

# Healing Touch Healthcare Facility Profile

## Memorial Hospital of South Bend

615 No. Michigan St, South Bend, IN 46601

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Memorial, a 525-bed regional hospital, has been around since 1894, but managers have taken a decidedly modern approach. Memorial is one of the few, if not the only, U.S. hospitals to establish a dedicated R&D center, and one of the few to establish “innovation” as one of its core values.

For years, Memorial has been recognized as much for our work in creating health as for our excellent clinical services. As one of the country’s first hospitals to establish a tithing policy, Memorial funds several innovative and collaborative programs, some of which have served as national models for health outreach and preventive care.

**Type of Facility:** Hospital

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

A number of nurses have had some HT training. I believe I am the only HT Practitioner with a formal job description as a HT Practitioner. I work in a half time position as a Lay Chaplain and Healing Touch Practitioner on the Oncology Unit. Most of these patients have advanced disease. I visit patients on the floor and when appropriate will suggest HT as a modality that might be of benefit physically with pain or nausea, and also emotionally helping with acceptance, centering and gaining a sense of peace. At times I provide HT to nurses on the floor to help alleviate headache and stress. Also, occasionally, I am asked by physicians or nurses to provide HT treatment to patients on other floors. This could include post surgery, wound healing, or other needs.

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**Can Patients Request HealingTouch:** Yes

**Physician Referral:** Yes

**Physician Order Required:** There is a general hospital policy requiring physician referral, but some floors have an open order allowing HT to be performed at any time.

**Billing for HT:** No Explanation I am an employee of the hospital and there is no extra charge for the patient.

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DePaul Drive, Bridgeton, Missouri 63044

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**Minimum Healing Touch Skill Level:** CHTP

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

**When was HT Implemented and How?**

HT has been practiced at Memorial for many years, probably going back to the mid 1990's.

**Is There Marketing for HT Services:** Yes There is a brochure that has been used but needs to be reprinted as all copies have been distributed.

**Other CAM Therapies Available:** Massage, Accupuncture, Imagery

