

Healing Touch Healthcare Facility Profile

Bon Secours DePaul Medical Center

150 Kingsley Lane, Norfolk, VA 23505

Bon Secours Hampton Roads Health System, Inc., is a local, not-for-profit, Catholic health care system affiliated with the Bon Secours Health System, headquartered in Marriottsville, Md. The system, which employs more than 4,100 is comprised of Bon Secours Maryview Medical Center in Portsmouth, Bon Secours DePaul Medical Center in Norfolk, Mary Immaculate Hospital Newport News and affiliated continuing and ambulatory care facilities throughout Hampton Roads.

Type of Facility: Hospital

How Healing Touch is currently being used in your facility:

Healing Touch continues to be provided by the volunteer staff trained in this area and is available to all in-patients as well as those in the Emergency Department. It is used alone, or in conjunction with Aromatherapy and on occasion in tandem with live music. (Harpist on staff in part-time paid position). We are currently working to coordinate HT as part of out-patient services in conjunction with the hospital's Image Recovery Program geared towards cancer survivors. The lead physical therapist on the Rehab unit has also become trained in HT and is a constant referral source.

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Can Patients Request HealingTouch: Yes Patients, family members, staff and health care providers may contact the Program Coordinator directly.

Physician Referral: Yes

Physician Order Required: No

Billing for HT: No This is a complimentary, service provided by volunteer CHTPs. Donations are accepted.

Minimum Healing Touch Skill Level: CHTP

Healing Touch Policy and Procedure in Place: Yes

When was HT implemented (and how) in your facility?

Healing Touch began as an adjunct to complementary therapies of therapeutic music and aromatherapy. It was initiated via service delivery by the Palliative Care Consultant who implemented

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HT in conjunction with the medical treatment options available to this patient population. Initial stages began with the use of volunteer practitioners who desired to share their healing gifts in this capacity.

Is There Marketing for HT Services: Yes We provide staff education regarding the service and supply an informational leaflet as a reference. The majority of the marketing is via word-of-mouth and via discussion with individual patients and their families who may potentially benefit from the service.

Other CAM Therapies Available: Massage, Aromatherapy, Holistic Nursing, Imagery, Reiki, Therapeutic Touch

Other information you would like to include about your facility:

Bon Secours is committed to excellence in patient care and is open-minded to the use of a full-range of complementary and therapeutic offerings for wholistic health care. Both the employees of and the population served by Bon Secours DePaul Medical Center are diverse in nature but highly family-oriented. This particular facility provides a great deal of care to the uninsured and indigent population of the local and surrounding community. Funding for continued provision of complementary services is therefore often challenging to secure.

