Desk of the Main Lobby to ascertain the whereabouts of the patient. Clergy are encouraged to have the Clergy Identification Badge developed by the Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio. An application may be obtained by contacting the Pastoral Care office (419.383.3851).

3. A staff nurse should be informed if the family of the patient requests clergy visits outside regular visiting hours so they may be cleared for visiting.

4. Literature brought in by pastors may be shared only with patients who are members of their religious community. Solicitation or proselytizing is not permitted on the UT Medical Center's campus.

5. Clergy may request additional support for their patient by contacting the Pastoral Care Department at 419.383.3851.

Approved by: /s/ _____ _____ Mario Toussaint Date Chief Experience Officer *Review/Revision Completed By:* *Dan Deeter*	**Review/Revision Date:** 4/1989 08/17/2018 4/1990 10/4/2019 1/2005 10/2006 8/15/2008 10/29/2012 10/23/2015
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