



# Healing Beyond Borders

## Educating and Certifying the Healing Touch™

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#### **Purpose**

The following Code of Ethics/Standards of Practice guide the energetic and holistic practice of Healing Touch.

#### **Definition**

Healing Touch is an energy based therapy in which practitioners use their hands to enhance and balance the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing of their clients.

#### **Goal**

The goal in Healing touch is to restore harmony and balance in the energy system, facilitating the client's self healing process.

#### **Code/Standard 1: Scope of Practice**

Healing Touch practitioners integrate and practice Healing Touch within the scope of their education, training, current licensing and credentialing. They represent themselves to the public in accordance with their credentials and practice within the guidelines of the Healing Touch International's Scope of Practice statement.

**HTI Practitioner (HTI-P):** has completed the 100 hour preparation coursework within Level 1 through 5 and has received a Certification of Completion issued by Healing Touch International.

#### **Code/Standard 2: Collaborative Care**

Healing Touch is an holistic therapy that is complementary to conventional health care and is used in collaboration with other approaches to health and healing. Healing Touch practitioners must know the limits of their professional competence. Health/medical conditions are to be followed by health care professionals. Referrals are to be made to appropriate health care professionals as needed

#### **Code /Standards 3: Self Development**

Healing Touch Practitioners work from a theoretical and practical knowledge base of Healing Touch. They integrate self care practices to enhance their own physical, emotional, mental and spiritual wellbeing. They maintain a commitment to ongoing learning and self growth.

#### **Code/Standard 4: Equality and Acceptance**

The practitioner and client are equal partners in the process of healing. Honouring the individual autonomy, growth and self empowerment, clients will be respected and valued at all times regardless of race, creed, age, gender, disability, sexual orientation or health condition. The Healing Touch Practitioner respects spiritual beliefs and practices of the client. Healing Touch does not promote a particular spiritual practice.

#### **Code/Standard 5: Communication and Education**

Information given to the client is individualised according to the expressed need, context and personal situation. The explanation about the treatment is conveyed at a level of the client's understanding. Healing Touch practitioners act as a resource for appropriate education materials that can support the ongoing self care of the client



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## **Code/Standard 6: Healing Touch Process**

The Healing Touch practitioner obtains essential health information, performs an energy assessment and sets mutual goals. Appropriate interventions are applied, the energy system is reassessed and client feedback is obtained. The process serves as a foundation for understanding the health/healing needs of the client and promoting client safety.

## **Code/Standard 7: Intention**

Healing Touch is offered only for the benefit of the client, with intention for his or her highest good. The Healing Touch practitioner acts with the commitment to Do No Harm.

## **Code/Standard 8: Creating a healing environment**

Healing Touch practitioners provide a safe, welcoming, supportive and comfortable environment that is conducive to healing. The client is empowered to give feedback, modify or discontinue the session at any time. Safe and clear professional boundaries are maintained. Permission for hands on touch is obtained. Touch is non sexual and non aggressive and respects the client's boundaries. The client is clothed except in professional therapy contexts involving physical or medical interventions requiring disrobing, in which case appropriate draping is provided.

## **Code/Standard 9: Principle of Healing**

Healing Touch practitioners recognise and honour the client's unique self healing process. The individual is acknowledged as a complex being, who is part of a social system, and is interactive with and acted upon by their internal and external environments.

## **Code/Standard 10: Confidentiality**

Client confidentiality is protected at all times. Treatment findings are documented appropriately specific to the practitioner's background and setting. Client records are secured in such a way as to protect privacy and to be in compliance with professional and legislative regulations. Client written permission must be obtained prior to release of or reporting any record or information.

## **Code/Standard 11: Quality Care**

Healing Touch practitioners maintain a commitment to a high standard of quality care. The practitioner obtains supervision and consultation as needed from a Certified Healing Touch Practitioners and other qualified professionals.

## **Code/Standard 12: Professional Responsibility**

Healing Touch practitioners represent Healing Touch to the public in a professional manner by exerting good judgement, practicing with integrity and adhering to the HBB Code of Ethics/Standard of Practice.

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