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Abstract

PURPOSE The explosion of evidence in the last decade supporting the role of spirituality in whole-person patient care has prompted proposals for a move to a biopsychosocial-spiritual model for health. Making this paradigm shift in today’s multicultural societies poses many challenges, however. This article presents 2 theoretical models that provide common ground for further exploration of the role of spirituality in medicine.

METHODS The 3 H model (head, heart, hands) and the BMSEST models (body, mind, spirit, environment, social, transcendent) evolved from the author’s 12-year experience with curricula development regarding spirituality and medicine, 16-year experience as an attending family physician and educator, lived experience with...
both Hinduism and Christianity since childhood, and a lifetime study of the world’s
great spiritual traditions. The models were developed, tested with learners, and
refined.

**RESULTS** The 3 H model offers a multidimensional definition of spirituality,
applicable across cultures and belief systems, that provides opportunities for a
common vocabulary for spirituality. Therapeutic options, from general spiritual
care (compassion, presence, and the healing relationship), to specialized spiritual
care (eg, by clinical chaplains), to spiritual self-care are discussed. The BMSEST
model provides a conceptual framework for the role of spirituality in the larger
health care context, useful for patient care, education, and research. Interactions
among the 6 BMSEST components, with references to ongoing research, are
proposed.

**CONCLUSIONS** Including spirituality in whole-person care is a way of furthering
our understanding of the complexities of human health and well-being. The 3 H
and BMSEST models suggest a multidimensional and multidisciplinary approach
based on universal concepts and a foundation in both the art and science of
medicine.

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