THE ROLE OF SPIRITUAL CARE IN THE PATIENT'S HEALING PROCESS

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Abstract

Basically, humans are whole and holistic being consisting of physical, psychological, social, and spiritual aspects. When a person is sick, all aspects of the human being are involved. Therefore, this paper will explore the non-physical aspects, especially the spiritual aspect that are affected when someone is sick and how spiritual care has an impact on the patient's healing process. In writing this paper, the author will elaborate scientific sources on the role of spiritual care in healthcare setting. The author will use qualitative research in forms of narrative literature review. Furthermore, the author also explains the theological and biblical foundations related to spiritual factors in serving the sick and empirically through experience in providing spiritual care to patients in hospital. Based on the foundations above, it can be concluded that spiritual care has a very significant impact on the patient's healing process and therefore spiritual care must be an integral part of patient care at the hospital.

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