



**KIRKKO ESPOOSSA<sup>†</sup>**  
**CHURCH IN ESPOO**

**Pastoral work in hospitals**

# HELP AND SUPPORT

in hospitals and sheltered housing in Espoo

Hospital patients and those living in municipal sheltered housing in Espoo are served by six hospital chaplains provided by local Lutheran congregations. These chaplains are pastors (ministers) of the church who are specialized in pastoral work in hospitals or among the intellectually disabled.

Hospital chaplains serve patients, residents and their families as well as the staff of hospitals and sheltered housing. One does not have to be a church member to contact a chaplain.



In pastoral work in hospitals, each person's religious convictions and philosophy of life are respected according to principles of religious freedom. Hospital chaplains are bound by an absolute commitment to confidentiality.

## A hospital chaplain

- listens to you and talks with you
- prays and leads devotionals
- can be asked to lead prayers when someone has passed away
- can be asked to baptize, to give communion to a Christian, or to lead a Christian wedding or funeral in a hospital
- can help you to contact another church or religious community
- serves the staff as counselor and trainer

When you are hurt or when everyday life is a burden, you can talk or pray with a hospital chaplain.



## **CHAPLAINS WORK IN**

- **university hospital units in Jorvi Hospital**
- **the municipal Espoo Hospital (Jorvi and Puolarmetsä)**
- **units of municipal sheltered housing**
- **among the intellectually disabled in Rinnekoti**

**You can contact a chaplain by phone or e-mail or by asking the staff. Contact information is posted on bulletin boards of hospitals and care units and on the Finnish-language web page**

**[www.esponseurakunnat.fi/tukea/sairaalassa](http://www.esponseurakunnat.fi/tukea/sairaalassa)**

**Privately run sheltered housing is visited by employees of the local Lutheran congregation.**

**For contact information, see**

**[www.esponseurakunnat.fi/asiointi](http://www.esponseurakunnat.fi/asiointi)**

**[www.esponseurakunnat.fi/web/english/parishes](http://www.esponseurakunnat.fi/web/english/parishes)**

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