

Healing Touch Healthcare Facility Profile

Greenwich Hospital

5 Perryridge Road, Greenwich, CT 06830

Greenwich Hospital is a 174-bed regional hospital, serving lower Fairfield County Connecticut and Westchester County New York. It is a major academic affiliate of Yale University School of Medicine and a member of the Yale New Haven Health System.

Since opening in 1903, Greenwich Hospital has evolved into a progressive medical center and teaching institution with an internal medicine residency.

We represent all medical specialties and offer a wide range of medical, surgical, diagnostic and wellness programs. High quality of care, coupled with Greenwich Hospital's convenient location, are reasons many patients choose to be treated here.

In 2007 Greenwich Hospital opened a separate 7,500 square foot **Center for Integrative Medicine**. The Center consolidates all of the hospital's outpatient integrative medicine services under one roof. The Center was designed using Fung Shui principles and "green architecture".

Type of Facility: Hospital

How Healing Touch is currently being used in your facility:

We provide training each year to new volunteers. We train about 40 volunteers per year. Presently we have 80 active volunteers providing HT to inpatients on most of the units in the hospital. We provide HT to outpatients in our radiation therapy and chemo units. We also have a monthly free clinic which is conducted as a practice session for new volunteers. We are a free service.

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Can Patients Request HealingTouch: Yes Nurses, patients, family members or doctors can make a HT request by calling the Integrative Medicine Department. Requests are put into the volunteer sign in computer, as volunteers sign in they receive the name and room number for the patient. In addition requests are also communicated among the volunteers by the use of a HT Communication Binder which is in each unit.

Physician Referral: Not specifically, as described above



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Physician Order Required: No

Billing for HT: No HT is offered as a free service of the Integrative Medicine Department. We plan to expand HT to our Integrative Medicine Center once we have HT practitioners certified.

Minimum Healing Touch Skill Level: We offer Level 1 and Level 2 training. Many of our volunteers have pursued further Levels. We have six Level 5 volunteers preparing to apply for certification.

Healing Touch Policy and Procedure in Place: Yes

When was HT Implemented and How? HT was implemented in 2005 as a volunteer program.

The Healing Touch Program was chosen after exploring Reiki, Therapeutic Touch and other energy medicine modalities due to its standardization, research support, the inclusion of lay personnel and the fact that it is endorsed by the American Holistic Nurses' Association

Is There Marketing for HT Services: Yes HT service is listed on the hospital website, in the monthly newsletter and we have a brochure. We have received a lot of public relation exposure and won an award for our program.

Other CAM Therapies Available: Massage, Acupuncture, Chiropractic, Reflexology, 'Prepare for Surgery', Music Therapy, Meditation, Jun Shin Jyutsu, Naturopathy, Stress Management, Cranial Sacral Therapy, Supplement consults, Tai Chi and Yoga

