## Crouse Hospital offers stress treatment - Reiki therapy By: Andy Mattison March 10, 2010

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SYRACUSE, N.Y. -- It's a great way to reduce stress and it's being offered for free at Crouse Hospital. Reiki therapy promotes healing by applying treatment to areas around a person's head, shoulders, stomach, legs and feet. One session normally lasts about 20 minutes and sometimes patients can feel so relaxed they fall asleep. Reiki therapy is a popular form of treatment on maternity patients and the staff at Crouse hospital says it's a technique that has many uses.

"Reiki we found helps a lot with pain control, decreases stress and helps with their relaxation, helps them sleep better all of which makes for a more relaxed happier patient who may be able to heal faster," said Reiki therapy program coordinator Joyce Appel.