

<b>Residential Hospice of Grey Bruce Inc.</b> Nursing Manual	<b>DIVISION:</b> Nursing <b>CATEGORY:</b> Hospice Residence	<b>POLICY NO:</b> 1-R-10
<b>ISSUED BY:</b> Executive Director	<b>SUBJECT:</b> <b>Complimentary Treatments and Activities</b>	<b>PAGE NO:</b> 1 of 1

**POLICY:**

The Residential Hospice of Grey Bruce recognizes the therapeutic value in certain complimentary treatments and activities, especially reflexology, reiki, therapeutic touch, yoga, meditation, and artwork. As much as possible, the Hospice offers these treatments and activities to patients and families at day hospice.

- People offering these services are volunteers of the Hospice and are encouraged to take the Fundamentals of Hospice Palliative Care course that is required by all volunteers of the Hospice.
- All therapists must provide written documentation of certification in the therapy that they provide and submit renewals as applicable.
- The therapies and activities are subject to approval by the Resident Care Coordinator of the Hospice and must be in keeping with acceptable guidelines, including required qualifications.
- These complimentary therapies are offered for relaxation and comfort only.

**GUIDELINES:**

- Most of the complimentary therapies and services are offered on a volunteer basis. However, if a family wishes to purchase additional complimentary therapies or services from a community professional for the patient, they may do so after consultation with the Resident Care Coordinator and are responsible for arrangement and payment of such therapies. No solicitation may take place by the therapist of any of our patients.
- The therapist must document on the joint progress note each patient that they provide a service for, according to their governing bodies' guidelines for record keeping.
- Proof of insurance must be presented and/or a written disclaimer signed by the therapist.
- The patient provides consent for the treatment to be administered.
- The therapist will adhere to our policies for dress, fragrance free building, hand washing and be aware of where the eye wash stations are as well as their role in an emergency.

The Resident Care Coordinator reserves the right to terminate a volunteer providing these services if they do not meet the above criteria

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