



## Caring for the Pagan Patient

**The term PAGANISM is used here to denote a particular set of beliefs - a Pagan patient would be upset if their religion were recorded as unknown.**

They may wish to have access to a small white candle and holder, and a small figure of the goddess. Traditions are diverse, and it is always best to consult the patient.

### **SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**DIETARY** needs are likely to be Vegan, Vegetarian, or raw food diet.

### **AS DEATH APPROACHES**

Pagans will want to be aware that DEATH is APPROACHING so that they can prepare positively. They would not welcome prayers at the bedside but would appreciate the presence of another Pagan, or of a nurse. Individual feelings about **ORGAN TRANSPLANT / DONATION** and **POST-MORTEMS** should be discussed with the patient.

### **LAST OFFICES**

Routine LAST OFFICES are appropriate and either cremation or burial is acceptable.

**EVERY PAGAN PATIENT IS AN INDIVIDUAL AND PRACTICE MAY VARY**