

A Place of Healing

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When you work at a spa you are bound to have clients walk in the door with a variety of conditions and health concerns. Sometimes people come to the spa looking for healing and there are certainly ways that spas can aid in that, but just as importantly is that spas are a place where people can come to let go of worry over chronic conditions or even terminal illnesses.

Chronic illnesses like cancer and diabetes have unfortunately affected many in our society today. Clearly a visit to the spa cannot cure these devastating conditions, but there are ways spas can aid in the healing process all the same. Making sure the spa is a clean, well-ventilated and free of toxic chemicals can be very beneficial to spa clients dealing with health issues. Some clients may need specialized care because of their condition, or it may be as simple as dialoguing with a client to find out what their needs and limitations are.

For more on the role spas can play in the well-being of people with cancer, diabetes and other illnesses, read *Spa Inc.* magazine's ongoing series written by educational professional Morag Currin of Oncology Training International (OTI).