

Healing Touch Healthcare Facility Profile

Hospice of Saint John

1320 Everett Court, Lakewood, CO 80215

The Hospice of Saint John was founded in Denver in 1977 by Father Paul von Lobkowitz, O.S.J. As the second inpatient hospice program in the United States, the Hospice has cared for over 25,000 patients and their families. The Hospice of Saint John proudly offers an innovative, award-winning program. Years of experience have translated to knowledge, continuity and quality. We are accredited by The Joint Commission.

The Hospice of Saint John is more than just a facility. It is a program that provides continuity of care, encouraging individuals to live to the limits of their horizons. Our staff provides excellence in pain management and guidance through end-of-life issues in patients' homes, in nursing homes and in our inpatient care facility.

Type of Facility: Hospice

How Healing Touch is currently being used in your facility:

Healing Touch is offered as a part of our Complementary Therapies program at Hospice of Saint John. Sessions are available to patients wherever they reside, whether in our inpatient care facility or in homecare. At Hospice of Saint John, Complementary Therapies augment the care provided by the core interdisciplinary team (IDT). The use of Healing Touch, and all Complementary Therapies, is documented as an intervention in patients' plans of care.

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Can Patients Request HealingTouch: Yes Patients and family members can request

Healing Touch through any member of their care team. An IDT member may also suggest this Complementary Therapy to address a specific symptom. IDT members complete Therapy Referral Forms with the patient's contact information, diagnosis, medical conditions or limitation, and reasons for referral. These referrals are submitted to the Complementary Therapies Team Leader, who coordinates the most appropriate therapist.

Physician Referral: Yes

Physician Order Required: No

Billing for HT: No Like all Complementary Therapies provided at Hospice of Saint John, Healing Touch services are free to patients.



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Minimum Healing Touch Skill Level: Level 4

Healing Touch Policy and Procedure in Place: Yes

When was HT Implemented and How? In 1999, a Healing Touch practitioner working toward certification proposed doing her practical hours here. She provided sessions to our patients in our inpatient care facility on a daily basis, providing a total of more than 1000 hours here. She also provided treatments and informational sessions for staff. In 2004, a second volunteer began providing Healing Touch for our patients, and our third Healing Touch volunteer came on board in early 2007. **Is**

There Marketing for HT Services: Yes Healing Touch is included in our Complementary Therapies marketing materials, which includes the Complementary Therapies brochure and on our website. Internal marketing is also important for our program. In services are regularly provided for staff and volunteers to promote and inform about this available intervention. Healing Touch sessions are provided to staff and volunteers during staff/volunteer appreciation days to increase their familiarity with this intervention, and therefore increase referrals.

Other CAM Therapies Available: Massage, Aromatherapy, Reflexology, Reiki

Other information you would like to include about your facility: Hospice of Saint John is one of the oldest hospices in the country. We are a nonprofit organization that provides individualized approaches to caring for the terminally ill. Hospice of Saint John cares for individuals in our facility, in your home, and in nursing homes. We care for any patient, regardless of their ability to pay, providing more indigent hospice care each year than any other Colorado hospice. Our emphasis is on life and living.

