

Identifying Spiritual Distress in Family Members of ICU Patients: the INSPIRE Study

We are a team of researchers working on a study looking at identifying spiritual distress in family members of ICU patients (INSPIRE).

Family members experience significant multidimensional distress during the course of their loved one's admission to the intensive care unit (ICU), with reduction in their own well-being and ability to participate in making decisions for their loved one. The ability to identify spiritual dimensions of distress in family members of patients in the ICU and to offer spiritual support by members of the interdisciplinary team and Spiritual Health Practitioners, has been impaired by the limited amount of research in this area.

Part of the study involves a multi-phase survey of spiritual care practitioners about ways to identify spiritual distress in family members. We anticipate 3 rounds of survey by email over 3 months, beginning near the end of January 2018; each round of survey would take approximately 15 - 20 minutes to complete. We are looking for national representation from Canadian spiritual care practitioners. If you are interested in participating, please contact amanda.rozedesordons@ucalgary.ca.

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