Getting Started

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Learning Objectives:
► List the 5 Questions addressed by the Saline Process
► Describe the 8 tools recommended by the Saline Process
► Utilize the Saline Process Online Training to share your faith in the healthcare setting

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)

Every week more people walk through the doors of hospitals than through the doors of churches.

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 addressed 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?

- 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

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.

What prevents us from introducing our patients to Jesus?

- Professional's barriers
- Patient's barriers

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)
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

Q3: What is my part?

What tools will help me cultivate, sow and harvest?

Question Four

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

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
Practice

- Take 2 minutes to write down a faith flag or faith story
- Share in small group

What does it look like?

A Video Example

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?

Plan of action:

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

Active Learning

Case Scenarios
Q5: Where do I go from here?

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