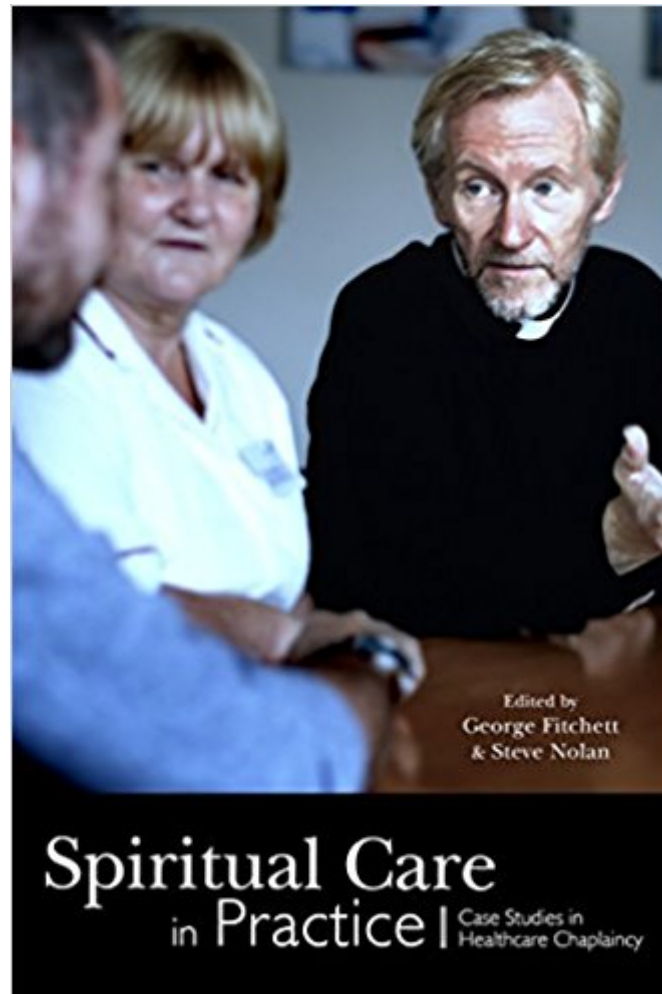




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# Spiritual Care In Practice: Case Studies In Healthcare Chaplaincy



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These cases show how institutional countertransference was in the visits with the chaplain. Chaplains were so focused on the so-call spiritual assessments models that they could not not hear the heart of the patient nor enter into their darkness because they were so focused on making things better for them. This book showcases more what not to do in providing spiritual care.

A two fold review: The product arrived before its expected delivery date and in great condition. The book itself is a wonderful and insightful tool into the experiences of clinical chaplains dealing with a variety of issues. I found each of the four sections to be helpful within its own context and could be read independently. The sections' case studies are focused on Pediatrics, Psychiatric, Palliative Care, and Ethical Concerns. The book provides perspectives from those healthcare providers that work alongside chaplains and see their contributions to the healthcare environment, the patients and families.

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