

Caring for the Human Spirit® Magazine Writer's Guidelines

Thanks so much for your interest in writing for Caring for the Human Spirit® magazine, published twice a year (spring/summer and fall/winter) by the Spiritual Care Association.

Our readers are professional chaplains, other spiritual care providers, and a wide range of health care professionals—nationally and internationally.

Our articles focus on the integration of spiritual care in health care, including the latest in evidence-based thought, research, and clinical experience; best practices; palliative care and hospice care; professional issues; and case studies. Regular features include a “Perspectives” opinion piece, and an “Inspirational” column, as well as book excerpts.

Typically, our writers are researchers, professional chaplains, doctors, nurses, social workers, and other health care providers who are experts in the field and/or have research or on-the-ground experiences to share.

We are open to story ideas and accept unsolicited manuscripts on spec. It's best to familiarize yourself with the types of articles we have published in the magazine. We do not typically accept previously-published pieces. Please let us know what topic you are thinking about, and we can let you know whether it fits within the scope of our editorial calendar and works in progress.

In general, articles run 800 to 1300 words, including sidebars. We edit the manuscript (including conforming to AP style) and return the revised article to the author for review for accuracy prior to publication. As a magazine distributed to readers at no cost by a nonprofit organization, please understand that we rely on the generosity of our authors and do not pay for articles.

We welcome your input. For consideration, please submit your article ideas/manuscripts to Charysse Harper at lrubino@healthcarechaplaincy.org.