

**Partnership for a Healthier  
Community  
Medical Center Health System  
Faith & Health Network**

Healthcare can be a confusing thing. How do you find a doctor? When do you go to the ER? What can you do to prevent chronic diseases like diabetes? When it comes to taking care of your health you may have asked these questions and many others. Because there is so much to know and understand, Medical Center Health System is bringing extra support to you by way of your faith community through a new program called the Faith & Health Network (FHN).

The Faith & Health Network was developed by networking congregational leaders, hospital leaders and community leaders. The Faith & Health Network works to improve your health and the health of all our patients in the Permian Basin. It is not an insurance program, but a partnership between the hospital and your congregation to give you the information and support you need in your healthcare.

**Mission Statement:**

The MCHS Faith & Health Network seeks to build relationships with congregations, clergy and community to promote health and wholeness.

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## What is the FHN?

At some point in our lives most of us are diagnosed with a medical condition. This can be an alarming and frightening experience. There are new medications to take, new doctors to see, and questions to ask. With all of these new things to learn about and to plan for in order to take care of ourselves, it's easy to forget some steps; and often we just can't do it on our own. We look to our families and our faith communities for the support and help in identifying questions and finding the answers.

Medical Center Health System recognizes the faith community as an integral part of the lives of many of our patients. We know that your congregation is an important part of your life. With this in mind the Faith & Health Network (FHN) was formed.

The Faith & Health Network is a partnership between the congregations, the hospital and our community. The Faith & Health Network works to improve the health of all in our community.

## How it Works

Your congregation chooses a Congregational Liaison who will work closely with the Faith & Health Network Nurse Navigator who is an employee of Medical Center Hospital. These two individuals will work together to answer your questions, schedule educational outreach for you

and your congregation and provide support if you are ever hospitalized. If hospitalization is necessary, you will be asked once admitted if you are a member of the Faith & Health Network and if you would like for your congregation to be part of your care. The choice to involve your congregation will always be yours.

## Resource Help

As a member of your congregation and as a member of the Faith & Health Network you have access to a wealth of support on issues such as preventive medicine and follow-up care. Not an insurance program, the Faith & Health Network works with congregations to educate and provide a supportive network to help you as a member navigate the health system.

## The Result

People simply heal better when they feel a sense of connection, compassion, and care from people within their own community. Members of the Faith & Health Network have a support system to count on. And that support system is not only smart about health issues, it's a trusted entity armed with strong faith.

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