

Spiritual Care and the crisis of values

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Objectives



- Demonstrate that spirituality and dignity are altruistic and humanistic aspects of the person central to nursing and health care practice
- Highlight that dignity and spirituality are central to identity
 - an individual's own personal values and beliefs
- Reinforce that these concepts are fundamental aspects of caring and compassionate nursing/healthcare, integral to the concept of holistic practice





Debate in context



- "Eighty percent of respondents reported that, overall, they were "always" treated with respect and dignity while they were in hospital, up from 79% in 2011. There was a corresponding decrease in the proportion who said this was "sometimes" the case from 18% in 2011 to 17% in 2012. Three percent said they did not feel they were treated with respect and dignity.
- Over three quarters of respondents (76%) said that they "always" had confidence and trust in the nurses treating them, an improvement from 74% in 2011. There had been a corresponding decrease in the proportion who respond "sometimes" (22% in 2011 and 20% in 2012) or "no" (4% in 2011 and 3% in 2012).

The National summary of the results for the 2012 Inpatients survey (http://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/media/documents/20130411_ip12_national_summary_final_0.pdf)





Response



- 4054 respondents
- Approximately 1.0% of RCN membership
- Members from all 3 countries (Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales) participated
- All 9 English regions involved
- Biggest response to the survey South East 17.0%





Demographic profile

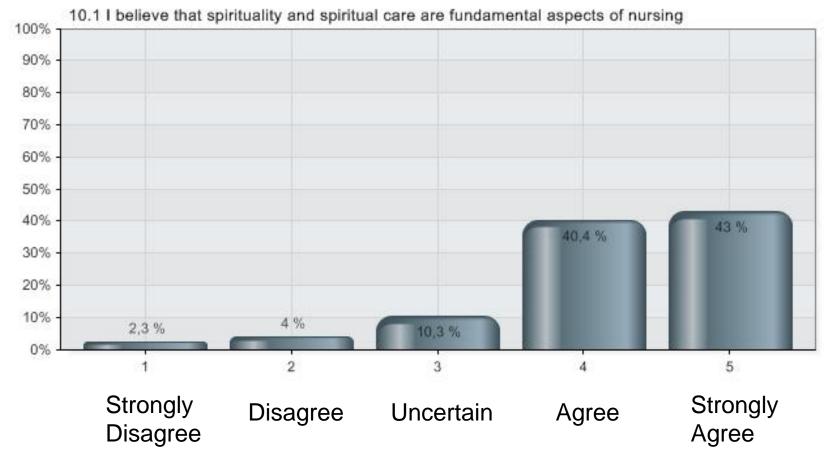


- 41% respondents from NHS hospitals
- All health sectors included
- 25.4% Staff nurses
- Only 0.3% HCA/HCSW
- 0.9% students
- All main specialities/branches of nursing represented
- Age range < 20 years > 60 years represented largest age groups
 40 59 years 74% of all respondents
- Males 12% and females 88%
- 92.1% identified themselves as White and 4.3% of respondents classified themselves against National Census Criteria – 3.1% not stated



Spirituality and nursing



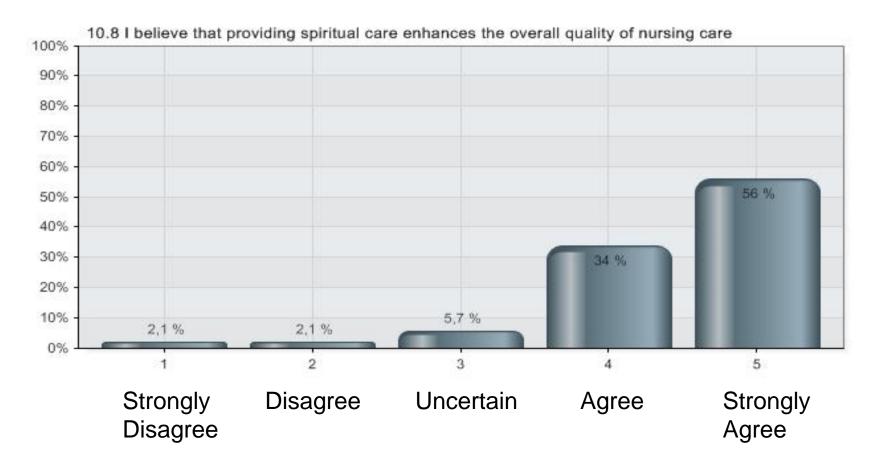






Spirituality and quality of care









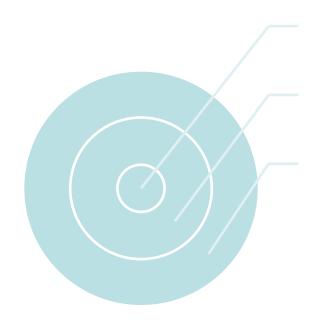
A scenario



- Question to consider as I am reading:
- What is the model of care evident in the scenario?
- Piles, C. 1990
 Providing spiritual
 care Nurse Educator
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Medical Model?





TRAUMA NURSING CARE MANIKIN, Clinical Training Model, medical model ,anatomical model http://susan0540.en.hisupplier.com/product-291775-TRAUMA-NURSING-CARE-MANIKIN-Clinical-Training-Model-medical-model-anatomical-model.html





Frequently used terms in health care

- Individualized care
- Holistic care
- Spiritual care
- Dignity in care
- Person-centred care
- Integrated care



Introduction to the Dignity Government Initiatives

- □ Dignity in Care Campaign aims to **stimulate a national debate** around dignity in care and create a care system where there is zero tolerance of abuse and disrespect of older people. (Launched in November 2006)
- ☐ It is led by Government in partnership with many organizations.
- ☐ Lays out the **national expectations** of what a care service that respects dignity should value.
- Introduced Dignity Champions Scheme.
- ☐ Focuses on ten Dignity Challenges.

10 Dignity Challenges (Summary)

Have a zero tolerance of all forms of abuse.
Support people with same respect you would want for yourself or a member of your family.
Respect people's right to privacy.
Maintain the maximum possible level of independence, choice and control.
Treat each person as an individual by offering a personalised service.
Assist people to maintain confidence and a positive self-esteem.
Act to alleviate people's loneliness and isolation.
Listen and support people to express their needs and wants.
Ensure people feel able to complain without fear of retribution.
Engage with family members and carers as care partners.

Fenton's and Mitchell's definition (2002 p 21)



"Dignity is a state of physical, emotional and spiritual comfort, with each individual valued for his or her uniqueness and his or her individuality celebrated. Dignity is promoted when individuals are enabled to do the best within their capabilities, exercise control, make choices and feel involved in the decisionmaking that underpins their care."

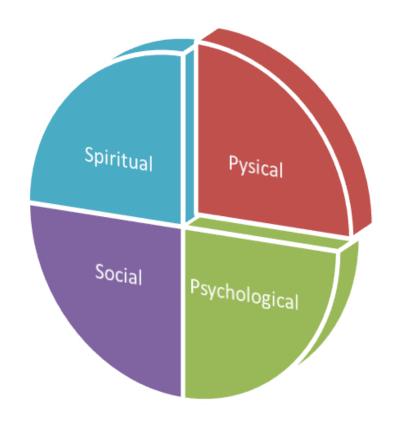
Fenton, E, Mitchell, T. (2002) Growing old with dignity: a concept analysis Nursing Older People 14 (2) 16 - 21





Standard representation of holistic care









Spiritual and dignity preserving nursing care





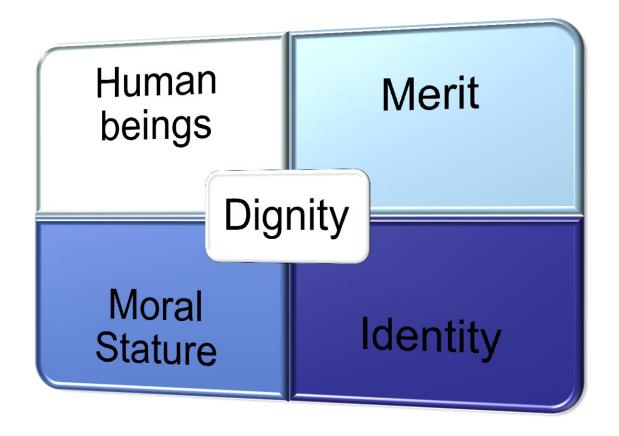






Model of Dignity – Adapted from Dignity and Older Europeans (2004)









Older Peoples' Personal Needs

Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs

SELF-ACTUALIZATION NEEDS

Creativity, problem solving, morality, **PERSONAL IDENTITY**

ESTEEM NEEDS

SELF-ESTEEM, SELF-RESPECT, RESPECT OF OTHERS

LOVE & BELONGING NEEDS

Family and Friendship

SAFETY NEEDS

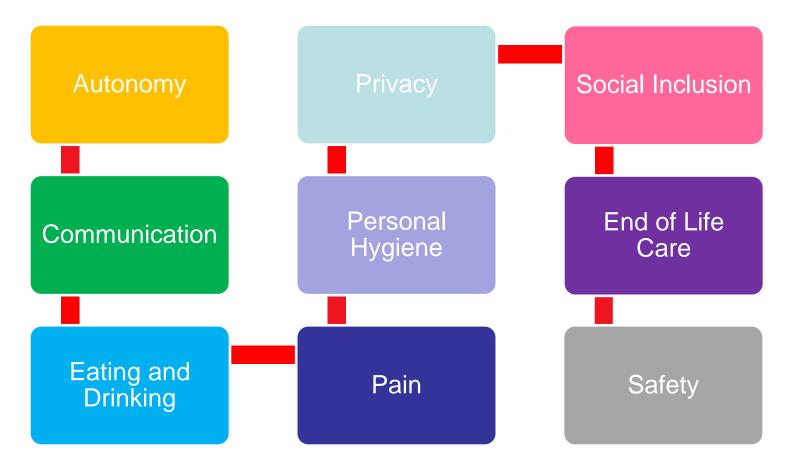
Security of: health, family, property, beliefs & employment etc

PHYSIOLOGICAL NEEDS

Air, Water, Food, Sleep, System Equilibrium, Excretion, Sex.

Dignity Domains







Dignity in Care Indicator Tool







McSherry (2009) Definition of Spirituality



Spirituality is universal, deeply personal and individual; it goes beyond formal notions of ritual or religious practice to encompass the unique capacity of each individual. It is at the core and essence of who we are, that spark which permeates the entire fabric of the person and demands that we are all worthy of dignity and respect. It transcends intellectual capability, elevating the status of all of humanity.

McSherry, W. Smith, J (2012 p 118) Spiritual Care In McSherry, W., McSherry, R., Watson, R. (Eds) (2012) Care in Nursing Principles values and skills Oxford University Press, Oxford





RCN (2010) Spirituality is about:



- Hope and strength
- Trust
- Meaning and purpose
- Forgiveness
- Belief and faith in self, others and for some this includes a belief in a deity/higher power
- Peoples values
- Love and relationships
- Morality
- Creativity and self expression







"We get treatment in the hospital and care in the hospice"





Treatment



Scientific

Proficient

Technical Competence

Detached

Robotic

Cold





Care



Warm

Time

Presence

Valued

Accepted

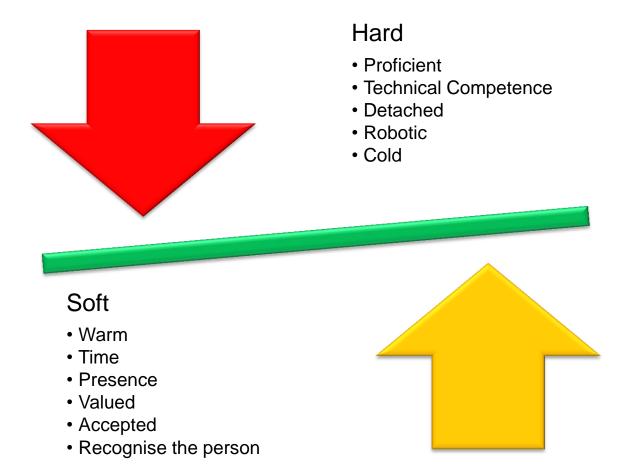
Recognise the person





Hard and Soft Nurse



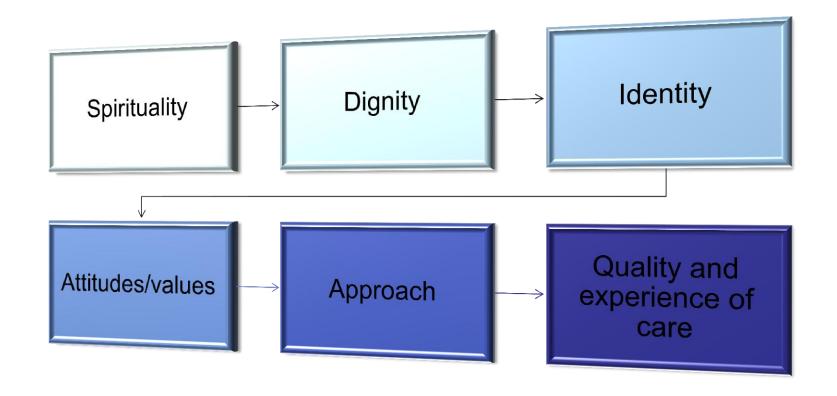






Relational model









Conclusion



- Continue in our drive to re-establish and safeguard, our core values and principles of caring
- Spirituality and dignity remind us to focus our attention on the individual – the person, not the medical condition or treatment
- Institutions and organisations and indeed wider society must value the contribution of our health and social care workforce
- There must be a open, honest and transparent culture where integrity, honesty and sensitivity flourish

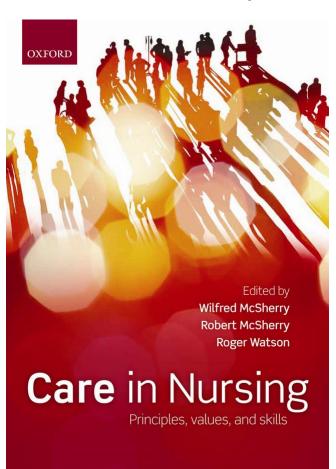




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