

Healing Touch Healthcare Facility Profile

St. Joseph's Hospital

3001 W. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Tampa, Florida 33607

St. Joseph's Hospital strives to be the regional leader in medical excellence by improving the health of our community through accessible, compassionate and family-focused health care services. Founded as a mission by the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, St. Joseph's Hospital has served the health care needs of the Tampa Bay community since 1934. It is the largest not-for-profit health care provider in Hillsborough County and was chosen as the Consumer Choice Winner eight years in a row.

Patients and families can have complete confidence in the high technology medical care provided at the hospital, while also taking comfort in the St. Joseph's philosophy of family-focused care. The Cancer Institute, Heart Institute, Neuroscience/Stroke program, Advanced Center for Atrial Fibrillation as well as the Level II State approved trauma center offers the most "Advanced Care in the Right Hands" in the Tampa Bay area

Type of Facility: Hospital

How Healing Touch is currently being used in your facility:

Patients in the hospital are offered HT on the cancer unit via a brochure that is given to them along with their admission packet. Nurses, Doctors and other allied professionals can refer the patient to HT. The patients can request it themselves as well. Some RNs who have gone through 1 or more HT classes are implementing the techniques into their bedside care.

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Can Patients Request HealingTouch: Yes Requests from physicians are written as an order. The nurse or unit secretary calls the HT office to let the HT coordinator know there is a referral. Patients can call the HT coordinator's extension as well to request a session. Same with nurses. Once the request is received, the HT coordinator will see the patient, or it will be placed in a request log book that the trained volunteers check regularly.

Physician Referral: Yes

Physician Order Required: No

Billing for HT: No The HT coordinator's position is the only paid position thus far. It is offered as a complementary service to patients by volunteers and the coordinator.

Minimum Healing Touch Skill Level: Level 1 for volunteers, CHTP for coordinator position

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Healing Touch Policy and Procedure in Place: Yes

When was HT Implemented and How? HT was implemented by Kimberly Gray in about 2004. She began with a pilot study of 140 patients and 3 or 4 diagnoses. She looked at 3 criteria (pain, nausea, anxiety). She tracked scores on a 10 point scale for each criteria before and after HT sessions. To date we have a HT coordinator position and a volunteer program. The volunteers have taken at least Level 1 and go through an orientation process.

Is There Marketing for HT Services: Yes HT services as well as classes are listed on the Baycare website under alternative therapies. We have a HT flyer that is available for the public to pick up and read on every unit of the hospital. Patients getting admitted to the Cancer Unit receive a brochure about the Volunteer Healing Touch Program available to them during their stay. Our marketing department has connected with local news stations to promote the program. Fox News 13 and News Channel 8 have done stories.

Other CAM Therapies Available:

Other information you would like to include about your facility: We also use an HT Evaluation Form so we can get patient feedback to keep for our records.

