

Faith & Health Network

Medical Center Health System

How do I enroll in the Faith & Health Network? Do my children need to enroll also?

Once congregational leadership signs the Faith & Health Network agreement, congregants may register to be members of the Faith & Health Network. Filling out a brief membership application is all it takes! And at this time, children are a part of their parent's membership.

What are the personal advantages for me to be a member of the Faith & Health Network?

If you're hospitalized at MCH, your liaison will visit to offer emotional and spiritual support and will work within your congregation's resources to arrange hospital visitation as well as any needs that may arise at home. The MCHS Nurse Navigator and the congregation-based liaison work together to ensure that Faith & Health Network members have a smooth transition from the hospital back to the home after discharge.

What is the cost?

There is no cost to be a member of the MCHS Faith & Health Network.

Is this an insurance plan?

No. The Faith & Health Network is not an insurance plan. It is a partnership between the health system, your faith leader, appointed liaison and congregation. The Faith & Health Network is designed to address health issues by increasing your congregation's ability to care for its membership.

The Medical Center Health System Faith & Health Network seeks to build relationships with congregations, clergy and community to promote health and wholeness.



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Who will have access to my personal information? How will it be used?

The limited personal information that is requested on the membership application is used by MCHS to identify you as a Faith & Health Network member if you are admitted to the hospital. During the patient intake process, staff will verbally confirm your membership and verify if you would like your congregation to be notified. The option to alert the congregation visitation team will always be your choice.

What if I change congregations?

Hopefully, your new congregation will also be a partner in the Faith & Health Network. Our goal is to eventually have Faith & Health Network partnerships with all Odessa congregations.

What if I move from Odessa?

Currently, the Faith & Health Network is a partnership between Medical Center Health System and Odessa congregations. At this time the Faith & Health Network is not available in communities outside Odessa.

Do I have to be a member of a congregation to be a member of the Faith & Health Network?

The Faith & Health Network is designed to work with our local congregations' existing resources such as visitation teams, fellowship groups and volunteer programs. Therefore, Faith & Health Network members must be members of a local congregation.

What if I am hospitalized and I don't want my congregation notified?

Each and every time a Faith & Health Network member is hospitalized, you have the choice to opt out of informing your congregation.

What happens when I go to the hospital? What if I don't have my card?

The membership card is helpful in identifying Faith & Health Network members. However, you may always verbally identify yourself as a member of the Faith & Health Network. During the patient intake process, staff will confirm your membership and ask if you would like for your congregation to be informed of your admission. The Faith & Health Network Nurse Navigator will visit with you, and with your permission, contact your congregation's liaison.

What if I am admitted as a patient at another medical facility?

The Faith & Health Network is a partnership between Medical Center Health System and the local faith community. With that in mind, your Faith & Health Network membership will not extend to other medical facilities.

For more information about becoming a member
of the Faith & Health Network, contact:

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