

## Healing Touch Healthcare Facility Profile

# Kona Community Hospital

79-1019 Haukapila, Kealahou, HI 96750

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Kona Community Hospital is a 94 bed acute and long-term care facility located in Kealahou. Kona Community Hospital is part of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. Established in 1996, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) is a public benefit corporation of the State of Hawaii. As the State's community hospital system, HHSC continues to fulfill the state's promise to provide quality, hometown healthcare, particularly in rural locations where private hospitals are unwilling or unable to service. HHSC is an essential part of our island communities, just like fire and police services.

The first Hawaii State hospital opened its doors well over a century ago. Today, we are the fourth largest public hospital system in the U.S., the fifth largest employer in Hawaii, and the largest provider of healthcare for Hawaii's Neighbor Island residents and visitors.

**Type of Facility:** Hospital

### **How Healing Touch is currently being used in your facility:**

Same Day Surgery, Recovery Room, Medical Surgical floors and the Infusion Center are our most active recipients. Intensive care, OB, long term care and the psychiatric unit also request HT. Employees and nursing staff are our best advocates, and when possible, take advantage of our service. Nurses who are also HT volunteers are able to use their skills on a "not to interfere with other duties" basis, and with their supervisor's approval. The physician response has been exceptional.

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**Can Patients Request HealingTouch:** Yes Volunteers check the message phone; most requests come from patients, their families or staff. When physicians order HT, we are notified by staff.

**Physician Referral:** No

**Physician Order Required:** No

**Billing for HT:** No This service is free for all patients and staff of KCH.

**Minimum Healing Touch Skill Level:** Level 1

**Healing Touch Policy and Procedure in Place:** Yes

**When was HT Implemented and How?** May 2005 marked our HT program's beginning;



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welcoming all employees of KCH to a day of HT sessions. 9 months after our original presentation to Administration and Med Surg Staff, we had an approved program, "pain management, a division of Surgical Service". Includes: Policies and Procedures, JCAHO competency checklist, a graph to show progress, informational flyers, evaluation cards to be placed in a patient's chart, and 2 coordinators to oversee and precept new volunteers

**Is There Marketing for HT Services:** No. We write the forms as needed: informational flyers offered at nursing stations and in admission packets, colorful flyers in elevators, occasional news articles appear in the local paper and in hospital monthly newsletter. Most of our marketing is "word of mouth" from patients themselves. We have received wonderful letters in support of our program.

**Other CAM Therapies Available:** None

**Other information you would like to include about your facility:** Kona Hospital is the first hospital in HHSC to create a HT program. Kona Hospital Foundation offers a grant of \$200.00 towards registration fees of HT level in exchange for volunteering doing HT 8 hours a month for a year.

