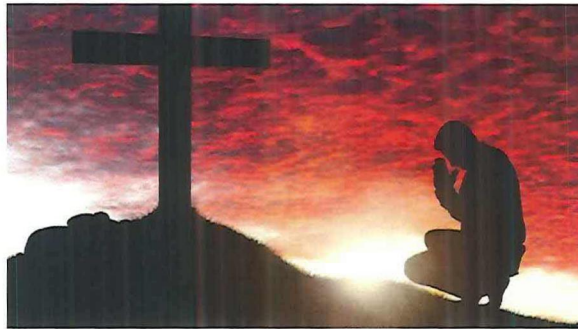


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Healthcare providers, regardless of their beliefs, are "obliged to try to understand clearly the beliefs and the viewpoints of the patient," according to the ACP Ethics Manual, 6th Edition.

Studies have found that the number of Americans who believe in religious miracles increased by 22% in the past two decades. We seek to provide compassionate care, and in our increasingly multicultural society, it is necessary to expand our knowledge and understanding of how miracles and rituals play an important part in the patients' perception of care.


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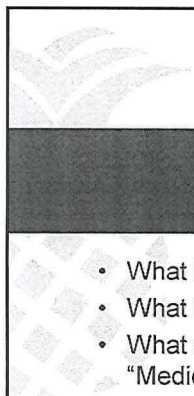


Objectives

Be better able to:

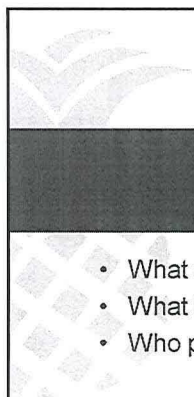
- Describe how different beliefs of various faith groups are displayed.
- Recognize common beliefs and rituals in the community we serve.
- Provide compassionate care by acknowledging the importance of the patients' spiritual and ritualistic needs.

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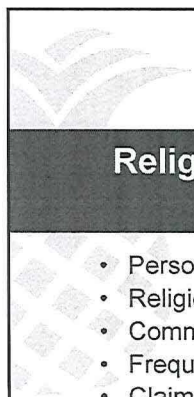
Miracles

- What is a Miracle?
- What kinds of Miracles are there?
- What might be considered a "Medical Miracle"?




Rituals

- What are rituals?
- What is the purpose of a ritual?
- Who practices the ritual?



Religious Beliefs and Practices

- Personal commitment
- Religious affiliation
- Communal religious activities
- Frequency of attendance
- Claims and convictions



What's the importance of Religion?

Important

X

Somewhat Important

X

Not Important

Importance of Religion

How important is religion in your life?

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too/Not at all important	Don't know
Total population	52	29	16	3
Protestants	72	23	5	1
Evangelical Protestant	79	17	4	2
Mainline Protestant	66	26	8	2
Other Protestant	80	13	3	4
Catholics	30	34	32	3
Muslims	19	12	6	0
Jewish/Orthodox	80	13	2	3
Hindu	12	21	12	0
Other	25	41	23	1
Unaffiliated	12	18	5	1
Atheist	2	3	2	0
Agnostic	10	15	3	1
Don't know/not sure	10	10	10	0


Source: Pew Research Center, "The Future of Religion in America," Feb. 2017.

Note: These data are based on the 2017 survey of Americans aged 18 and older. The survey was conducted between Jan. 12 and Feb. 1, 2017. The survey has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

Importance of Religion and Demographic Groups

Older Adults x Young Adults

Women x Men



Faith Groups

1. Protestant
2. Catholic
3. Mormon
4. Jehovah's Witness
5. Jewish
6. Muslim
7. Buddhist
8. Hindu

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Religious Beliefs


- Belief in the Divine
God or a Universal Spirit
- Belief in Scripture / Sacred Texts
- Belief in Afterlife
- Belief in the Supernatural

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Belief in God

	How, believe in God or a universal spirit						n
	NET believe in God	Absolutely certain	Fairly certain	Not certain	Don't believe in God	Other/Don't know	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Total population	82	71	77	4	5	3	n=100
Protestant	88	84	82	5	1	1	n=101
Evangelical churches	89	83	8	1	0	1	n=103
Mainline churches	87	73	71	3	1	2	n=100
Hist. Black churches	99	90	7	1	0	1	n=101
Catholic	97	72	21	4	1	2	n=100
Mormon	100	90	5	1	0	0	n=100
Jehovah's Witnesses	98	93	4	1	0	2	n=100
Orthodox	95	71	19	5	4	1	n=100
Jewish	83	41	31	11	10	7	n=100
Muslim	82	70	9	1	5	2	n=100
Buddhist	75	38	20	0	19	6	n=100
Hindu	92	57	20	0	0	3	n=100
Unaffiliated	70	35	24	10	22	8	n=100
Atheist	21	0	7	0	77	6	n=100
Agnostic	49	17	23	15	29	16	n=100
Christian (unaffiliated)	40	24	20	12	24	19	n=100
Religious (unaffiliated)	49	40	20	2	3	4	n=100

Source: Do you believe in God or a universal spirit? (PTC1, P1A2) These figures are only those who answered the question. They do not include "Don't know" or "No answer".

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- Worship Attendance
- Prayer and Meditation
- Scripture Reading
- Spiritual Experiences
 1. Answers to Prayers
 2. Divine Healings
 3. Peace and Wonder

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Spiritual Practices


Ritual	Description	Benefits
Music	Playing soft music Playing religious music	Connection Peace
Prayer	Out loud or silence	Connect with Divine
Sacred Story	Discussions of religious/spiritual stories	Promotes insight and change
Spiritual Direction	Support for spiritual life	Heightens spiritual awareness and growth
Relaxation	Breathing	Connection with self, Divine
Spiritual Direction	Support for spiritual life	Heightens spiritual awareness and growth
Intercessory Prayer	Individually or with family	Connection with divine peace

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Case


Is Belief in Miracles on the Rise?

Do people still believe in miracles?





What is Behind the beliefs?

Healthcare Decisions




Is Spirituality Rising?






Spirituality?

Patients and Family
X
Physician

**Praying or Practicing Rituals
with patients**

Beneficial
X
Harmful

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