POLICY STATEMENT:

It is the policy of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center to provide for patients’ spiritual needs as appropriate.

SCOPE:

This policy applies to all TTUHSC Ambulatory clinics operated through its Schools.

PROCEDURE:

1. Should the patient express a preference for a specific pastor or spiritual counselor, any clinic staff may initiate the call.

2. During times of spiritual needs, clinic faculty and staff should remain impartial, accessible and available to assist with the spiritual needs of the patient and family and at the same time remain open, sensitive and compassionate without imposing their own beliefs in an attempt to “convert” or proselytize.

3. The following persons are designated as a campus resource for spiritual or ethical issues:
   a. Lubbock Campus – Tom McGovern, Ed.D., (806) 743-2820 or pager (806) 743-0748
   b. Amarillo Campus – Gracie Mubarak, LBSW, or Eva Pena, LBSW, (806) 354-5619
   c. Odessa Campus – Steven Gates, LSW, (432) 335-1006
   d. El Paso Campus – Johanan Levine, M.D., (915) 545-6415

4. Community Resources for pastoral services are as follows:
   a. Amarillo:  amarillo.areaconnect.com/churches.htm
   c. Lubbock:  www.usachurch.com/texas/lubbock/home.htm
   d. Odessa:  www.churches-in.com/TX/Midland/
               www.churches-in.com/TX/Odessa/

CERTIFICATION:

This policy was approved by the Council of Deans on August 11, 2011.