

# **RECOGNITION OF HOMEOPATHY**

**A SMALL SELECTION OF  
POSITIVE REFERENCES, DECISIONS  
AND DIRECTIVES FROM THE**

**WHO, EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,**

**COUNCIL OF EUROPE, EUROPEAN UNION,**

**USA, UK & OTHERS**

Following is a small selection of positive references, decisions and directives from various bodies like the World Health Organisation (WHO), the European Parliament, the Council of Europe, the European Union, the USA, the UK and some Others from 1975 to 2021.

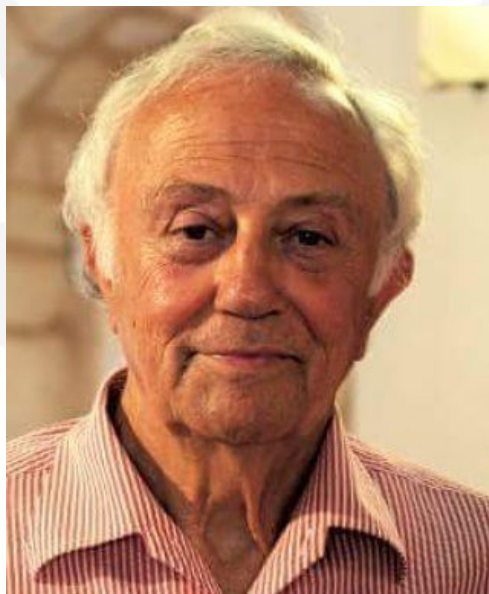
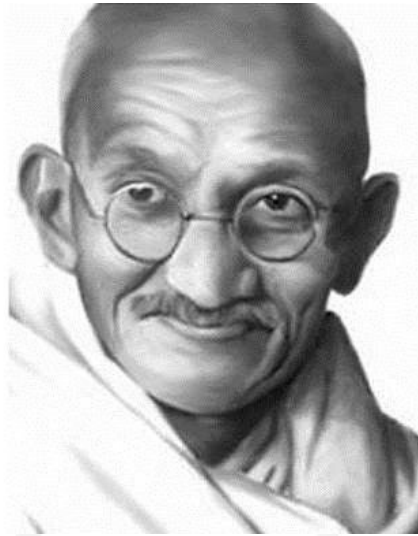


Image above: Prof. George Vithoukas (1932- ) renowned Greek Classical Homeopath

## WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION (WHO)



“Homeopathy.... cures a larger percentage of cases than any other method of treatment and is beyond doubt safer and more economical and most complete medical science”.

~Mahatma Gandhi~

Image above: Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948) – renowned Indian political leader

WHO: World Health Forum, Round Table: Homeopathy Today, Homeopathy: a therapy for the future? by George Vithoukas Vol 4 No 2, p.99 (1983)

“Whatever the mechanism may be, homoeopathy works. That it can be extremely effective, even in conditions that respond poorly to orthodox medicine, is amply documented and not seriously open to doubt.” p.99

[http://www.vithoukas.com/sites/default/files/WORLD\\_HEALTH\\_FORUM\\_WHO\\_GV.pdf](http://www.vithoukas.com/sites/default/files/WORLD_HEALTH_FORUM_WHO_GV.pdf)

WHO: Health by the People, ed. Kenneth W. Newell, Director, Division of Strengthening of Health Services, World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland (1975)

“The Committee expressed the view that, as all different systems Ayurveda, Unani, modern scientific medicine, homeopathy, etc. - have the prime objectives of maintaining health and preventing and curing disease, they should all be properly investigated for the benefit of humanity and integrated into a single health care system.”

[http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/40514/1/9241560428\\_eng.pdf?ua=1](http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/40514/1/9241560428_eng.pdf?ua=1)

WHO: Bulletin - Policy and Practice - Integrating Homoeopathy in Health Systems, B. Poitevin (1999)

“The development of research and evaluation structures, combined with a critical education in the discipline, would help to improve practices and define homoeopathy's potential role in relation to the other therapies, both conventional and unconventional, used in Western health systems.”

[http://www.who.int/bulletin/archives/77\(2\)160.pdf](http://www.who.int/bulletin/archives/77(2)160.pdf)

WHO: Alternative medicine and the medical profession: View of medical students and general practitioners, EMHJ Eastern Mediterranean Health Journal, 6 (1), 25-33 (2000)

“... more GPs than students considered herbal medicine, acupuncture and homeopathy to be effective...”

[http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/118830/1/emhj\\_2000\\_6\\_1\\_25\\_33.pdf](http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/118830/1/emhj_2000_6_1_25_33.pdf)

WHO: Legal Status of Traditional Medicine and Complementary/Alternative Medicine: A Worldwide Review (2001)

“In homeopathy, diseases are treated with remedies that in a healthy person would produce symptoms similar to those of the disease. Rather than fighting the disease directly, medicines are intended to stimulate the body to fight the disease. By the latter half of the 19th century, homeopathy was practised throughout Europe as well as in Asia and North America. Homeopathy has been integrated into the national health care systems of many countries, including India, Mexico, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and the United Kingdom.” p.3

[https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/42452/WHO\\_EDM\\_TRM\\_2001.2.pdf;jsessionid=7E80258D5B893872CE1B564CED20091?sequence=1](https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/42452/WHO_EDM_TRM_2001.2.pdf;jsessionid=7E80258D5B893872CE1B564CED20091?sequence=1) and  
<https://apps.who.int/iris/handle/10665/42452>

WHO: Legal Status of Traditional Medicine and Complementary/Alternative Medicine: A Worldwide Review, Annex I The European Union, Directives on Homeopathic Products (2001)

“The first phase of European Union legislative harmonization in homeopathy was the adoption of two European Directives that came into force on 1 January 1994 (282) — one on homeopathic products for humans and one on homeopathic veterinary products. These Directives ensure a single European Market for homeopathic products and outline provisions regulating their manufacture, inspection, marketing, and labelling. They also establish a simplified registration procedure for medications containing less than one part per 10 000 of undiluted tincture or less than 1/100th of the smallest dose used in allopathic medicine (281).” p.187

[https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/42452/WHO\\_EDM\\_TRM\\_2001.2.pdf;jsessionid=7E80258D5B893872CE1B564CED20091?sequence=1](https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/42452/WHO_EDM_TRM_2001.2.pdf;jsessionid=7E80258D5B893872CE1B564CED20091?sequence=1)

WHO: Traditional Medicine Strategy 2002-2005 (2002)

“The WHO Traditional Medicines Strategy 2002–2005 reviews the status of TM/CAM globally, and outlines WHO’s own role and activities in TM/CAM. But more importantly it provides a framework for action for WHO and its partners, aimed at enabling TM/CAM to play a far greater role in reducing excess mortality and morbidity, especially among impoverished populations.”

<https://www.who.int/medicines/publications/traditionalpolicy/en/> and  
[http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/67163/WHO\\_EDM\\_TRM\\_2002.1.pdf;jsessionid=871BDBEFBA4C0B828ACBA9A664CE92CD?sequence=1](http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/67163/WHO_EDM_TRM_2002.1.pdf;jsessionid=871BDBEFBA4C0B828ACBA9A664CE92CD?sequence=1)

WHO: Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean, The WHO Strategy for Traditional Medicine: Review of the Global Situation and Strategy Implementation in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (2002)

“During the past 20 years, interest in complementary/alternative medicine has increased. Seventy per cent of the public is in favour of complementary/alternative medicine particularly osteopathy, acupuncture, chiropractic, and homeopathy becoming widely available in the National Health Service (NHS) in the United Kingdom.” p.6

[http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/122025/1/em\\_rc49\\_13\\_en.pdf?ua=1](http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/122025/1/em_rc49_13_en.pdf?ua=1)

WHO: Centre for Health Development, Ageing and Health, Technical Report, Volume 5 A Glossary of Terms for Community Health Care and Services for Older Persons (2004)

“homeopathy - A system of medicine based on the theory that a disease should be combated by giving drugs which would produce symptoms of the disease in an otherwise healthy individual.” p.33

[https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/68896/WHO\\_WKC\\_Tech.Ser.\\_04.2.pdf;sequence=1](https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/68896/WHO_WKC_Tech.Ser._04.2.pdf;sequence=1)

WHO: Lesotho National ART Guidelines (2004)

“12.9 Alternative therapies - Alternative therapies such as acupuncture, massage, homeopathy, ayurvedic medicine and traditional healing etc. may be of some benefit, but their value has yet to be proven in HIV/AIDS care. They can be considered as supportive therapy and should not be discouraged in patients with strong beliefs in such therapy. Further research will help to understand the relative benefit of each of these therapies.” p.88

[http://www.who.int/hiv/pub/guidelines/lesotho\\_art.pdf?ua=1](http://www.who.int/hiv/pub/guidelines/lesotho_art.pdf?ua=1)

WHO: Health Development in the South-East Asia Region: An Overview, Edited by Dr Uton Muchtar Rafei (2004)

“Recently, some countries have conducted systematic clinical research on various systems of traditional medicine. In India, research on TRM has identified several diseases where ayurvedic, unani and homeopathic medicines may have potential either as stand alone or in combination with other treatments.” p.31

<http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/205213/1/B0107.pdf?ua=1>

WHO: Global Atlas of Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Map Volume (2005)

See D.8. p53, and Figure E.1.4. p.63: Homeopathic medicine is the most popular Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicine (TCAM) in countries with a GDP > \$15,000, and the second most (after Herbal) in countries with GDP < \$15,000

[http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/43108/1/9241562862\\_map.pdf?ua=1](http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/43108/1/9241562862_map.pdf?ua=1)

WHO: Economy and Health – Taking Sri Lanka towards the global best, Draft Commission Report, National Commission on Macroeconomics and Health (2005)

“Develop indigenous systems of medicines and homeopathy.” p.14

[http://www.who.int/macrohealth/action/sri\\_lanka\\_report.pdf?ua=1](http://www.who.int/macrohealth/action/sri_lanka_report.pdf?ua=1)

WHO: IASC Guidelines on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergency Settings, Action Sheet 6.4, Learn about and, where appropriate, collaborate with local, indigenous and traditional healing systems, p.136 (2007)

“In Western societies, many people use complementary medicines, including unorthodox psychotherapies and other treatments (e.g. acupuncture, homeopathy, faith-based healing, self-medication of all kinds) in spite of a very weak scientific evidence base. [...] Such help may be cheaper, more accessible, more socially acceptable and less stigmatising and, in some cases, may be potentially effective. It often uses models of causation that are locally understood.” p.136

[http://www.who.int/mental\\_health/emergencies/guidelines\\_iasc\\_mental\\_health\\_psychosocial\\_june\\_2007.pdf?ua=1](http://www.who.int/mental_health/emergencies/guidelines_iasc_mental_health_psychosocial_june_2007.pdf?ua=1)

WHO: 11 Health Questions about the 11 SEAR Countries, 4. India (2007)

“Alternative systems such as Ayurveda and Homeopathy are being encouraged.” p.91

“Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy (AYUSH) systems are encouraged and run parallel. Many PHCs have one doctor of one of these systems, in addition to an allopath doctor.” p.95

<http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/204719/1/B0624.pdf?ua=1>

WHO: Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar, Zanzibar Traditional and Alternative Medicine Policy (2008)

“The integration of Traditional and Alternative medicines into national health care system has the potential to supplement, strengthen and promote better health care for all, in line with the

national vision. [...] Examples of alternative medical systems that have developed in Western cultures include homeopathic medicine and naturopathic medicine. [...] Homeopathic medicine: This is an alternative medical system. In homeopathic medicine, there is a belief that “like cures like,” meaning that small, highly diluted quantities of medicinal substances are given to cure symptoms, when the same substances given at higher or more concentrated doses would actually cause those symptoms.” pp. iv & v

[http://www.who.int/medicines/areas/coordination/zanzibar\\_traditional\\_medicine\\_policy.pdf?ua=1](http://www.who.int/medicines/areas/coordination/zanzibar_traditional_medicine_policy.pdf?ua=1)

WHO: Atlas multiple sclerosis resources in the world 2008, 7 Drugs and Treatment, Salient Findings, p.30 (2008)

“The five most prevalent alternative or complementary approaches used in more than 50% of the countries that responded are diet and nutrition (88.3%), acupuncture (86.7%), herbal medicine (81.7%), massage (78.3%) and homeopathy (73.3%).” p.30

[http://www.who.int/mental\\_health/neurology/Atlas\\_MS\\_WEB.pdf?ua=1](http://www.who.int/mental_health/neurology/Atlas_MS_WEB.pdf?ua=1)

WHO: Bulletin - Indian approaches to retaining skilled health workers in rural areas (2009)

“... Within two years, this led to the appointment of almost 82 343 skilled health workers with medical or nursing qualifications in the public health system. 4 This includes 39 633 auxiliary nurse-midwives, 22 789 nurses, 9172 allopathic doctors and specialists, 5321 ayurvedic/homeopathic doctors...”

<http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/89/1/09-070862/en/>

WHO: IRIS Safety Issues in the Preparation of Homeopathic Medicines (2009)

“The use of homeopathic medicines has spread more and more, and nowadays it is widespread not only in the European region but also in south Asian countries and North and South American countries. With the worldwide increase in the use of homeopathic medicines and the rapid expansion of the global market, the safety and the quality of homeopathic medicines has become a major concern for health authorities, pharmaceutical industries and consumers.” p.vii

[http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/44238/1/9789241598842\\_eng.pdf](http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/44238/1/9789241598842_eng.pdf)

WHO: Forty-fourth report of the WHO Expert Committee on specifications for pharmaceutical preparations. (WHO technical report series; no. 957) (2010)

“Discussions during the four days of the ICDRA usually include topics relating to quality issues, herbal medicines, homeopathy, regulatory reform, medicines safety, counterfeiting, access, regulation of clinical trials, harmonization, new technologies and e-commerce.”

[http://www.who.int/medicines/publications/TRS957\\_2010.pdf?ua=1](http://www.who.int/medicines/publications/TRS957_2010.pdf?ua=1)

WHO: Global Health Workforce Alliance, Bangladesh (2011)

“28% of treatment provided in government health facilities is through alternative medicine (Ayurveda, Unani, and Homeopathy)”

<http://www.who.int/workforcealliance/countries/bgd/en/>

WHO & European Union: A System of Health Accounts (2011)

“This subcategory comprises both offices of general medical practitioners and offices of medical specialists (other than dental practice) in which medical practitioners holding the degree of a doctor of medicine (Code 2210 ISCO-08, ISCED-97 level 5 and 6) are primarily engaged in the independent practice of general or specialised medicine, including psychiatry, cardiology, osteopathy, homeopathy, surgery and others. This group also includes the practices of TCAM professionals with a corresponding medical education. These practitioners can operate as individual practitioners or in a group practice in their own or rented offices (e.g. centres, clinics) or independently in the facilities of others, such as hospitals or health maintenance organisations (HMO)-type medical centres.”

<http://www.who.int/health-accounts/methodology/sha2011.pdf?ua=1>

WHO: Regional Office for the Western Pacific, Traditional Medicine, Regional Committee (2011)

“In the Philippines, the regulation of acupuncture providers was issued in 2008, and regulations on chiropractic and homeopathic providers were enacted in 2009.”

[http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/137822/1/WPR\\_RC062\\_06\\_Traditional\\_Medicine\\_2011\\_en.pdf?ua=1](http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/137822/1/WPR_RC062_06_Traditional_Medicine_2011_en.pdf?ua=1)

WHO: WHO Country Assessment Tool on the Uses and Sources for Human Resources for Health (HRH) Data (2012)

“Traditional and complementary medicine professionals examine patients and prevent and treat illness, disease, injury and other physical, mental and psychosocial ailments by applying knowledge, skills and practices acquired through extensive study of the theories and experiences originating in specific cultures. They research, develop and implement treatment plans using applications such as acupuncture, ayurvedic, homoeopathic and herbal medicine.

Acupuncturist, Ayurvedic practitioner, Chinese herbal medicine practitioner, homeopath, naturopath, Unani practitioner This category includes occupations for which competent performance requires an extensive understanding of the benefits and applications of traditional and complementary therapies, developed as the result of extended formal study of these techniques as well as human anatomy and elements of modern medicine.” p.22

[http://www.who.int/hrh/resources/HRH\\_data-online\\_version\\_survey\\_use\\_sources.pdf?ua=1](http://www.who.int/hrh/resources/HRH_data-online_version_survey_use_sources.pdf?ua=1)

WHO: Malaysia Health System Review, Health Systems in Transition Vol. 3 No.1, 5.14  
Complementary and Alternative Medicine (2013)

“Malay, Chinese and Indian medicine, homeopathy and complementary medicines are widely used in Malaysia and there are several associations of practitioners, such as the 2000-member Chinese Physicians Association of Malaysia.” p.79

[https://iris.wpro.who.int/bitstream/handle/10665.1/5283/9789290615842\\_eng.pdf?sequence=1](https://iris.wpro.who.int/bitstream/handle/10665.1/5283/9789290615842_eng.pdf?sequence=1)

WHO: Traditional Medicine Strategy 2014-2023 (2014)

“In Switzerland, the average prevalence of T&CM use (persons who have used T&CM) was 49% (47) after 1990. In 1998, the Federal Department of Home Affairs (DHA) decided that, from 1999 to 2005, five complementary therapies – anthroposophical medicine, homeopathy, neural therapy, phytotherapy and TCM (more precisely, traditional Chinese herbal therapy) – would be covered by the compulsory health insurance program (KLV), if the service was provided by a physician certified in CAM.” p.38

[http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/92455/1/9789241506090\\_eng.pdf?ua=1](http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/92455/1/9789241506090_eng.pdf?ua=1)

WHO: The Health Workforce in India, Human Resources for Health Observer Series No. 16 by Sudhir Anand and Victoria Fan (2016)

“National Profile ... Of all doctors, 77.2% were allopathic and 22.8% were ayurvedic, homeopathic or unani.” p.9

[http://www.who.int/hrh/resources/16058health\\_workforce\\_India.pdf?ua=1&ua=1](http://www.who.int/hrh/resources/16058health_workforce_India.pdf?ua=1&ua=1)

WHO: The health system and policy monitor: Croatia regulation - 2.8.4 Regulation and governance of pharmaceuticals, p.7 (2016)

“Pharmaceutical products - The HALMED, established as an independent agency at the end of 2003 and supervised by the Ministry of Health, is responsible for granting marketing authorizations for medicinal products and homeopathic medicinal products.” p.7



<http://www.who.int/health-laws/countries/hrv-en.pdf?ua=1>

WHO: MANT, Global Health Workforce Alliance from 1994-2004 (2017)

“...promotion of the Indian System of Medicines & Homeopathy”

[http://www.who.int/workforcealliance/members\\_partners/member\\_list/mant/en/](http://www.who.int/workforcealliance/members_partners/member_list/mant/en/)

WHO: Traditional and Complementary Medicine in Primary Health Care (2018)

“In India, all seven traditional systems or modalities of medicine with official recognition (ayurveda, yoga, naturopathy, unani medicine, siddha, sowa rigpa and homeopathy) have institutionalized education systems and research councils.” p.4

<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/WHO-HIS-SDS-2018.37>

WHO: Global Report on Traditional and Complementary Medicine (2019)

“Traditional and complementary medicine (T&CM) is an important and often underestimated health resource with many applications, especially in the prevention and management of lifestyle-related chronic diseases, and in meeting the health needs of ageing populations. This report reviews global progress in T&CM over the past two decades and is based on contributions from 179 WHO Member States. It clearly shows that more and more countries are recognizing the role of T&CM in their national health systems.”

“Fig. 3.4 plots the number of Member States that formally acknowledged that their population uses indigenous TM and other T&CM practices. Acupuncture was the most common form of practice (reported by 113 Member States), closely followed by herbal medicines (110) and indigenous TM (109). Homeopathy and traditional Chinese medicine came in next, each used by 100 Member States, while more than 90 Member States reported use of naturopathy, chiropractic, osteopathy and ayurvedic medicine, in that order.” p.47

“In Switzerland, T&CM is only covered under compulsory “basic” health insurance if the practice is recognized as mainstream medicine (e.g. chiropractic) and it is delivered by accredited physicians. Some cover-age is also available if the T&CM practice has an “evidence development scheme”, such as homeopathy ...” p.54

<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/978924151536>

<https://www.who.int/traditional-complementary-integrative-medicine/WhoGlobalReportOnTraditionalAndComplementaryMedicine2019.pdf?ua=1>

WHO: Seven Member States Presentations, WHO workshop on “Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Medicine contributions to UHC”, India (2019)

“Strengthening of State Government/ Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy (ASU&H) Pharmacies and Drug Testing Laboratories (DTL).” India p.12

<https://www.who.int/news-room/events/detail/2019/05/21/default-calendar/who-workshop-on-traditional-complementary-and-integrative-medicine-contributions-to-uhc>

WHO: Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Medicine (2021)

“Traditional medicine has a long history. It is the sum total of the knowledge, skill, and practices based on the theories, beliefs, and experiences indigenous to different cultures, whether explicable or not, used in the maintenance of health as well as in the prevention, diagnosis, improvement or treatment of physical and mental illness.”

[https://www.who.int/health-topics/traditional-complementary-and-integrative-medicine#tab=tab\\_1](https://www.who.int/health-topics/traditional-complementary-and-integrative-medicine#tab=tab_1)

WHO: How Homeopathy Can Help Address the Public Health Issues, Revue d’Homeopathie, Dr. Helene Renoux (2021)

“Current environmental and economic challenges lead us to reconsider the existing paradigms in medicine and public health, and to acknowledge the holistic paradigm as a necessary evolution. Antimicrobial resistance, the severe environmental pollution, the global economic crisis are facts that won't change until we find adapted solutions to tackle them. And now the Covid 19 crisis even worsens the situation. Complementary and alternative medicine, generally speaking and especially homeopathy among them have some of the needed solutions to offer, and should be considered and endorsed by our health authorities. WHO has already drafted an ambitious strategic plan in regards. This presentation aims at describing the added value and the impact homeopathy can have in the future healthcare system. It also underlines the necessary changes in its promotion and presentation to reach this goal.”

[https://search.bvsalud.org/global-literature-on-novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov/resource/en/covidwho-1053759?fbclid=IwAR0Ishrj5NOjwWltPxsUqLwcadqyw27\\_iXI5WEPiz8K9N3QIix7XhmZVJxg](https://search.bvsalud.org/global-literature-on-novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov/resource/en/covidwho-1053759?fbclid=IwAR0Ishrj5NOjwWltPxsUqLwcadqyw27_iXI5WEPiz8K9N3QIix7XhmZVJxg)  
and

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S1878973021000025?via%3Dihub>

# EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT



“Homeopathy works for me and 100 million other Europeans” (2010) – Marian Harkin (1953- ), MEP, Independent Member of the European Parliament

European Parliament: Report on the status of non-conventional medicine (1997)

“In Germany [...] both homeopathic and anthroposophic medical remedies are included in the national pharmacopoeia (with representatives of the discipline concerned sitting on a specific committee, set up in 1978).” B.2.

“Conclusive proof of the effectiveness of homeopathy is piling up, even if the orthodox scientific community is not yet convinced.” B.4.

“Full-blown medical systems such as homeopathy, anthroposophic medicine, traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) or naturopathy are, in principle, just as extensive and complete in their application as conventional western medicine...” B.5.

“Other disciplines, such as reflexology, aromatherapy, traditional oriental massage, iridology etc., are practised as complements to more all-embracing therapeutic techniques such as traditional western medicine, homeopathy, phytotherapy, naturopathy, etc.” B.5.

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?type=REPORT&reference=A4-1997-0075&format=XML&language=EN>

European Parliament: Debates Public health action programme (2001-2006) (2001)

“The Commission must be given a central coordinating role in public health to deal with illnesses, from detecting their origin to their actual treatment. It is very important that homeopathy should also be included as a medical treatment within this European Community action plan on public health.” Fitzsimons (UEN)

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?type=CRE&reference=20010403&secondRef=ITEM-012&format=XML&language=EN>

Marian Harkin, MEP, Independent Member of the European Parliament, *Homeopathy works for me and 100 million other Europeans* (2010)

“Three out of four Europeans know about homeopathy and of these 29% use it for their own health care. In Europe there are 54,000 specialised homeopathic medical doctors and practitioners and between 25% and 40% of all European health care practitioners prescribe homeopathy.”

“We will work with you to integrate complementary medicine, including homeopathy, into EU health policy’.”

<https://homeopathyeurope.org/downloads/project-one/newsletter-spring-2009E.pdf>

European Parliament: Motion for a Resolution pursuant to Rule 120 of the Rules of Procedure on establishing a harmonised framework for homeopathic products (2010)

“A. whereas more than 100 million European citizens use homeopathy as a form of alternative medicine,

B. whereas homeopathy is a form of alternative medicine which is quite as safe as conventional medicine, as well as being cost-effective, since homeopathic products are manufactured in accordance with high quality standards,

1. Calls on the Commission to modify the existing directive on the subject so as to ensure the free movement of homeopathic products and take proper account of their specific nature;
2. Calls on the Commission to give consideration to revising the directive on homeopathic products with a view to fuller harmonisation within the internal market.”

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?type=MOTION&reference=B7-2010-0056&format=XML&language=EN>

European Parliament: Debates 17. Antibiotic resistance (2011)

“We should also be open to the use of alternative methods, such as homeopathy and phytotherapy, in livestock husbandry. We need more research and more information in Europe about these alternative approaches.” Ulrike Rodust (S&D)

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?type=CRE&reference=20110511&secondRef=ITEM-017&format=XML&language=EN>

European Parliament: Parliamentary Questions, Subject: Research in the field of homeopathy and economic obstacles (2012)

“2. Is the Commission aware of the fact that the current authorisation requirements deter sponsors,

researchers, manufacturers and the industry from conducting research in the field of homeopathy, with negative repercussions for scientific and medicinal progress?” - Alojz Peterle (PPE)

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?type=WQ&reference=E-2012-005518&format=XML&language=EN> and

“The Commission would like to refer the Honourable Member to its answer to the previous Written Question E-003839/2012 by Ms Harkin”

“Homeopathic medicinal products are known to have an excellent safety profile (with almost no side-effects or interactions), can alleviate public health costs by savings of up to 30 % on the cost of medication, and have been proven to have positive effects on human health.” - Marian Harkin (ALDE)

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?type=WQ&reference=E-2012-003839&language=EN>

European Parliament: Parliamentary Questions (Answer 3.) (2014)

“According to information from stakeholders the total sales of homeopathic and anthroposophic medicinal products were 1.035 billion EUR (ex-factory prices 2010)”

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getAllAnswers.do?reference=E-2014-004659&language=EN#def3>

European Parliament: Medicinal products in the European Union, The legal framework for medicines for human use, In-Depth Analysis, 3.6 Homeopathic Medicines (2015)

“The provisions for homeopathic medicinal products are laid down in Directive 2001/83/EC. Homeopathic medicines are medicinal products prepared from substances known as homeopathic stocks in accordance with a manufacturing procedure described. They contain very low levels of diluted active principles.” p18

“Parliament's Intergroup for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) organised a joint meeting on the subject in June 2013. In his speech, then-Health Commissioner Tonio Borg stressed that patients 'should have access to the medicinal products of their choice', including traditional herbal and homeopathic medicines.” p19

[http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/IDAN/2015/554174/EPRS\\_IDA\(2015\)554174\\_EN.pdf](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/IDAN/2015/554174/EPRS_IDA(2015)554174_EN.pdf)

European Parliament: Debates 8.2. Veterinary medicinal products (A8-0046/2016 - Françoise Grossetête) (2016)

“Finally, I was happy to support the amendments which called for the continuity of the use of homeopathy in animals. This contributes to the reduction of the use of antibiotics and allows consumers to continue using these practices.” Marian Harkin (ALDE)

“More importantly, it will tackle the growing antibiotic resistance by limiting the use of antibiotics, but also by allowing the use of homeopathic alternatives, and by defining who is entitled to prescribe veterinary medicine.” Pavel Telicka (ALDE)

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?type=CRE&reference=20160310&secondRef=ITEM-008-02&format=XML&language=EN>

European Commission, brochure *Support the People's Choice*, ECHAMP, Brussels (2018)

“The current regulatory framework for homeopathic products .. strikes a balance between ensuring their quality and safety .. while at the same time giving citizens access to these products.”

<https://cam-europe.eu/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/support-the-peoples-choice-ECHAMP.pdf>

## **DIRECTIVES etc**

European Parliament: Resolution on the Commission report to the European Parliament and the Council on the application of Directives 92/73/EEC and 92/74/EEC on homeopathic medicinal products (COM(97)0362 C4-0484/97) (1997)

“These activities should include programmes for basic research into homeopathy, to be carried out by bio-medical institutions, designed in particular to explain the process of homeopathic potentisation and prove the efficacy of homeopathic high-level potencies. They should also include programmes to promote international pooling of the experience of experts in homeopathy.” Special Rules 21.

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A51998IP0378>

European Parliament: Report on the Commission report to the European Parliament and the Council on the application of Directives 92/73/EEC and 92/74/EEC on homeopathic medicinal products (COM(97)0362 - C4-0484/97) (1998)

“The Commission has drawn up a report on the application of Directives 92/73/EEC and 92/74/EEC ( ) against the backdrop of two topics:

- (1) the effectiveness of homeopathic medicinal products, and

(2) the fight for market share between the manufacturers of allopathic and homeopathic medicinal products.”

“...the introduction of specific rules for tests and clinical trials of homeopathic medicinal products is a contentious issue, but one which must be settled in a binding manner after consulting committees of experts, in order to ensure free circulation on the market, on the one hand, and eliminate unnecessary trials and rules, on the other, but without ignoring the justified interests of patients and customers.”

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?type=REPORT&reference=A4-1998-0378&format=XML&language=EN>

European Parliament: Directive 2004/27/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 amending Directive 2001/83/EC on the Community code relating to medicinal products for human use (2004)

“14) Article 15 shall be amended as follows: (a) the second indent shall be replaced by the following: ‘— dossier describing how the homeopathic stock or stocks is/are obtained and controlled, and justifying its/their homeopathic use, on the basis of an adequate bibliography, ’”

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32004L0027>

European Parliament: Directive 2001/83/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 November 2001 on the Community Code relating to Medicinal Products for Human Use Official Journal L – 311, 28/11/2004, p. 67 – 128 (2009)

“Article 14 1. Only homeopathic medicinal products which satisfy all of the following conditions may be subject to a special, simplified registration procedure: - they are administered orally or externally, - no specific therapeutic indication appears on the labelling of the medicinal product or in any information relating thereto ...” p.22

[http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en\\_GB/document\\_library/Regulatory\\_and\\_procedural\\_guideline/2009/10/WC500004481.pdf](http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en_GB/document_library/Regulatory_and_procedural_guideline/2009/10/WC500004481.pdf)

European Parliament: Directorate General for Internal Policies, Policy Department A: Economic and Scientific Policy, Workshop ‘Alternative Medicines’ Proceedings with Dr. Ton Nicolai, Homeopathy Practitioner, President of the European Committee for Homeopathy (2011)

“Dr. Nicolai emphasized the growing demand for homeopathy from both doctors and patients. He said that ‘three out of four EU citizens know about homeopathy, of these 29% use it for their health care’. These figures suggest that over 100 million EU citizens use homeopathy regularly.” p.11

“Universities often offer courses on homeopathy in their medical undergraduate and postgraduate educational programmes. He also said that compared to conventional therapies, homeopathy offers a ‘safe and cost-effective treatment’.” p.12

[http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/workshop/join/2011/475079/IPOL-ENVI\\_AT\(2011\)475079\\_EN.pdf](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/workshop/join/2011/475079/IPOL-ENVI_AT(2011)475079_EN.pdf)

European Parliament: Directorate General for Internal Policies, Policy department A: Economic and Scientific Policy Workshop, Effectiveness of Medicines and Therapies Brussels, 2.2.3 The position and role of complementary and alternative medicines with Prof Dr Erik Baars, MD, MSc Epidemiology, University of Applied Sciences, Leiden, (NL) (2013)

“In CON, medicines usually come from the laboratories and are new isolated chemicals that travel from pre-clinical studies to clinical studies and then into clinical practice. CAM medicines often take a reverse path. They first start in clinical practice and then move to clinical studies and pre-clinical trial.”

[http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/workshop/join/2013/518741/IPOL-ENVI\\_AT\(2013\)518741\\_EN.pdf](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/workshop/join/2013/518741/IPOL-ENVI_AT(2013)518741_EN.pdf)



## COUNCIL OF EUROPE

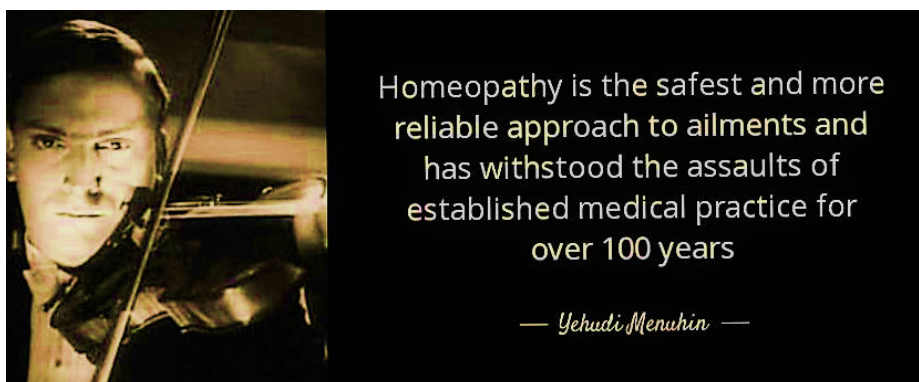


Image above: Yehudi Menuhin, Baron Menuhin, OM KBE (1916–1999) American-born violinist and conductor who spent most of his performing career in Britain. He is widely considered one of the greatest violinists of the 20th century.

Council of Europe: Speech by Professor George Vithoukas (1999)

“Homeopathic treatment is gaining more and more acceptance from the public within the European community and in some countries the percentage of the population that finds access and relief in that therapeutic method **is more than ten percent for homeopathy alone**. Also more and more conventional doctors are implementing this method as an alternative.”

<https://www.vithoukas.com/writings/speeches/council-europe-speech>

Council of Europe, Parliamentary Assembly, A European Approach to Non-Conventional Medicines (1999)

“Resolution 1206 – 1. The Assembly reaffirms the importance it attaches to conventional medicines whose effectiveness has been proved scientifically and which form the basis of European social protection systems. It notes, however, that alternative, complementary and non-conventional forms of medicine are growing in importance in Europe and throughout the world. The extent to which they are recognised and the legal status they enjoy vary greatly from one country to the next. 2. The best established forms include acupuncture, homeopathy, osteopathy and chiropractic.”

<http://assembly.coe.int/nw/xml/XRef/Xref-XML2HTML-en.asp?fileid=16727&lang=en>

Council of Europe: Ministers’ Deputies, CM Documents, Granting and withdrawal of consultative status to international non-governmental organisations, Communication of the Secretary General (2000)

“3. As no objection has been raised either by the Committee of Ministers or by the Parliamentary Assembly during this period, the following twenty international non-governmental organisations have been granted consultative status with the Council of Europe from 13 April 2000 [...] - European Council for Classical Homeopathy (ECCH)”

<https://rm.coe.int/CoERMPublicCommonSearchServices/DisplayDCTMContent?documentId=0900001680524caa>

Council of Europe: The European Social Charter by Carole Benelhocine (2012)

“Appendix III – List of INGOs entitled to submit collective complaints - Organisations registered for a period of four years: 1 July 2008 – 30 June 2012 – 8. European Council for Classical Homeopathy (ECCH)” p125

<https://rm.coe.int/CoERMPublicCommonSearchServices/DisplayDCTMContent?documentId=090000168048b05a#search=homeopathy>

Council of Europe: International Labour Standards, Consolidated Report on the application by Romania of ILO Conventions №102, 168, 183 & the European Code of Social Security in the period 2011-2015, Part II Medical Care (2016)

“Between June 1st, 2011 and May 31st, 2014, the phytotherapy and homeopathy services were provided by the physicians that obtained certificates/authorizations for providing complementary phytotherapy and homeopathy services.”

“The basic medical services package includes: [...] 6. Consults for application of phytotherapy and homeopathy for the period between June 1st 2011 and May 31st 2014.”

“6. Between June 1st 2011 and May 31st 2014, for phytotherapy and homeopathy, maximum 2 consults were settled for each case/diagnosis per calendar year.”

<https://rm.coe.int/CoERMPublicCommonSearchServices/DisplayDCTMContent?documentId=09000016806ccfb2>

## EUROPEAN UNION



Image above: “To like things like, whatever one may ail, there's certain help.” – Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749-1832)  
German poet, playwright, novelist, scientist, statesman, theatre director, critic, and amateur artist, considered the greatest German literary figure of the modern era. (quote from Faust)

European Union: European Public Health Alliance, Final Report, Session 1, Health Strategy, Organisation of 3 parallel sessions for the EU Open Health Forum (2005)

“Section 2 The debate will explore how much consensus can be created to build a shared vision of the European role in health. [...] The steering group for this Session consists of: [...] the European Committee for Homeopathy (ECH).” p11

[http://ec.europa.eu/health/archive/ph\\_overview/health\\_forum/open\\_2005/ev\\_20051107\\_frep\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/health/archive/ph_overview/health_forum/open_2005/ev_20051107_frep_en.pdf)

European Union: European Commission, European External Action Series, India, Country Strategy Paper 2007-2013 Mid-Term Review (2010)

“An essential part of India’s health reform efforts has been establishment of the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM). It promotes vertical integration of health and family welfare programmes, addressing determinants of health, adopting a sector-wide approach and subsuming key national programmes such as Reproductive and Child Health (RCH II), the National Disease Control Programmes (NDCP) and the Integrated Disease Surveillance Project (IDSP). The NRHM also provides a means of mainstreaming traditional indigenous healthcare practices (ayurveda, yoga, unani, siddha and homeopathy or ‘AYUSH’) and the national HIV/AIDS control programme.” p.6

[http://eeas.europa.eu/archives/docs/india/csp/11\\_13\\_mtr\\_en.pdf](http://eeas.europa.eu/archives/docs/india/csp/11_13_mtr_en.pdf)

European Union: Transparency Register, International Association for Veterinary Homeopathy (2016)

“International association of veterinary homeopaths. The goal is to preserve and to develop the knowledge, understanding and practical perception of veterinary homeopathy.”

<http://ec.europa.eu/transparencyregister/public/consultation/displaylobbyist.do?id=583120519664-12&locale=en&indexation=true>

European Union: Transparency Register, Deutscher Zentralverein homöopathischer Ärzte e.V. (2017)

The Deutscher Zentralverein homöopathischer Ärzte represents all medical doctors specialized in homeopathy, organized in 11 associations in Germany. It is aimed at

- promoting the scientific development of homeopathy;
- ensuring high standards in the education, training and practice of homeopathy by medical doctors;
- harmonising professional standards in homeopathic practice across Germany;
- providing high-quality homeopathic care in a safe medical context;
- integrating high-quality homeopathy into German healthcare.

<http://ec.europa.eu/transparencyregister/public/consultation/displaylobbyist.do?id=954401920361-46&locale=en&indexation=true>

European Union: Transparency Register, European Coalition on Homeopathic and Anthroposophic Medicinal Products (2017)

“Mission: To enable our members to meet the demand from users and prescribers across the EU for homeopathic and anthroposophic medicinal products.”

<http://ec.europa.eu/transparencyregister/public/consultation/displaylobbyist.do?id=85825114058-57&locale=en&indexation=true>

European Union: Transparency Register, EUROCAM (2017)

“The main aim of EUROCAM is to achieve a significant political presence within the EU so as to influence the decision making of the European Commission, European Parliament and the Member States to support and provide the means for the integration of CAM into European healthcare systems as well as to fund research into its benefits and cost effectiveness. This collaboration recognises the stated wish of the EU institutions to deal with the CAM sector as a whole.”

<http://ec.europa.eu/transparencyregister/public/consultation/displaylobbyist.do?id=659086014916-83&locale=en&indexation=true>

European Union: European Commission, Learning Opportunities and Qualifications in Europe, Professional Master's Degree in Health Care, Clinical Pharmacist (RSU), Latvian Qualifications Database, Rīga Stradiņš University (2017)

“Zinasanas 1.4. basic principles of homeopathy.”

<https://europa.eu/europass/en/courses/qualification/1937bc50-6b12-4a6b-878f-97b4913546f1>



## USA

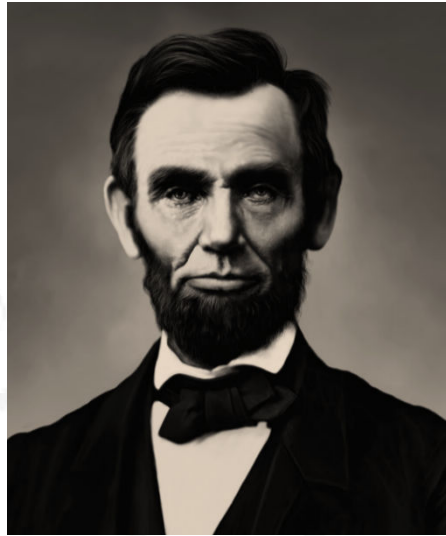


Image above: Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865) American politician and lawyer who served as the 16th President of the United States from 1861.

“There is a wide body of evidence that Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865) maintained a special interest in and appreciation for homeopathic medicine. It is therefore not surprising that many of Lincoln’s advisors were users of and advocates for homeopathy.”

“Before Lincoln was elected president, in 1854 he was retained as a lawyer to prepare a state legislative proposal to charter a homeopathic medical college in Chicago.” The Huffington Post, Lincoln and his Team of Homeopaths by Dana Ullman (2013) [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/dana-ullman/abraham-lincoln-homeopathy\\_b\\_2177808.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/dana-ullman/abraham-lincoln-homeopathy_b_2177808.html)

USA: University of California San Francisco (UCSF) Library, Homeopathy Digital Collection (1833)

Samuel Hahnemann's Organon der Heilkunst, Dresden und Leipzig, (1833). This is Dr Hahnemann’s own copy of the 5th edition (1833), with his handwritten revisions for the 6th edition (completed 1842)

<https://archive.org/details/OrganonDerHeilkunst/mode/2up> and

Manuscript copy of Samuel Hahnemann’s text and revisions, used by Dr. Richard Haehl as the basis for the 6th edition of his Organon der Heilkunst (1921, Stuttgart).

<https://archive.org/details/HaehlMS/mode/2up>

USA: University of Illinois Library, Organon of Medicine by Samuel Hahnemann, Translated from the Fifth German Edition by R. E. Dudgeon M.D. London (1849)

“Thus Homoeopathy is a perfectly simple system of medicine, remaining always fixed in its principles as in its practice, which, like the doctrine whereon it is based, if rightly apprehended will be found to be so exclusive (and in that way only, serviceable), that as the doctrine is pure, so must the practice be also, and all backward straying to the pernicious

routine of the old school (whose opposite it is, as day is to night), is totally impossible, otherwise it ceases to deserve the honourable name of Homoeopathy.”

[https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=LyhHAQAAMAAJ&printsec=frontcover&source=gbs\\_ViewAPI&redir\\_esc=y#v=onepage&q&f=false](https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=LyhHAQAAMAAJ&printsec=frontcover&source=gbs_ViewAPI&redir_esc=y#v=onepage&q&f=false)

USA: Register of the California Homeopathic Institutions Records, 1884-1984

“Records include brochures, correspondence, legal articles, matriculation records, minutes, photographs, invitations, graduation announcements, etc., for Hahnemann Medical College (San Francisco), Hahnemann Hospital (San Francisco), Homeopathic Foundation of California, California State Homeopathic Society and California Women's Homeopathic Society.”

<http://www.oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/tf8c6009fn/>

USA: *A Majestic Literary Fossil* by Mark Twain (from *The £1,000,000 Bank Note and Other New Stories*) (1890) – Internet Archive from [www.openlibrary.org](http://www.openlibrary.org)

"When you reflect that your own father had to take such medicines as the above, and that you would be taking them to-day yourself but for the introduction of homoeopathy, which forced the old-school doctor to stir around and learn something of a rational nature about his business, you may honestly feel grateful that homoeopathy survived the attempts of the allopathists to destroy it, even though you may never employ any physician but an allopathist while you live." p.260

<https://archive.org/details/banknoteandthe00twaigoog/page/n268/mode/2up?ref=ol&view=theater>

USA: *The Truth About Homeopathy* by Dr Henry William Holcombe, Boericke & Tafel (1894), [Stanford University Libraries (2021)]

“We *must* and *will* float the flag of homoeopathy until it is known and respected throughout the world, until the whole medical profession shall recognise its merits and do justice to us and honor to itself by adopting its principles and practice.” p.38

[https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=5zFtnlzyxDMC&printsec=frontcover&source=gbs\\_ViewAPI&redir\\_esc=y#v=onepage&q&f=false](https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=5zFtnlzyxDMC&printsec=frontcover&source=gbs_ViewAPI&redir_esc=y#v=onepage&q&f=false)

USA: *Dr Caspari's Homoeopathic Domestic Physician*, Rademacher & Sheek (1852), [Stanford University Libraries (2021)]

“Homeopathy ... has for the last quarter of a century made such remarkable advances that its suppression, which had been contemplated by certain persons in authority, has now become impossible.” p.19

[https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=w7s4AAAAMAAJ&printsec=frontcover&source=gbs\\_ViewAPI&redir\\_esc=y#v=onepage&q&f=false](https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=w7s4AAAAMAAJ&printsec=frontcover&source=gbs_ViewAPI&redir_esc=y#v=onepage&q&f=false)

USA: *University of Michigan, An Encyclopedic Survey*, Library, The Homeopathic Medical College, Part V, Wilfred B Shaw (editor) (1941)

“However, as early as 1848 the practitioners and patrons of homeopathy in Michigan were petitioning the legislature and the University, setting forth their rights and claims, to the end that homeopathic instruction be included in the curriculum of their state institution.” p.1003

<https://quod.lib.umich.edu/u/umsurvey/AAS3302.0002.001/1:4.4.1?rgn=div3;view=fulltext>

USA: National Centre for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, National Institutes of Health (organized jointly with Royal College of Physicians, London): Report "Can Alternative Medicine Be Integrated into Mainstream Care?" (2001)

Dan Cherkin, Ph.D., affiliate professor at the Center for Health Studies at the University of Washington, Seattle, spoke on research methodology in CAM. Some individuals, he said, have urged that an alternative science is needed to study alternative therapies and that conventional scientific methods are not appropriate for this purpose. [...] He predicted that the best science will occur when conventional researchers and CAM clinicians collaborate in a manner that is based on mutual respect and the common goal of helping patients.

[https://chiro.org/alt\\_med\\_abstracts/FULL/NCCAM\\_and\\_the\\_Royal\\_College.shtml](https://chiro.org/alt_med_abstracts/FULL/NCCAM_and_the_Royal_College.shtml) and <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0965229901904510>

US National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health, Homeopathy and the Lancet by Peter Fisher (2006)

“Conclusion: Homeopathy's popularity is growing worldwide despite many such attacks. To paraphrase Mark Twain, reports of the death of homeopathy are much exaggerated: the facts simply are incompatible with The Lancet's claim that the end of homeopathy is nigh. Regrettably, this attack will only widen the divisions. The way forward is open, transparent science, not opaque, biased analysis and rhetoric.”

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1375230/>

USA: T. R. Reid, Washington Post with Frontline *Sick Around the World* (2008)



“Reid's journey then takes him to Germany, the country that invented the concept of a national health care system. For its 80 million people, Germany offers universal health care, including medical, dental, mental health, homeopathy and spa treatment.”

<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/sickaroundtheworld/etc/synopsis.html>

US National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health, Extreme homeopathic dilutions retain starting materials: A nanoparticulate perspective by Chikramane P S et al (2010)

“Using market samples of metal-derived medicines from reputable manufacturers, we have demonstrated for the first time by Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM), electron diffraction and chemical analysis by Inductively Coupled Plasma-Atomic Emission Spectroscopy (ICP-AES), the presence of physical entities in these extreme dilutions, in the form of nanoparticles of the starting metals and their aggregates.”

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/20970092>

USA: Journal of the Medical Library Association, From Hahnemann's hand to your computer screen: building a digital homeopathy collection, by Lisa A Mix MLA CA, Kathleen Cameron MLIS (2011)

“Because the sixth edition of the Organon presented significant changes to homeopathic practice and because it is among Hahnemann's final professional writings, homeopaths from all over the world come to San Francisco to study the manuscript volume.”

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3016660/>

USA: Journal of the Medical Library Association, Integrative oncology research in the Middle East: weaving traditional and complementary medicine in supportive care, Ben-Arye E et al (2012)

“Twenty-eight articles referred to clinical research on supportive care, and the use of specific CAM modalities that included acupuncture, anthroposophic medicine, dietary and nutritional therapies herbal medicine, homeopathy, mind-body medicine, shiatsu, therapeutic touch, and yoga. [...] CAM-related supportive care research is prevalent in the Middle East, a fact that may serve as a basis for future multinational-multidisciplinary research work in supportive care in oncology.”

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21360035>

USA: American Academy of Paediatrics, News and Journals, Paediatrics, Complementary and Alternative Medicine Use by Paediatric Specialty Outpatients, Adams D. et al (2013)

“The most common CAM products currently used were multivitamins/minerals, herbal products, and homeopathic remedies. [...] Results of this study indicate that CAM use is high

among paediatric specialty clinic outpatients and is much greater in the western than in the central hospital.”

<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2013/01/08/peds.2012-1220>

US Senate, Association of Rehabilitation Nurses ARN, Comments for Chronic Care Reform in the Medicare Program (2016)

“ARN also is supportive of complementary and alternative medicines (CAM), defined as practices and therapeutic modalities outside of the realm of biomedicine, including but not limited to the use homeopathy, massage, acupuncture and acupressure, supplements, naturopathy, aromatherapy, and music therapy.” p.2

<https://www.finance.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Association%20of%20Rehabilitation%20Nurses%20Chronic%20Care%20Working%20Group%202016%20Letter.pdf>

US Senate, A Bill, To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve access to health care through expanded health savings accounts, and for other purposes (2017)

“Sec. 502. Certain nutritional and dietary supplements to be treated as medical care, (13) Nutritional and Dietary Supplements, (A) In General - The term ‘medical care’ shall include amounts paid to purchase herbs, vitamins, minerals, homeopathic remedies, meal replacement products, and other dietary and nutritional supplements.” p.33

<https://www.finance.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/HSA%20bill%20for%20115th%20Congress.pdf>

USA: University of Michigan, Michigan Medicine, Topic Overview, Homeopathy (2020)

“Some people have used homeopathy to maintain health and treat a wide range of long-term illnesses, such as allergies, atopic dermatitis, rheumatoid arthritis, and irritable bowel syndrome. They have also used it to treat minor injuries, such as cuts and scrapes and muscle strains or sprains.”

<https://www.uofmhealth.org/health-library/aa104729spec#tp21108>

USA: University of Michigan, Taubman Health Sciences Library, Online *Homeopathy Collection* (2021)

“This digital collection contains the full-text of approximately 400 items from the library's homeopathy collection.”

“The homeopathy collection at the Taubman Health Sciences Library of the University of Michigan originated in the holdings of the Homeopathic Medical College, first established as part of the University in Ann Arbor in 1875 and conducted concurrently with the allopathic

Medical School until 1922. The collection itself contains items dating from the mid-1800's to the present day, constituting one of the world's most complete collections on the subject.”

<https://quod.lib.umich.edu/h/homeop/>

USA: Asbestos.com, The Mesothelioma Center, Michelle Whitmer (2021)

Complete Guide: “Homeopathy and Mesothelioma: Learn about the safety and effectiveness of natural remedies for mesothelioma and how these remedies interact with standard treatment.” (2021)

<https://www.asbestos.com/mesothelioma-packet/?content=alternative>



## UK

*Dear Secretary of State,*

It was very good to have a chance to talk to you the other day and I only hope I didn't delay you getting to Hull!

As I said to you during our meeting, the only reason I persist in my efforts over integrated healthcare – despite waves of invective over the years from parts of the Medical and Scientific Establishments – is because I cannot bear people suffering unnecessarily when a complementary approach could make a real difference. I have been convinced for many years that we in the United Kingdom need to do more to encourage and facilitate good health, as well as to treat illness, and that there should be more of a “whole person” approach to the treatment of illness rather than a “reductionist” focus on the particular ailment. In addition, I am sure that more can be done to take advantage of complementary medicine, not as an alternative or competitor to conventional medicine, but as part of an integrated approach with the same doctor being able to provide or suggest conventional and/or complementary remedies and treatments as he and the patient see fit.

Image above: alleged letter from Charles, Prince of Wales (Charles Philip Arthur George (1948- ) to the then Health Secretary, Alan Johnson in 2007 - Prince Charles is the eldest child and heir apparent of Queen Elizabeth II

UK: The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall, Speeches, An article by HRH The Prince of Wales titled *Science and homeopathy must work in harmony*, The Daily Telegraph (1997)

“Some complementary treatments are now available within the National Health Service and an independent survey for the Department of Health in 1995 showed that almost 40% of GP partnerships in England provide access to complementary medicine for NHS patients, either by undertaking these treatments themselves or by delegating them to a complementary practitioner. Acupuncture, homoeopathy and osteopathy were the most frequently used.”

<https://www.princeofwales.gov.uk/speech/article-hrh-prince-wales-titled-science-and-homeopathy-must-work-harmony-daily-telegraph>

UK: The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall, Speeches, An article by HRH The Prince of Wales, titled *Complementary and alternative medicine needs - and deserves - more research*, The Times (2000)

“Complementary medicine is gaining a toehold on the rock face of medical science. This goes along with its greater acceptance among healthcare professionals - about 40% of GP practices offer access to some form of non-conventional treatment such as osteopathy or homeopathy.”

<https://www.princeofwales.gov.uk/speech/article-hrh-prince-wales-titled-complementary-and-alternative-medicine-needs-and-deserves>

UK: BBC News, Right Royal Requirements (2000)

“Anxious to avoid coughs, sniffles and headaches, Her Majesty also carries a box of homeopathic remedies based on bee stings, snake venom and deadly nightshade.”

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/965079.stm>

UK: The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall, An article by HRH The Prince of Wales titled *The Healing Garden And Integrated Healthcare*, on the occasion of the Chelsea Flower Show, Daily Mail (2002)

“At the Chelsea Flower Show this week some of you may possibly come across a garden for which I have been partly responsible. I have called it the Healing Garden and have dedicated it to the memory of my beloved grandmother, The Queen Mother, as apart from anything else, she introduced me to the practice of Homeopathy in which she had an abiding interest.”

19 May 2002

<https://www.princeofwales.gov.uk/speech/article-hrh-prince-wales-titled-healing-garden-and-integrated-healthcare-occasion-chelsea>

UK: The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall, News and Diary, HRH launches the Foundation GP Associates and visits the Royal London Homeopathic Hospital (2005 (archived))

“Earlier in the day, The Prince reopened the Royal London Homeopathic Hospital in Great Ormond Street, London which has recently undergone a £20 million redevelopment.”

<https://www.princeofwales.gov.uk/news-and-diary/hrh-launches-the-foundation-gp-associates-and-visits-the-royal-london-homeopathic>

UK: The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall, Speeches, A speech by HRH The Prince of Wales for the first conference of The Prince of Wales's Foundation for Integrated Health G.P. Associates, London (2005)

“I was talking to patients earlier this afternoon at the homeopathic hospital, and one lady said homeopathy had totally transformed her irritable bowel syndrome in a matter of 12 hours.”  
paragraph 8

<https://www.princeofwales.gov.uk/media/speeches/speech-hrh-the-prince-of-wales-the-first-conference-of-the-prince-of-wales>

Parliament UK: Parliamentary Business, Early Day Motion 1240, NHS Homeopathic Hospitals (2007)

“That this House welcomes the positive contribution made to the health of the nation by the NHS homeopathic hospitals; notes that some six million people use complementary treatments each year; believes that complementary medicine has the potential to offer clinically-effective and cost-effective solutions to common health problems faced by NHS patients, including chronic difficult to treat conditions such as musculoskeletal and other chronic pain, eczema, depression, anxiety and insomnia, allergy, chronic fatigue and irritable bowel syndrome; expresses concern that NHS cuts are threatening the future of these hospitals; and calls on the Government actively to support these valuable national assets.”  
Motion Text

<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2006-07/1240>

Parliament UK: Parliamentary Business, Early Day Motion 1550, Leicestershire and Rutlands Heritage of Mental Health with David Tredinnick (2008)

“That this House [...] notes that the experience of Leicestershire and Rutland Heritage of Mental Health is that homeopathic remedies are especially useful in addressing suicidal feelings and in enabling compulsion to be lessened; and calls on the Government to encourage the use of homeopathy in psychiatric wards and doctors' surgeries.” Motion Text

<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2007-08/1550>

*Homeopathy*, Faculty of Homeopathy, Conceptions of health, illness and treatment of patients who use homeopathy in Santos, Brazil (2008)

“Patients continued homeopathic treatment due to positive therapeutic results, cure without being aggressive to the organism, the holistic integrated approach, the preventive nature of the treatment and low prices of medicine.” Issue 1, Vol 97, No.22

<https://www.thieme-connect.com/products/ejournals/issue/10.1055/s-007-35732>

*Homeopathy*, Faculty of Homeopathy, Cost-benefit evaluation of homeopathic *versus* conventional therapy in respiratory diseases (2009)

“Homeopathic treatment for respiratory diseases (asthma, allergic complaints, Acute Recurrent Respiratory Infections) was associated with a significant reduction in the use and costs of conventional drugs. Costs for homeopathic therapy are significantly lower than those for conventional pharmacological therapy.” Issue 1, Vol 98, No. 2

<https://www.thieme-connect.com/products/ejournals/abstract/10.1016/j.homp.2008.11.005>

UK Parliament: HO 09, Parliamentary Business, Business and records, Memorandum submitted by the Northern Ireland Association of Homeopaths (NIAH) (2009)

“1. Our submission is based on findings from the Northern Ireland Integrated Medicine Pilot Programme 2007-2008. The Pilot Programme was unique in that it was the first of its kind in the United Kingdom to be commissioned by a Minister for Health. It was not a clinical trial per se, but an evaluation of a service in which GPs were able to refer patients for a range of Complementary and Alternative Medical (CAM) treatments, including homeopathic medical treatment.”

“- Half of GPs reported prescribing less medication and all reported that patients had indicated to them that they needed less

- 62% of patients reported suffering from less pain

- 55% reported using less painkillers following treatment

- Patients using medication reduced from 75% before treatment to 61% after treatment

- 44% of those taking medication before treatment had reduced their use afterwards”

<https://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmselect/cmsctech/memo/homeopathy/ucm0902.htm>

UK Parliament: HO18 Memorandum submitted by the European Committee for Homeopathic Medicine in Europe, The Use of Homeopathic Medicine in Europe: Its Licensing and Regulation (2009)

“Homeopathy is being increasingly recognised as a potential asset to European health care.”

1. Introduction

<https://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmselect/cmsctech/memo/homeopathy/ucm1802.htm>

UK Parliament: Government Response to the Science and Technology Committee report 'Evidence Check 2: Homeopathy' Presented to Parliament by the Secretary of State for Health by Command of Her Majesty (2010)

“The concern to achieve consumer choice while protecting public health is also reflected at a European level. Thus Recital 9 to Directive 92/73/EEC6 made clear the overall policy position concerning homeopathic products in the EU: “Whereas, despite considerable differences in the status of alternative medicines in the Member States, patients should be allowed access to the medicinal products of their choice, provided all precautions are taken to ensure the quality and safety of the said products.” p38

“We believe that providing appropriate information for commissioners, clinicians and the public, and ensuring a strong ethical code for clinicians, remain the most effective ways to ensure quality outcomes, patient satisfaction and the appropriate use of NHS funding.” p47

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/216053/dh\\_117811.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/216053/dh_117811.pdf)

Parliament UK: House of Commons Hansard, Integrated Healthcare, David Tredinnick (Bosworth)(Con) (2010)

“Another important point, which fits the new coalition Government’s proposal for cost-effectiveness, is that the alternative disciplines—herbal medicine, aromatherapy, homeopathy, osteopathy, chiropractic—are very cost-effective.” 7<sup>th</sup> paragraph

“...in France, homeopathy is taught in seven medical schools and practised by 25,000 doctors. In India, it is part of the health service. There are 180 colleges teaching homeopathy there, and more than 300,000 practitioners. Whatever the merits of the scientific research, the fact is that there are 500 doctors in Britain who choose to use homeopathic treatments as part of their work.” 10<sup>th</sup> paragraph

“...we have a great opportunity to draw on the wonderful resources we now have vested in our homeopathic hospitals, which offer many other treatments besides homeopathy...” 17<sup>th</sup> paragraph

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2010-06-02/debates/1006037000001/IntegratedHealthCare?highlight=homeopathy#contribution-1006037000071>

Parliament UK: House of Commons Hansard, Evidence Check: Homeopathy (Government Response), The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Health (Anne Milton) (2010)

“Complementary and alternative medicine, including homeopathy, have a long tradition, and very vocal proponents and opponents. The Committee’s report sets out evidence and opinion on each side, with a strong focus on efficacy as being one of the main criteria by which it would expect national health service decisions to be made. [...] The Government welcome this report. We remain of the view that the local national health service and clinicians are best placed to make decisions on what treatment is appropriate for their patients. We expect local clinicians to make decisions on what is best for their patients taking account of safety, evidence of clinical and cost-effectiveness (where it exists) and the availability of suitably regulated/qualified practitioners.” 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph

[https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2010-07-26/debates/1007264000031/EvidenceCheckHomeopathy\(GovernmentResponse\)?highlight=homeopathy#contribution-1007264000282](https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2010-07-26/debates/1007264000031/EvidenceCheckHomeopathy(GovernmentResponse)?highlight=homeopathy#contribution-1007264000282)

UK: Wales Online, Peter Hain, Labour MP for Neath (2012)

“My view is that homeopathy and conventional medicines must remain side by side under the NHS to offer the best to patients.”

“Actress Louise Jameson, who also takes part in the campaign alongside David Bellamy, the environmentalist, and former tennis professional Annabel Croft, has said she discovered homeopathy when her son was unwell and since then has not used antibiotics to treat herself or her two sons, who are in their twenties.”

<http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/health/peter-hain-im-backing-homeopathic-2053093>



UK Parliament: House of Commons Library, Homeopathy and the consolidation of UK medicines legislation, by Oliver Bennett, 6.2 The Government response (2012)

“The BHA welcomed the Government’s response as protecting consumer choice: I am pleased to see that the government’s response embraces patients’ right to make informed choices about healthcare,’ notes British Homeopathic Association Chief Executive, Cristal Sumner. ‘This response makes it quite clear that this choice includes complementary medicine and homeopathy more particularly, which is a welcome affirmation to all current and potential patients across the UK.’ “

<https://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/SN06350/SN06350.pdf>

Parliament UK: House of Commons Hansard, Access to Homeopathic Medicines, Jim Shannon, Strangford (DUP)(2012)

“Homeopathic medicines deliver a health care option to many people, including in my constituency. For many of them, the issue relates to freedom and personal choice.”

“The petition I present is from people in my constituency who are concerned that section 10 of the consolidated Human Medicines Regulations 2012 should remain unchanged. I believe the Government are not willing at this stage to agree a change, but a marker needs to be put down. A small but well co-ordinated group with an anti-homeopathy agenda must be resisted by MPs and by Government. Choice on access to homeopathic medicines is paramount, and it must be retained and enshrined by Government.”

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2012-07-17/debates/12071793000104/AccessToHomeopathicMedicines>

Parliament UK: House of Lords Hansard (2013)

“Baroness Corston: My Lords, given that many GPs ask for training in homeopathy and become homeopaths using both conventional and homeopathic medicine, and speaking as someone who personally uses homeopathic remedies, will the Minister ensure that the views of people such as the noble Lord, Lord Taverne, with which we are all familiar, are not given such credence within the National Health Service that those who wish to use homeopathic remedies do not have that choice?”

“Earl Howe: My Lords, I take the noble Baroness’s point. Again, we have consistently said, in this and in other areas, that clinical responsibility for an individual’s health condition rests with their GP, who must therefore be able to justify clinically any treatment to which he or she refers someone. As she said, there are GPs who have a speciality in homeopathy. We recommend that a patient who is interested in homeopathic treatment should go to such a GP.”

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/Lords/2013-03-19/debates/13031964001340/Homeopathy>

Parliament UK; Publications and records, Health Committee, Written evidence from The Society of Homeopaths (LTC 65), 9. How children with chronic conditions fare using homeopathy (2014)

“Children with chronic conditions appear to respond particularly well to homeopathic treatment. In addition to the evidence above, 66% of children in the Bristol Homeopathic Hospital study described rating their health as “better” or “much better” and 80% stated a degree of improvement. 68% of the children with eczema reported that it was “better” or “much better” (Spence *et al*, 2005). Parents appear to be turning to homeopathic treatment for their children: 24% of children with chronic conditions in an outpatient setting in south-west England were found to be using some form of CAM, homeopathy being one of the most common (Simpson and Roman, 2001). The Avon longitudinal study found that children were using homeopathy for chronic conditions such as asthma, eczema, hay fever, epilepsy, and migraine (Thompson *et al.*, 2010).”

<https://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmselect/cmhealth/401/401vw60.htm>

UK: *Homeopathy Research Institute*: Research Article, Swiss Federal Government report supports homeopathy claims by Alexander Tournier (2012)

“This authoritative report has informed the decision taken by the Swiss government to include homeopathy (and four other CAM therapies) on the list of services covered by the Swiss statutory health insurance scheme until 2017.”

[https://www.hri-research.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/HRI\\_ResearchArticle\\_15\\_Tournier\\_SwissReport.pdf](https://www.hri-research.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/HRI_ResearchArticle_15_Tournier_SwissReport.pdf)

British Medical Journal: Should Doctors Recommend Homeopathy? Dr Peter Fisher, Director of Research, Royal London Hospital for Integrated Medicine, London WC1N 3HR (2015)

“...recent *in vitro* research shows repeatable effects (for instance, inhibition of basophil degranulation by highly dilute histamine<sup>1</sup>) while basic physical research shows that the homeopathic manufacturing process changes the structure of the diluent, including the formation of nanoparticles of silica and gas.<sup>2</sup> The physical research is of little clinical relevance but provides a possible mechanism of action for the controversial high dilutions.”

<http://www.bmj.com/content/351/bmj.h3735>

Oxford Academic, Family Practice, Homeopathy in France in 2011–2012 according to reimbursements in the French national health insurance database (SNIIRAM) (2015)

“A total of 120,110 healthcare professionals (HCPs) prescribed at least one homeopathic drug or preparation. They represented 43.5% of the overall population of HCPs, nearly 95% of general practitioners, dermatologists and pediatricians, and 75% of midwives. Homeopathy accounted for 5% of the total number of drug units prescribed by HCPs.”

“About 10% of the French population, particularly young children and women, received at least one homeopathic preparation during the year. In more than one half of cases, reimbursed homeopathic preparations are prescribed in combination with allopathic medicines.”

<https://academic.oup.com/fampra/article/32/4/442/681852/Homeopathy-in-France-in-2011-2012-according-to>

Parliament UK: House of Commons Hansard, Adult Autism Strategy, David Tredinnick (Bosworth)(Con)(2015)

“Is my right hon. Friend aware that there is clear evidence that homeopathy is effective in treating autism, especially when doctors have not found a solution? Now that the Society of Homeopaths is regulated by the Professional Standards Authority, will he make more use of homeopathy in the health service generally, and in this particular instance?”

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2015-01-13/debates/1501134300015/AdultAutismStrategy?highlight=homeopathy#contribution-15011343000101>

Parliament UK: House of Commons Hansard, Long-term Deteriorating Health Conditions, David Tredinnick (Bosworth)(Con) (2015)

“Is my hon. Friend aware that deteriorating health conditions can be treated by a large number of complementary therapies, including homeopathy, herbal medicine and acupuncture, and will she look at them?”

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2015-09-07/debates/1509074000011/Long-TermDeterioratingHealthConditions?highlight=homeopathy#contribution-1509074000029>

UK: *Homeopathy*, The Faculty of Homeopathy, *A case for creating homeopathy-based first aid kit for Traumatic Brain Injury and implementing that in 108 emergency services in India* by Srinivasulu Gadugu (2015)

“This paper deals with the Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI) and it's homoeopathic treatment in the emergency situations. The author has treated few cases successfully and video recorded them in an emergency ward in a tertiary hospital. This add on therapeutic intervention will greatly reduce the mortality and morbidity in the TBI cases. The author is trying to work with the neurosurgeons for an interdisciplinary approach towards the treatment and management of TBI cases in India.”

<https://www.thieme-connect.com/products/ejournals/abstract/10.1016/j.homp.2015.12.050>

Parliament UK: House of Commons Hansard, Healthcare Spending, David Tredinnick (Bosworth)(CON)(2016)

“My right hon. Friend will be aware that the NHS spends only about £400 million a year on homeopathic medicine and treatments through the 400 doctors who have trained in homeopathy and are members of the faculty. If he wants to reduce antibiotic prescribing, may I suggest that he increases that budget, because there are very good scientific trials now showing that upper respiratory tract infections can be treated using homeopathic medicine? May I write to him about that?”

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2016-11-15/debates/8C9CBE6A-AD1C-47DF-B309-A65C755765B6/HealthcareSpending?highlight=homeopathic#contribution-69DCC55D-0A0C-42D7-9C60-15CDBD272975>

Parliament UK: House of Commons, Parliamentary Business, Publications and Records, Register of All-Party Parliamentary Groups [as at 12 October 2016] Integrated Healthcare - All-Party Parliamentary Group for Integrated Healthcare (2016)

“To provide a forum for discussion on issues related to integrated healthcare; to stimulate well-informed debate among politicians and stakeholders; and to contribute towards the development of knowledge and policies on the subject.”

<https://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm/cmallparty/161012/integrated-healthcare.htm>

UK: Sue Young Histories, Biographies of Homeopaths

“There are most probably over a hundred thousand American homeopaths, millions of Indian homeopaths, hundreds of thousands of South American homeopaths, and tens of thousands of European homeopaths.”

“This list does not include the many hundreds of thousands of homeopaths from other countries, including Iran, the Far East, the Middle East – in fact homeopathy has spread to every country in the World – and this list does not include any of the many millions practicing homeopathy today.”

<https://www.sueyounghistories.com/2009-09-13-homeopathy-m-z/>

UK: University College London Hospitals UCLH, NHS, History of The Royal London Hospital for Integrated Medicine

“The hospital’s first great success came in 1854, when a cholera epidemic broke out in Soho, originating from the water of the Broad Street pump (this was the infamous epidemic which came to an abrupt end when Dr John Snow removed the handle of the pump). At that time, the London Homoeopathic Hospital was the closest hospital to the pumps and achieved remarkable success in treating the victims of the epidemic. The Hospital’s mortality rate was 16 per cent, compared to 53 per cent at the nearby Middlesex Hospital.”

“The thread running through the highs and lows of the last 160 years is not great names, nor even the contribution to the art and science of homeopathy or integrated medicine. The ideal that has sustained the Royal London Hospital for Integrated Medicine is a commitment to making available the best that an integrated approach to medicine can offer to help those who need it, when they need it, regardless of ability to pay.”

<https://www.uclh.nhs.uk/our-services/our-hospitals/royal-london-hospital-integrated-medicine/history-royal-london-hospital-integrated-medicine>

UK: Royal Society of Medicine, 2018

Classical Homeopath Professor George Vithoukas receives honorary mention on the RSM Wall of Honour, and was made a Senior Associate Member of the Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London.

<https://www.rsm.ac.uk/donate/wall-of-honour/>

<https://www.rsm.ac.uk/media/5474842/virtual-wall-of-honour-recently-added-names.pdf>

<https://www.vithoukas.com/news/wall-honour-royal-society-medicine>

UK: The Prince of Wales (2019)

The Prince of Wales becomes Patron of the Faculty of Homeopathy from June 2019

<https://www.princeofwales.gov.uk/patronage/faculty-homeopathy>

UK: University College London Hospitals UCLH, NHS, WHO Collaborating Centre for Integrative Medicine (2020)

The Royal London Hospital for Integrated Medicine is a World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Integrative Medicine. The hospital was awarded the status in 2020, and as part of the agreement between the hospital and the WHO, the Royal London Hospital for Integrated Medicine has committed to assisting the WHO in three main areas:

- Support WHO in development of competency standards in Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Medicine
- Support WHO in identifying good practices in Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Medicine
- Support WHO in identifying the role of Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Medicine in combatting antimicrobial resistance

<https://www.uclh.nhs.uk/our-services/our-hospitals/royal-london-hospital-integrated-medicine/world-health-organization-collaborating-centre-integrative-medicine>

UK: Lady Mary Holmes, Patron, Homeopathic Research Institute, About HRI, Funding, Major Donors

“Having first been treated homeopathically at the age of six or seven, I am well aware of its great benefits. Over the last thirty years there have been several times when I have been under great stress which has adversely affected my general health and wellbeing. Homeopathy has been invaluable in helping me through these episodes – with no side effects! That is one of the great advantages of homeopathy, there are no side effects from the medication yet it is very much to the point. Now in my mid-seventies, I lead an active life and continue to benefit greatly from homeopathy which helps to keep me in good health.”

<https://www.hri-research.org/about-hri/major-donors/>



## OTHERS



Image above: “I can't manage without homeopathy. In fact, I never go anywhere without homeopathic remedies. I often make use of them.” – Paul McCartney (1942- ) renowned British musician, and songwriter

Australia: The Medical Journal of Australia, Research Article, Complementary therapies: have they become accepted in general practice? (2000)

“The practice of some complementary therapies, notably homoeopathy, vitamin and mineral therapy, naturopathy and herbal medicine, represented more than half of the clinical work for a small number of Victorian GPs.” Training and use of ...

“...while herbal medicine, naturopathy, vitamin and mineral therapy, osteopathy and homoeopathy are accepted by a sizable minority of doctors. Doctors underestimate their patients' use of these therapies, which may contribute to compliance and medication interaction problems. There is an urgent need for well-designed trials to search for evidence of the effectiveness of these non-orthodox therapies, to inform doctors' and patients' use of them.” Conclusion

<https://www.mja.com.au/journal/2000/172/3/complementary-therapies-have-they-become-accepted-general-practice#refbody26>

Swiss Government: Homeopathy in Healthcare – Effectiveness, Appropriateness, Safety, Costs - An HTA report on homeopathy as part of the Swiss Complementary Medicine Evaluation Programme, Editors: Gudrun Bornhöft MD, Prof. Peter F. Matthiessen MD, PhD (2003)

“There is sufficient evidence for the preclinical effectiveness and the clinical efficacy of homeopathy and for its safety and economy compared with conventional treatment.” Scottish Universities Medical Journal, *Small but Intriguing - The Unfolding Story of Homeopathic Medicine*, Malcolm Dr R, et al, Arguments on Cost, p2

<https://www.springer.com/gp/book/9783642206375>

<http://sumj.dundee.ac.uk/data/uploads/epub-article/015-sumj.epub.pdf>

Swiss Association of Homoeopathic Physicians (SAHOP), Open Letter to the Editor of The Lancet (2005)

"The study from Berne may be statistically correct. But its validity and practical significance could easily be seen at a glance: Not one single qualified homoeopath would ever treat one single patient in clinical practice as presented in any of the 110 analysed trials! The study cannot give the slightest evidence against homoeopathy because it does not measure real individual (classical) homoeopathy as practised for example by Swiss homoeopathic doctors. It confounds real homoeopathic practice with distorted study forms that violate even basic homoeopathic rules."

<http://www.karger.com/Article/PDF/89833>

Germany/Switzerland: *Effectiveness, Safety and Cost-Effectiveness of Homeopathy in General Practice – Summarized Health Technology Assessment*, Bornhoft G, et al, *Forschende Komplementärmedizin/Research in Complementary Medicine* 13 Suppl 2(2):19-29 (2006)

"Applied properly, classical homeopathy has few side-effects and the use of high-potencies is free of toxic effects."

[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/6903855\\_Effectiveness\\_Safety\\_and\\_Cost-Effectiveness\\_of\\_Homeopathy\\_in\\_General\\_Practice\\_-\\_Summarized\\_Health\\_Technology\\_Assessment](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/6903855_Effectiveness_Safety_and_Cost-Effectiveness_of_Homeopathy_in_General_Practice_-_Summarized_Health_Technology_Assessment)

Japan: *Effect of homeopathic treatment of 60 Japanese patients with chronic skin disease*, Elsevier, *Complementary Therapies in Medicine*, Vol 15, Issue 2 Itamura, R. (Department of Dermatology, Obitsu Sankei Hospital) (2007)

"The psychological, physical and psychosomatic symptoms and effects of chronic skin diseases are inextricable. Individualized homeopathic treatment can provoke a good response in patients with chronic skin disease; therefore, the holistic approach used in homeopathy may be a useful strategy alongside conventional treatment."

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0965229906000677?via%3Dihub#!>

India: AYUSH Research Portal, Evidence Based Research Data of AYUSH Systems at Global Level Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India - *A Randomized Double Blind Clinical Trial of A Homoeopathic Medicine In The Treatment Of Trophic Ulcer And Neuropathy In Leprosy*, Indian Journal of Research in Homoeopathy, Vol. 3, No. 4, Chakraborty D et al (2009)



“To explore the other means of treatment to save the leprosy patient from disability, a randomised double blind clinical trial was undertaken. Methodology: 160 leprosy patients who were released from treatment (RFT) and were suffering from either trophic ulcer and peripheral anaesthesia were randomly selected. All the patients in study groups were given *Mercurius solubilis* orally for a period of two years or till recovery, whichever was earlier, while control group received placebo. Results: Statistically significant improvement was observed in the healing of ulcers and regaining of nerve sensation. The biopsy from the treated cases showed almost normal dermis containing new nerve twigs and sweat glands and blood vessels with no evidence of perivascular or perineural inflammatory reaction. Radiographs of the patients with ulcer showed absence of osteomyelitic changes of phalanges with bony remodeling of metatarsal bone. Conclusion: This treatment was found to be most suitable for cure of neuropathy and trophic ulcer in multi drug treated leprosy patients.”

<http://ayushportal.nic.in/ShowDefault.aspx?IDD=19083>

European Central Council of Homeopaths (ECCH), The legal situation for the practice of homeopathy in Japan (2010)

“We are sending you this letter as we understand that the Government of Japan is currently considering the introduction of legislation and/or regulation of the practice of homeopathy in your country. We will hereby present to you our main points of concern, as well as an overview of existing legislation in countries in Europe.”

[http://jphma.org/fukyu/fukyu\\_img/From%20ECCH%20to%20the%20Japanese%20Government%201%20Feb%202010.pdf](http://jphma.org/fukyu/fukyu_img/From%20ECCH%20to%20the%20Japanese%20Government%201%20Feb%202010.pdf)

Italy: *Measuring the effectiveness of homeopathic care through objective and shared indicators*, Scuola Superiore di Studi Universitari e Perfezionamento Sant'Anna di Pisa, Leone L et al (2011)

“Indicators of hospitalization and drug use were obtained from the Health Statistical Documentation System of Tuscany for two homeopathic centers in the Local Health Authority of Pisa, Italy. We compared homeopathic users with the general population in the same area and by comparing patients before and after homeopathic treatment. The homeopathic patients used less drugs than the reference population, this effect was more evident for patients with repeated homeopathic consultations. A significant decrease in drug use was found on comparing the same patients before and after homeopathic treatment. Hospitalization indicators tended to favour patients who had received homeopathic treatment but were not always statistically significant.”

<https://homeopatasenelalambre.blogspot.com/2011/10/measuring-effectiveness-of-homeopathic.html>

Australia: *The Conversation*, Complementary vs western medicine – both have a role in universities by Paul Komesaroff, Professor of Medicine, Monash University, also published in the *Medical Journal of Australia* [<https://www.mja.com.au/journal/2012/197/2/medicine-and-science-must-oppose-intolerance-and-censorship>] (2012)

“None of this means that there are not problems, either with complementary medicines or with aspects of western medicine. In both cases, vulnerable members of the community need to be protected from exaggerated or misleading claims. In both cases, the evidence – in all its forms – needs to be scrutinised and presented clearly and fairly to patients. And in both cases, the process of communication has to be open, respectful and free of contamination with power or self-interest.”

<https://theconversation.com/complementary-vs-western-medicine-both-have-a-role-in-universities-8232>

Canada: IVC Journal Integrated Veterinary Care by Shelly Epstein, DVM, CVH (2013)

“Homeopathic remedies, even at high dilutions, contain nanoparticles (NPs) of the starting substances under transmission electron microscopy.”

“These NPs are super-potent forms of their source material with multiple properties distinct from those of their original bulk forms. NPs can penetrate membranes easily to enter the blood and lymph nodes and can even pass through the blood-brain barrier.”

“The cells perceive very low doses of these NPs as hormetins, mild or low intensity stressors that stimulate a cascade of adaptive responses in the cells and across the entire organism. The emergent result is a self-organized healing response.”

<http://ivcjournal.com/homeopathy-a-200-year-old-nanomedicine/>

India: *A comparative study of homoeopathic medicine - Sulphur with the Multidrug therapy in the treatment of paucibacillary leprosy*, Indian Journal of Research in Homeopathy, Vol 9 Issue 3, Chakraborty D, et al (2015)

“The study showed that MDT therapy (PB regimen) and homoeopathic medicine were found equally effective as histopathology of skin showed no granulomatous lesion. The most significant clinical sign observed in all cases treated with *Sulphur* was reappearance of normal skin colour and regain of loss of sensation of the skin lesion.”

<https://www.ijrh.org/article.asp?issn=0974-7168;year=2015;volume=9;issue=3;spage=158;epage=166;aulast=Chakraborty>

European Coalition on Homeopathic & Anthroposophic Medicinal Products (2015)

EU Policy and Legislation:

- A summary of EU policy areas of relevance to the sector for homeopathic and anthroposophic medicinal products, including the topics of better regulation, EU health policy and availability
- Background and explanation on the legal framework for homeopathic and anthroposophic medicinal products including a timeline of developments

- An update on the status of implementation of EU legislation for homeopathic and anthroposophic medicinal products in the EU Member States
- A reference library of relevant legal and political documents, and European Court of Justice and national rulings

<http://www.echamp.eu/eu-policy-and-regulation>

CAMDOC Alliance (European Committee for Homeopathy, European Council of Doctors for Plurality in Medicine, International Council of Medical Acupuncture and Related Techniques, International Federation of Anthroposophic Medical Associations) (2015)

“Approximately 45,000 medical doctors in Europe have taken training and education in homeopathy. Many more doctors in Europe prescribe homeopathic medicines without any homeopathic training: approximately 25-40 % of the GPs from time to time, 6-8 % of them on a more regular basis.”

“The European Union has recognized homeopathic medicines as medicinal products. All EU Member States are obliged to register homeopathic medicines pursuant to Directive 2001/82/EC (veterinary use) and 2001/83/EC (human use) - amended by Directive 2004/28/EC and Directive 2004/27/EC respectively - on the Community Code relating to medicinal products.”

[http://www.camdoc.eu/Survey/Results\\_HOM.html](http://www.camdoc.eu/Survey/Results_HOM.html)

Italy: ANSA en, General News, One in six Italians use homeopathy (2016)

“One in six Italians use homeopathic medicine at least once a year, research by health sector research institute DoxaPharma showed on Tuesday.

The study also showed that about 20,000 doctors in Italy recommend the use of homeopathy, a system in which patients are treated with small doses of a substance that would in larger amounts lead to symptoms of illness in healthy people.”

[http://www.ansa.it/english/news/general\\_news/2016/02/23/one-in-six-italians-use-homeopathy\\_071cefb8-28c0-4cca-beb8-b56f688c88f4.html](http://www.ansa.it/english/news/general_news/2016/02/23/one-in-six-italians-use-homeopathy_071cefb8-28c0-4cca-beb8-b56f688c88f4.html)

Swiss Government: The Federal Council, Complementary medicine is to be equated with other specialties (2016)

“Since 2012, compulsory health insurance (OKP, basic health insurance) is provisionally supplemented by the medical services of anthroposophic medicine, traditional Chinese medicine, homeopathy and phytotherapy by 2017.”

<https://www.admin.ch/gov/de/start/dokumentation/medienmitteilungen.msg-id-61140.html>

European Federation of Homeopathic Patients' Associations (EFHPA) (2016), European Patients' Forum Blog

“3. What is your biggest achievement as an organisation?”

Our biggest achievement is bringing together existing patient organisations to share ideas and experiences but more importantly to work together to help promote and protect the rights of all European citizens who want to access homeopathic treatment. We are also pleased to assist the establishment of new groups. Our aim is to have a patient group in every European country.”

<http://www.eu-patient.org/blog/?p=578>

Dutch: Elsevier BV, Science Direct, *Homeopathy*, Vol 106, Issue 2, *Prevalence of homeopathy use by the general population worldwide: a systematic review*, Relton C et al (2017)

“This review summarises 12-month prevalence of homeopathy use from surveys conducted in eleven countries (USA, UK, Australia, Israel, Canada, Switzerland, Norway, Germany, South Korea, Japan and Singapore). Each year a small but significant percentage of these general populations use homeopathy. This includes visits to homeopaths as well as purchase of over-the-counter homeopathic medicines.”

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1475491617300231>

European Federation of Homeopathic Patients' Associations (EFHPA) (2020)

“Launch of the MEP Interest Group on Integrative Medicine and Health

European Parliament event Hosted by Interest Group MEPs: Sirpa Pietikäinen, Michèle Rivasi Tilly Metz, Eleonora Evi, and Margrete Auken, this virtual event was chaired by Sirpa Pietikäinen, organised by EUROCAM, and video linked with over 700 attendees across Europe. Meeting the demand of EU citizens. The Interest Group on Integrative Medicine and Health brings together MEPs working to promote Integrative Medicine and Health in all European Parliament public health policy.”

<http://www.efhpa.eu/2020/12/28/launch-of-the-mep-interest-group-on-integrative-medicine-and-health/>

Australia: Australian Government, Department of Health, Therapeutic Goods Administration, Advisory Committee on Complementary Medicines (ACCM) (2020)

“Chair: Professor Evelin Tiralongo holds dual Australian and German registrations as a pharmacist, with postgraduate degrees in pharmacognosy and biochemistry, and over 20 years of experience in pharmaceutical research in Australia and Germany. She is the Director of Griffith University's Clinical Trial Unit and the Discipline Head for Complementary Medicine Education in Pharmacy Programs at Griffith University. She has published widely, serves on several editorial boards, was a member of the National Health and Medical Research Council

(NHMRC) Homeopathy Working Group and conducted CPD accredited Short Courses in Integrative Medicine for Pharmacists in Australia and New Zealand.“

<https://www.tga.gov.au/committee/advisory-committee-complementary-medicines-accm>

Germany: Institut für Geschichte der Medizin – Robert Bosch Stiftung, International Network for the History of Homeopathy (2021)

“The Institute for the History of Medicine of the Robert Bosch Stiftung (IGM), located in Stuttgart, is a unique research facility. The IGM includes a large specialized library with more than 12.000 volumes on the history of homeopathy and more than 65,000 publications on the history of medicine, as well as a homeopathy archive which preserves the estate of Samuel Hahnemann as well as important disciples and successors, especially Clemens von Bönninghausen. This archive also contains the records of national and international homeopathic organisations. Accordingly, one of the focus areas of the IGM is the history of homeopathy and pluralism in medicine.” And

Homeopathic Archive: “The Institute’s archives house the private papers of Samuel Hahnemann (1755-1843), of his second wife Mrs. Mélanie d’Hervilly (1800-1878), and of important students and successors. For instance, the archives have important documents relating to Clemens (1785-1864) and Friedrich von Bönninghausen (1828-1910), whose unpublished works contain nearly one hundred fifty medical case books.”

<https://www.igm-bosch.de/homeopathic-archive.html> ,

<https://www.igm-bosch.de/home.html> and

<https://www.bosch-stiftung.de/en/theme/institute-history-medicine>