Learning Objectives

1. Describe the International Saline Partnership and its mission and vision.
2. Discuss the privileged position healthcare providers have to share Christ with patients.
3. List the 5 questions addressed by the Saline Process.

Imagine the Great Commission Accomplished in Our Lifetime!

Every week more people walk through the doors of hospitals than through the doors of churches.
The International Saline Partnership

Introduction

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Shared Vision
Fulfilling the task of the Great Commission in our lifetime

Shared Mission
Equip healthcare workers to be witnesses for Christ in their workplaces, using the Saline Process

Shared Priority
Prayer

Shared Tool
The Saline Process

The Saline Process

Introduction

We will look at the many small steps on a patient's faith journey and how we can be involved in the process.

cultivating → sowing → harvesting → multiplying

The Healthcare Profession:

► A privileged position to share the love of God with a humble heart and respect for the patient.
► This course is a tool for those who want to be a witness in the workplace. (Acts 1:8)

“...So that sower and reaper may be glad together.” – John 4:36
This course addresses five questions that will help us find our place in the process.

1. Why is faith important in healthcare?
2. What are the opportunities and barriers to fulfilling God’s call?
3. What is my part?
4. What other tools will help me cultivate and sow?
5. Where do I go from here?

Why is faith important in healthcare?

**Question One**

- Scientific research – health outcomes and best practices show the difference
- God’s call: Biblical impact
  - Salt and light (Matthew 5:13-14)
  - Witness (Acts 1:8)

**Patient Openness**

Most patients are open to discussing spiritual matters...

- With sensitivity
- With permission
- With respect
- 1 Peter 3:15

**Saltiness**

- 0.9% saline = Healthy
- 3% saline = Deadly
- 5% dextrose and water = Bland

**Question Two**

What are the opportunities for and barriers to fulfilling God’s call?
What are the opportunities?

Chosen by God to be:
- Salt (Colossians 4:6)
- Light (John 1:14)
- Witnesses (Acts 1:8)

The active ingredient is the Holy Spirit.

Activity

What prevents us from introducing our patients to Jesus?

- Take 5 minutes to list things that you feel are a barrier for you to share the gospel with your patients
- Group share

What are the opportunities for and barriers to fulfilling God’s call?

What prevents us from introducing our patients to Jesus?

- Professional’s barriers
- Patient’s barriers

Microdecisions of Faith

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Q3: What is my part?

What is my part?

Question Three

Spiritual Influence

- Requires Christ-like character (Galatians 5:22)
- Requires professional competence (Col. 3:23)
- Requires compassion (Philippians 2:20)
- Requires wise communication (1 Peter 3:15)
- Requires courage (Joshua 1:9, 1 Thess. 5:11)

Spiritual Vital Signs Handout
### Paul’s Example for Positive Patient Encounter

Acts 17
- Create a safe environment
- Use safe words people understand
- Give opportunity for questions and discussion
- Challenge them

### Eight Tools
- Prayer
- Questions
- Spiritual History
- Faith Flags
- Faith Stories
- Truth Prescription
- Spiritual Referral Team
- Gospel Presentation

### What tools will help me cultivate, sow and harvest?

**Question Four**

#### Two Tools for Example
- Faith Stories
- Faith Flags

#### Faith Flags should:
- Occur as a natural part of the conversation
- Focus on common ground
- Take no more than 30 seconds
- Identify you as a member of God’s family
- Look for but do not demand a response
- Create opportunities

#### Faith Stories should:
- Fit as a natural part of the conversation
- Connect to the patient situation
- Take no more than two minutes
- Relate to what God is doing
- Provide a glimpse of what it is like to be God’s child
Activity
- Consider your own situation, testimony, and experiences and take 5 minutes to create a faith flag or faith story
- Take 5 minutes to share with one or more individuals near you

Monitor Spiritual Vital Signs
- Regulate the dosage
- Ask questions
- Proceed at God’s pace
- Ask permission to speak further
- Be sensitive to your listener
- Check regularly to see if they are still with you

Where do I go from here?

Question Five

What vision have you caught today?
How can you fulfill this vision?
What is your vision for your nation?

Where do I go from here?

Plan of action:
“Be doers…not hearers only.”
James 1:22, KJV

God is at work…
And I want to be part of His work!
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Q5: Where do I go from here?

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