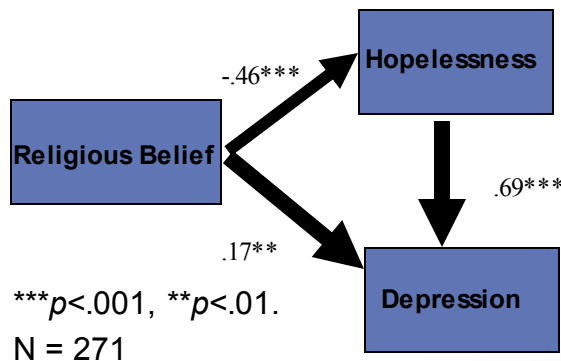
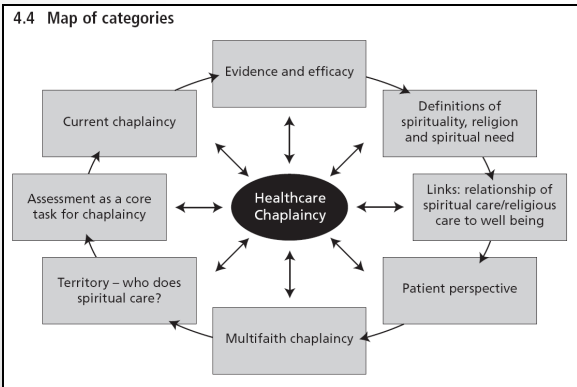


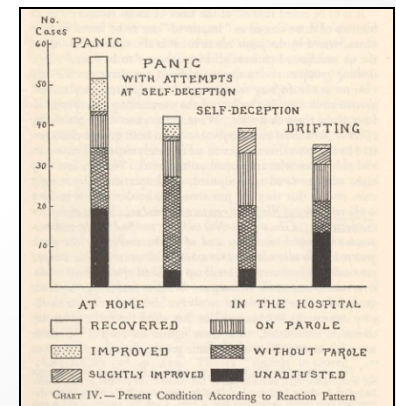
# The State of the Art in Chaplaincy Research: Needs, Resources & Hopes

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# Outline & Limitations

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# Chaplaincy Research: Key events in the past 20 years

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# 20 Years of Chaplaincy Research: How did we get here?

- Commitment of profession, leaders and members, to research as a key to:
  - improving our case, and
  - making our work visible to key partners
- Seizing opportunities
- Growing chaplain capacity to be involved in research
- Institutional and organizational support
- Finding grants
- Developing partnerships

# Chaplaincy Research: How do case studies fit in?

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2015	Fitchett & Cadge, <i>Transforming Chaplaincy</i>	Dutch Case Study Conference + CSP Fitchett + Nolan, <i>Spiritual Care in Practice</i>
2017	ERICH	HSCC, Special Issue on Chaplain Case Studies
2018	Fitchett, White & Lyndes, <i>Evidence-based Spiritual Care: A Research Reader</i>	Fitchett + Nolan, <i>Case Studies in Spiritual Care</i>
2019	University Center for Chaplaincy Studies (UCGV)	Dutch Conference – Do We Have a Case?

# The Present

## Where are we with chaplain case studies?

- ~30 published case studies (2 books, 1 special issue of HSCC)
  - from diverse healthcare contexts
  - from 3 continents
- Dutch CSP well under way
- Other initiatives emerging
  - Wirpsa & Pugliese volume forthcoming

# Checking Our Progress: The 3 Aims of Chaplain Case Studies

## Research

- Currently little formal, published use of case studies for research but evidence of potential
- Some research using existing cases – opportunistic
  - Fitchett chapter: outcomes, inter-faith care
  - Nolan's discussion of relationships + outcomes
- Many other topics could be developed
  - Use of ritual in chaplaincy care
- Intentional collection of case studies to explore specific topics in chaplaincy care
  - Wirpsa + Pugliese – Decision-making
  - Dutch CSP

# Checking Our Progress: The 3 Aims of Chaplain Case Studies

## Chaplain Education and Education of Non-chaplains

- No evidence available about how case studies are being used in these contexts or their effects
  - an area for future research



# Future directions in case study research

- Use cases to explore topics in chaplaincy care
- Move from open invitations to more intentional recruitment of cases
- Modify case study content as needed
- Maintain a searchable archive of cases
- Find a new publisher