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Purpose Statement
The purpose of this project is to implement integrative therapies, such as aromatherapy, in addition to current nursing interventions. Goal is to improve patient experience and outcomes and enhance the patient/nurse relationship.

Synthesis of Evidence
A systematic review of the literature was conducted through CINHAL, Ebsco, and Google Scholar. Key terms included: aromatherapy, essential oil, integrative therapy, complimentary and alternative medicine and more. About 30 articles were indentified from 2010 and beyond, and the most appropriate were utilized.

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EBP Practice Change
Ascertained best practices from hospitals with developed nursing focused integrative therapies processes,
Completed online aromatherapy education to increase expertise.
Researched essential oil vendors.
Assembled aromatherapy team comprised of knowledgeable clinical care nurse champions.
Developed an approved hospital policy through shared governance structure.
Created patient education materials.
Produced computer-based clinical care staff education.
Initiated pilot project pre-survey data metrics for Clinical Care Staff to identify baseline knowledge.
Kicked-off pilot project on Medical Unit 1, March 10, 2015.
Demonstrated increased knowledge and confidence for clinical care staff in the delivery of aromatherapy/essential oils through post-implementation survey data.
Recruited integrative therapy champions to enhance unit communication and nursing enculturation.
Positive patient response!
Positive clinical care staff response!

Pre/Post Measures
Which of the following are known to benefit from application of essential oils? 
- Ingestion
- Topical
- Inhalation
- Diffusion

What is hospital approved applications for essential oils?

Who can educate patients/family and dispense essential oils?
- RN
- LPN
- PCA
- Family

Do you need a provider’s order to administer essential oils?
- Yes
- No

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Synthesis of Evidence

Include bullet points of your literature findings, include the grading as appropriate
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Pre/Post Measures

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Introduction
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Research Problem/ Question

Methodology
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Conclusions/Implications

Acknowledgements/Funding
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Plan
Identify and analyze the problem

Check
Gather data and evaluate
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Act
Standardize the solution – systematic changes and training needs for full implementation

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