



Statement of Ethics and Conduct for the practice of Therapeutic Touch

Preamble: A member of the Therapeutic Touch Association of Australasia will respect the person's rights and responsibilities in the Therapeutic Touch process by adhering to the following Code of Ethics and Conduct. To formalize this new members are required to sign an agreement to adhere to the following.

1. They will practice Therapeutic Touch consistent with the process as developed by Dolores Krieger. PhD, RN and Dora Kunz, and as established by the guidelines of the Therapeutic Touch Association of Australasia.
2. They will promote and uphold the integrity and discipline of Therapeutic Touch (Krieger/Kunz method) as a practice.
3. They will obtain the person's and/or family's informed consent for Therapeutic Touch.
4. They will provide Therapeutic Touch based upon people's unique needs, values and culture and with respect for their individual differences.
5. They will keep their interactions with people non-exploitative and complementary to their care.
6. They will hold in confidence any information obtained during Therapeutic Touch practice, and use professional judgment in sharing such information.
7. They will not use other healing modalities in combination with Therapeutic Touch practice, unless they have the requisite preparation to do so and the person's permission.
8. They will not discuss their personal problems or issues with those seeking their professional services.
9. They will regularly evaluate their strengths, limitations and levels of effectiveness, and seek to enhance their abilities by means of consistent practice, further education, training and personal development.
10. They will practice Therapeutic Touch with integrity, always keeping the interests of the person foremost. They will respect the accountability and responsibility inherent in their role as a practitioner of Therapeutic Touch. They will practice Therapeutic Touch in accordance with the National Code of Conduct for Health Care workers (www.coaghealthcouncil.gov.au)
11. They will practice Therapeutic Touch in accordance with the Therapeutic Touch International Association Code of Ethics and Conduct (www.therapeutictouch.org)

Note: They will not hold the Therapeutic Touch Association of Australasia accountable for any consequences resulting from their practice of Therapeutic Touch.

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