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In the April 2013 minutes of the Professional Practice Commission meeting of the Canadian Association for Spiritual Care/Association canadienne de soins spirituels (CASC/ACSS) adopted a ratio of 1:100 as the minimum ratio benchmark of Spiritual Care Practitioner to acute care inpatients for the association.

This adoption followed through on a motion that was passed at the 2010 Annual General Meeting, which affirmed a 1/100 ratio as the recommended minimum (not optimum) Spiritual Care Practitioner to patient ratio required in order to provide effective spiritual care in acute care settings. This ratio reflects research that was completed in collaboration with the Health Care Chaplaincy Network in New York to confirm what was in place across Canada and in the United States.

Recognizing the inherent challenges related to proving optimum ratios required to provide effective spiritual care within acute care settings and that significant coverage fluctuations currently exist in hospitals across North America, 1/100 was determined to be a “mean coverage” in North America and reflects the historic standard which has existed in Ontario.

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