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Abstract with 3 clearly stated objectives in 250 words: The Hastings Center Report (Nov-Dec 08) entitled "Can we measure good chaplaincy?" seeks to describe what modern spiritual care chaplaincy is doing and its intentions relative to healthcare and ethics services. This paper will examine these issues and cover a significant area neglected in these articles concerning consultations by looking at a complex pediatric surgical case.

1. I seek to explore the relationship between ethics and spiritual care by examining the sense of creativity and artistry that is utilized when both are functioning at a high level of quality care.
2. I introduce a wide selection of art from eastern and western spiritual/religious traditions that evince the nature of beauty, truth, good but also suffering as a means to understanding complex ethical consultations. It is the capacity of art to evoke the mind, the spirit and the imagination to see and feel differently; to see the particular as well as the whole. The guiding principle in the ethics of spiritual care is honoring the spiritual and ethical sensibilities of the patient in a time of illness and suffering. The art of ethics then requires that this experience be opened up further for others to understand so they can respond with the wisdom of compassionate ethical medical judgment.
3. This paper will look at the "ethics of responsibility" and "narrative ethics" as a shared language for clinical ethicists and clinical spiritual care chaplains. Margaret Urban Walker asserts that ethicists in the health care setting should be regarded less as expert engineers, than as skilled architects creating "moral space" within which healthcare people can air their bafflement and their convictions

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