

3.0.0 **Statement of Ethics and Conduct for the practice in Therapeutic Touch for TTAA.**

Preamble: I will respect the person's rights and responsibilities in the Therapeutic Touch process by adhering to the following code of ethics. To formalise this new members will be required to sign an agreement to adhere to the following Code of Ethics and Conduct.

- 3.0.1 I 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.
- 3.0.2 I will promote and uphold the integrity and discipline of Therapeutic Touch (Krieger/Kunz method) as a practice.
- 3.0.3 I will obtain the person's and/or family's informed consent for Therapeutic Touch.
- 3.0.4 I will provide Therapeutic Touch based upon people's unique needs, values and culture and with respect for their individual differences.
- 3.0.5 I will keep my interactions with people non-exploitative and complementary to their care.
- 3.0.6 I will hold in confidence any information obtained during Therapeutic Touch practice, and use professional judgement in sharing such information.
- 3.0.7 I will not use other healing modalities in combination with Therapeutic Touch practice, unless I have the requisite preparation to do so and the person's permission.
- 3.0.8 I will not discuss my personal problems or issues with those seeking my professional services.
- 3.0.9 I will regularly evaluate my strengths, limitations and levels of effectiveness, and seek to enhance my abilities by means of consistent practice, further education, training and personal development.
- 3.0.10 I will practice Therapeutic Touch with integrity, always keeping the interests of the person foremost.
- 3.0.11 I will respect the accountability and responsibility inherent in my role as a Therapeutic Touch practitioner.

Adapted from the Therapeutic Touch Network (Ontario) document (October, 1995), 3/6/99, 5/12/99, and from the Nurse Healers Professional Associates International. 31/1/03.

Note: I will not hold the TT Association of Australasia accountable for any consequences resulting from my practice of TT.