

DEMOGRAPHICS AND PRACTICE CHARACTERISTICS OF ILLINOIS LICENSED MASSAGE THERAPISTS

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There are approximately 4500 licensed massage therapists (MTs) in Illinois. However, there is no literature describing the MT demographics and practice patterns within this state. The purpose of this study is to survey all licensed massage therapists in Illinois. Survey questions will include information on gender, race/ethnicity, age, massage education, typical conditions for which therapy is given, assessment and massage techniques utilized and self care recommendations. These results will provide a description of the Illinois MT population for public information massage therapy teaching institution information, and governmental job description information. MTs will be asked if they are interested in participating in future research which will benefit NUHS by identifying potential collaborations. A list of all licensed MTs has been acquired from the state of Illinois, and a letter of introductions, survey, and self-addressed returned envelope will be mailed to every name on the list. No names will be included on any survey, rather a unique identification number will be used for each MT for purposes of return receipt verification. MTs who do not return their survey will be mailed a follow up letter, another copy of the survey, and a self-addressed returned envelope. Data will be compiled descriptively. (H-0509)

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