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Definitions and Standards in Healing Research
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Purpose & Focus

This was an invitational conference to develop consensus on the definitions of healing energy, healing intention and the healing relationship, and to create research protocols and methodologies that will become the standards for basic and clinical research in these fields of inquiry. Six working groups of clinical and basic research leaders (in the fields of clinical medicine, clinical nursing, distant healing intention, spirituality and prayer, bioenergy, and healing relationships) prepared drafts of position papers in the months before the actual conference. At the conference, each committee's position paper was critically reviewed by the plenary assembly and the paper revised as final iteration.

Audience

Basic and clinical research scientists, clinicians, philosophers and administrators at the meeting, and the subscription list of the journal *Alternative Therapies* as the eventual audience.

Outcome

The 9 papers presented at the conference were published as a Supplement to the May 2003 issue of *Alternative Therapies*, a peer-reviewed journal listed on PubMed. An abstract containing recommended protocol formats was published in the *Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine* 10:171-181, 2004.

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