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In order to encourage compassionate encounters exemplified by the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ, Loma Linda University Health (LLUH) has developed the CLEAR Whole Person Care® model to guide conversations that engage the whole person. The CLEAR Whole Person Care® model is based on the acronym CLEAR and has five components, not all of which will be used in every interaction. Each component of the model can be used in its simplest form or can be expanded and deepened in ways suggested by the italicized phrase beneath it.

CLEAR Whole Person Care® model

C: Connect
Connect with God (spiritual core), self and others

L: Listen
Be fully present in a sacred time of sharing

E: Explore
Invite whole person conversations

A: Acknowledge
Empathize and communicate understanding

R: Respond
Share resources that affirm strength and offer hope

CLEAR Whole Person Care® model (expanded)

Create an atmosphere of compassion exemplified by the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ

C: Connect
Connect with God (spiritual core), self and others
- G – Greet with kindness
- R – Recognize and introduce
- E – Explain purpose
- T – Time: Provide timeframe
- E – Engage and invite response

L: Listen
Be fully present in a sacred time of sharing
- Listen without interrupting for at least one minute
- Listen with your whole being

E: Explore
Invite whole person conversations
- Concern(s) (identify primary concerns)
- Explore life dimensions (areas of connect and disconnect)
  - Physical
  - Mental/Emotional
  - Social/Relational
  - Spiritual
    - LLUH Spiritual History
    - S: Sources of strength
    - O: Outlook on religion and beliefs
    - U: Underlying issues/events (that may affect one’s spirit or care)
    - L: Links to care (integrate spiritual needs into care)

A: Acknowledge
Empathize and communicate understanding
- Care about the other person’s life and his/her story
- Validate the story and concern(s)

R: Respond
Share resources that affirm strength and offer hope
- Affirm and empower personal resources (resources and strengths of the other person)
- Refer to professional resources (treatment and referral)
- Share responder resources (personal stories, prayer, etc.)
- Reflect together and privately (on conversation, need for follow-up, and personal impact)