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POLICY

Residents who wish to use complementary, alternative or non-traditional therapies (i.e. naturopathic medicines, acupuncture, acupressure, massage) at Agapé Hospice may do so subject to conditions as listed below.

PROCEDURE

1. All alternative and non-traditional therapies must be disclosed to Agapé Hospice's medical and nursing staff.
2. The Resident/family must supply and arrange their complementary and/or alternative therapies. Agapé Hospice staff will not take part in the procurement of complementary/alternative therapies.
3. The Resident/family must be able to manage their administration of the complementary/alternative therapies. Agapé Hospice staff will not administer any therapeutics not listed in the "Compendium of Pharmaceutical and Specialties" (CPS) and not ordered by the attending medical physician.
4. Non-traditional practitioners may visit Residents in the hospice if the Resident/family so wishes. The non-traditional practitioner may not write in the chart, but may view the chart if written permission is obtained from the Resident/health advocate. Staff will not assist non-traditional practitioners in any way. Non-traditional practitioners may not leave literature in the common areas and may not solicit other Residents/families.
5. The alternative/non-traditional therapy must not involve illegal substances or activities.
6. Agapé Hospice maintains the authority to refuse alternative/non-traditional therapies that might compromise the integrity of The Salvation Army; the hospice program; or contradict the Agapé Hospice mission and philosophy.