Integrative Medicine maximizes the body’s innate potential for self healing. Benefits of our services are a general sense of well-being, better sleep quality, increased range of motion, improved digestion, pain relief, and relaxation. We are committed to providing the most appropriate and effective treatments for every person. Positive outcomes reinforce that integrating mind and body techniques enhances the healing process.

Integrative Medicine offers therapies and classes designed especially for the needs of cancer patients and their families.

Consider our services for:
- Addictions
- Anxiety and depression
- Arthritis
- Asthma and allergies
- Chemotherapy and radiation support
- Headaches
- Immune system support
- Insomnia
- Menopausal/menstrual support
- Pain management
- Seasonal allergies
- Smoking cessation
- Stress reduction
- Surgery preparation and recovery
- Weight management

Many Integrative Medicine services are covered by insurance, please verify coverage with your insurance carrier. Please call 860.972.4444 for more information.
Integrative Medicine Physician Consultations
Physician visits include comprehensive health histories and review of diet, nutritional supplementation and lifestyle. Physicians can order additional laboratory or diagnostic tests to help develop a unique treatment plan that will address health concerns. Visits to the Integrative Medicine physicians and physician assistants may be covered by health insurance. Please check your individual plan and call for more information.

Prepare and Recover from Surgery
Our integrative medicine physicians will meet with you and form a personalized healthcare plan that emphasizes:
1. Pain management using acupuncture, energy therapy, massage, hypnosis, and guided imagery.
2. Inflammation management combining diet and supplement use with acupuncture, energy therapy, and guided imagery.
3. Healthy sleep with the help of suggested natural sleep remedies to help your post-surgical recovery and healing.

Reiki and Energy Therapy
Reiki is one form of energy therapy, a gentle, hands-on relaxation technique to help you feel calmer and more comfortable, facilitating the healing of mind, body and spirit.

Hypnosis and Guided Imagery
Hypnosis is a trance-like state in which there is heightened focus and concentration. Hypnosis is usually done by a therapist using verbal repetition and mental images to promote relaxation and openness to suggestion. The technique can be used for smoking cessation, weight loss, phobias and anxiety, insomnia and pain control before and after surgery. Guided imagery is a gentle but powerful technique that focuses and directs thoughts and imagination to induce a beneficial outcome such as reducing stress, improving performance and promoting health.

Wellness Classes
Classes include: expressive art, cancer wellness support, cooking and eating healthy, qigong, hypnosis, reiki, stress management, therapeutic touch, Tai Chi, Tibetan singing bowls, and yoga. Lunch and Learn programs on a variety of topics are also available.

Class offerings are updated quarterly. For current listings, visit hartfordhospital.org/services/integrative-medicine and select “Programs & Classes.”

Call 860.972.4444 for more information or to book an appointment

For more information on our Volunteer Program or to become a trained art or Reiki volunteer, call Eileen Pelletier, manager of Volunteer Services at Hartford Hospital, at 860.972.2448.

Therapeutic Massage/Reflexology
A hands-on soft tissue manipulation, massage facilitates a slowing down and quieting of the mind and body. It also helps relieve stress and pain. Techniques include: Swedish, deep tissue, sports, manual lymph drainage, pregnancy, chair and cranial-sacral therapy.

All practitioners are licensed massage therapists and members of the adjunct medical staff at Hartford Hospital.

Acupuncture
Acupuncture is the process of applying tiny needles to specific points on the body. It relieves a wide variety of symptoms and increases the function and quality of peoples’ lives. All acupuncturists are nationally board-certified, maintain Connecticut state licenses and are members of the adjunct medical staff at Hartford Hospital.

Art For Healing
Expressive art is a creative process that is used as a diversion to reduce stress and promote wellness. No art experience is required to participate. Most programs are offered free of charge to patients and family members.

Mindfulness-based Stress Reduction
Mindfulness-based Stress Reduction (MBSR) is a patient-centered educational approach that uses intensive training in mindfulness meditation to teach people how to take better care of themselves and live healthier lives. Our instructors meet the qualifications and recommended guidelines for MBSR teachers.