Sharing Christ in the Healthcare Setting

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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!
Global Population: 7.1 Billion
Non-Christian Global Population: 4.7 Billion

Artwork by András Simon
Every week more people walk through the doors of *hospitals* than through the doors of *churches*. 
The International Saline Partnership

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The International Saline Partnership

- International Christian Medical and Dental Association (ICMDA)
- IHS Global
- Christian Medical and Dental Fellowship of Australia
- Ukraine Medical Outreach
- Evangelical Medical Fellowship of India
- Healthcare Christian Fellowship International
- H.O.M.E.
- Health Outreach to the Middle East
- Christian Medical Fellowship of the United Kingdom
- Nurses Christian Fellowship International
- IHS Hungary

Introduction
The International Saline *Partnership*

**Shared Vision**
Fulfilling the task of the Great Commission in our life-time

**Shared Mission**
Equipping 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

- Saline Process Training Course
- Internet Follow-Up
- Mentoring & Accountability
- Multiplication

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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)
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
“...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
Why is faith important in healthcare?

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

Question Two
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 prevents us from introducing our patients to Jesus?

- Professional’s barriers
- Patient’s barriers
### Microdecisions of Faith

| Source: Jim Engel |

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**MULTIPLYING**

- **Addresses**: Social barriers to overcome: Isolation
- By: Participation in the body
- **Goal**: Growth
- **Answers**: Will I live for Christ?

**HARVESTING**

- **Addresses**: Volitional barriers to overcome: Indecision & unwillingness to change
- By: Prayer & Persuasion
- **Goal**: Trust Christ
- **Answers**: Will I trust Christ?

**SOWING**

- **Addresses**: Intellectual barriers to overcome: Ignorance, misconceptions, & error
- By: Presentation
- **Goal**: Understanding
- **Answers**: Who is Jesus?

**CULTIVATING**

- **Addresses**: Emotional barriers to overcome: Indifference, fear, & antagonism
- By: Your presence
- **Goal**: Attraction, trust you
- **Answers**: What's in it for me?
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

Adapted from Living Proof Evangelism
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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