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# Book Reviews

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Fitchett, G., White, K. B., & Lyndes, K. (Eds.). (2018). *Evidence-Based healthcare chaplaincy: A research reader*. Philadelphia, PA. Jessica Kingsley Publishers. 432 pp. \$34.86 ISBN 9781784509231

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Research literacy is now required for board certified chaplains in the U.S. This research reader is a broad sampling of current healthcare chaplaincy research. It contains 21 research articles based around three themes: healthcare chaplains: where they work and what they do; patient/family spiritual needs and their spiritual care interests; and chaplaincy interventions and their impact. Most articles include: Abstract; Keywords; Background; Methods; Cases; Assessments; Results; Discussion; Conclusions; References.

This paperback is geared for being a textbook in healthcare chaplaincy research. The very scholarly introduction supports the concept of using an evidence-based paradigm. It explains why these specific articles were selected and where to find additional research. The introduction has a two-page list of references, and the articles each have many references, but, this book does not include any appendices or indexes. It is mostly a scholarly and scientific academic writing without focusing on any particular religious, spiritual or theological stance. The articles consist of doctoral-level research and analysis from peer reviewed scholarly journals. The book achieves its purpose of introducing evidence-based research articles for practicing and future chaplains. And it contributes to the field of study.

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