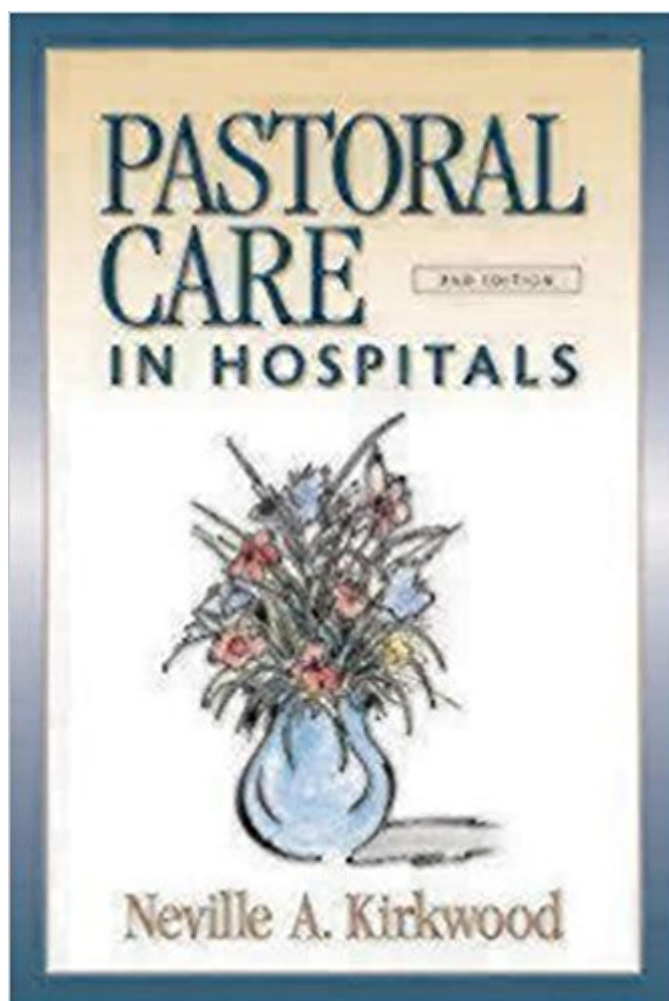


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# Pastoral Care In Hospitals: Second Edition



## Synopsis

Bringing comfort and concern to the bedside of the sick or dying is a challenge for lay people and clergy alike. In this practical guide, Neville Kirkwood shares his wisdom—learned from some twenty years of experience as a hospital chaplain—on the art of hospital visitation. This classic handbook is now updated, with an all-new section addressing best practices for hospital chaplains. *Pastoral Care in Hospitals*, with additional sections addressed to clergy and trained lay pastoral workers, as well as ordinary lay people who simply want to visit their fellow-parishioners, shows visitors ways to make the encounter meaningful and enriching to the patient. Kirkwood guides readers through the minefield of hospital visits—from false heartiness to too much talking—and offers a theology of visitation that can guide both professionals and laity in their ministry. A variety of exercises and a section of prayers for specific circumstances make this a must-have resource for all who work with the sick and dying, and an excellent text for course work.

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Comprehensive and easy to follow. Provides good solid guidance on conducting yourself as a chaplin or caregiver within the hospital setting. This book was recommended to me when I applied to be a colunteer chaplin at one of the local hospitals. It provides guidance on how to deal with people of all faiths and those who do not believe in any religion.

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Great book, would have been good to have this information much earlier in my career. Would be a benefit to anyone who is, or has the desire, to minister in the hospital.

highly recommend for anyone in spiritual care

I received the book in excellent condition

Great book for chaplains. Well written.

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