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Expectations
Reality
Continuity of Pastoral Care
Census

The number of patients on service within the hospice organization.

It could reflect the number of patients that a particular team is caring for.
The number of patients you have that the plan of care indicates a need for Spiritual care. Considerations: travel, acuity, interventions

On average:
Full time = 40 patients
Half time = 15-20
Acuity

Level of complexity and possible emergent crisis present

Considerations in Acuity:
- Frequency of visits
- Spiritual pain or grief
- Family concerns/issues
- Specific interventions
- Travel and geography
Acuity (continued)

Level of complexity and possible emergent crisis present

Considerations in Acuity:

- Bereavement risk factors
- Setting and scenarios
- Length of time in visits
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- Balancing supervisors expectations with the “in the filed” realities
- The goal: providing quality spiritual care according to the agency guideline
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Presentation of ideas to get your job done