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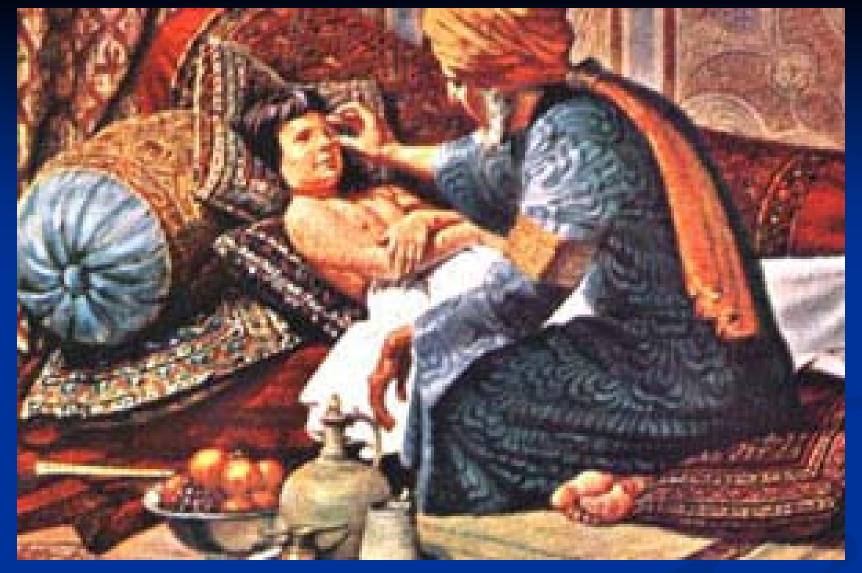
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# WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy



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## What is traditional medicine?

WHO defines traditional medicine as including diverse health practices, approaches, knowledge and beliefs incorporating plant, animal, and/or mineral based medicines, spiritual therapies, manual techniques and exercises which can be used to maintain well-being, as well as to treat, diagnose or prevent illness.

بنا به تعریف سازمان جهانی بهداشت، طب سنتی به تمامی روشهای درمانی، اطلاعات و دانستههای ما از محصولات بهداشتی و درمانی گفته میشود که همگی مربوط به استفاده صحیح از گیاهان، مواد معدنی، اجزای حیوانات و همچنین درمانهای روحی و روانی و روشهای درمانی با دست، به منظور درمان، تشخیص و پیشگیری از بیماری و حفظ سلامت هستند.





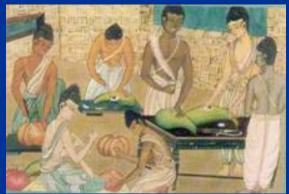
## Traditional and Complementary/ Alternative Medicine

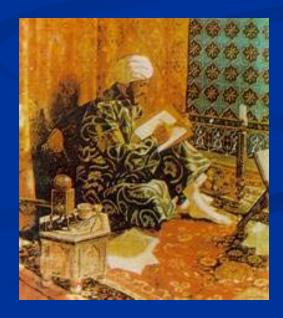
### Categories of TM/CAM



### **Main Popular System of TM/CAM**

- Traditional Chinese Medicine
- Indian Ayurveda Medicine
- Arabic Unani Medicine
- Homeopathy
- Chiropractic









## Traditional and Complementary/ Alternative Medicine

### Categories of TM/CAM

#### **Medication**

- Medicinal plants
- Mineral materials
- Animal materials

#### Non-medication

- Acupuncture
- Chiropractic
- Osteopathy
- Manual therapies
- Qigong, Taiji, Yoga
- Physical, mental and spiritual therapies

معالجات گیاهی، درمان های روحی و معنوی، طب سوزنی، یوگا، اشکال مختلف طب بومی و رژیم درمانی همه می توانند بخشی از طب سنتی یا طب مکمل به حساب آیند.

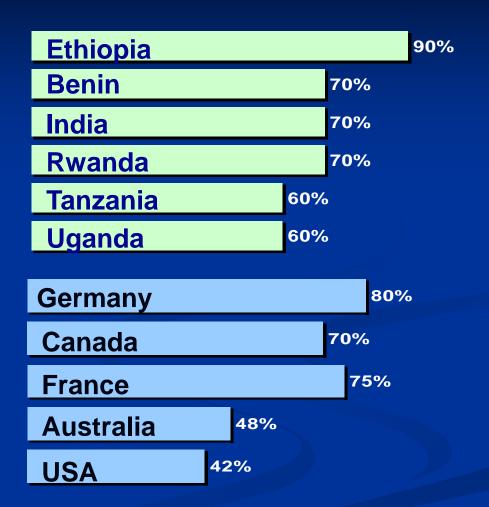




## Populations using TM/CAM worldwide

Populations in developing countries using traditional medicine for primary health care

Populations in developed countries who have used complementary and alternative medicine at least once

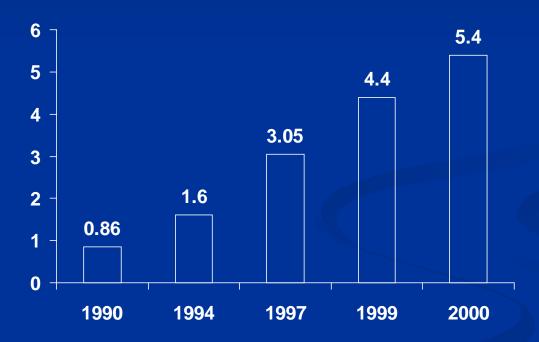






# Herbal medicines are rapidly increasing in economic importance

Marketing of Herbal Products (Thousand million US\$)

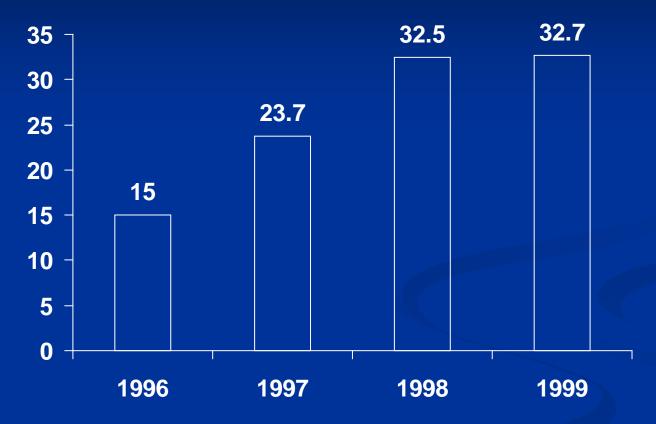


Annual sales of OTC herbal medicines in USA





# Marketing of Herbal Products in Canada (Million US\$)

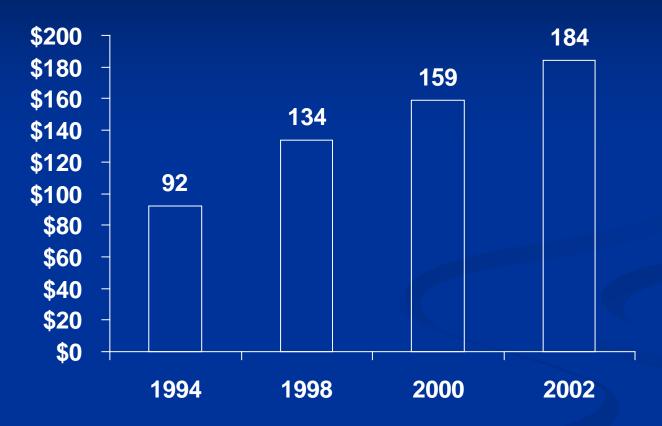


Taken from: Waiting for the Sheriff: From growth to uncertainty in the NHP market, NDMAC Issue Seminar, 2000, Canada





# Marketing of Herbal Products in Great Britain (Million US\$)



Source: House of Lords, 2000





## Why traditional medicine?

# Accessible and affordable in developing countries

#### **RATIO OF PRACTITIONERS TO POPULATION**

	Traditional practitioner	Medical doctor
Swaziland	1:100	1:10,000
Ghana	1:200	1:20,000
Uganda	1:700	1:25,000
Mozambique	1:200	1:50,000





# Why traditional medicine?

# An alternative approach to health care in developed countries

- concern about the adverse effects of "chemical drugs",
- questioning of the approaches and assumptions of allopathic medicine, and
- greater public access to health information.





### General considerations

- Despite its existence and use over centuries, traditional medicine has not been officially recognized in most countries.
- The safety and efficacy data on traditional medicine are far from sufficient.
- Lack of research data are mostly due to a lack of adequate or accepted research methodology for evaluating traditional medicine.







# Uncritical enthusiasm versus uninformed scepticism

- strong reservations and often frank disbelief about the benefits of TM.
- demand has grown for evidence on the safety, efficacy and quality of TM products and practices.

Increased use of TM/CAM has not been accompanied by an increase in the quantity, quality and accessibility of clinical evidence to support claims of TM/CAM.





# Many challenges need to be met for potential of traditional medicine to be fully realized

### Policy and regulation

Government policy and national regulations vary



Only 45 of 191 WHO Member States have a national policy for TM/CAM

Only 54 of 191 WHO Member States regulate herbal medicines





### WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy



**Policy:** integrate TM/CAM with national health care systems

Safety, efficacy and quality: provide guidance and support for effective regulation

Access: ensure availability and affordability of TM/CAM

Rational use: promote therapeutically-sound use of TM/CAM by providers and consumers





## WHO Executive Board Resolution, May 2003







# Policy National Capacity Building

- Series of workshops
  - On regulation of herbal medicines

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 Support of the countries developing national policies on promoting proper use of TM/CAM





# Safety, Efficacy and Quality

# Quality control methods for medicinal plant materials

### **Quality control**

- Good Agricultural and Collection Practices for medicinal plants
   کشت و جمع آور ي کيفي گياهان دارويي)
- Updating Quality Control Methods for Raw Materials of Medicinal Plants (به روز نگهداشتن کنترل کیفي مواد اولیه گیاهان دارویي)
- Updating GMP guidelines for herbal medicines
- (به روز نگهداشتن دستور العمل هاي گياهان دارويي)
- Contaminants and residues
   (توجه به آلودگي ها و مواد زايد)

### Safety

Developing Guidelines for Safety
 Monitoring and pharmacovigilance of
 Herbal Medicines



### Access

A growing herbal market and its great commercial benefit - need to ensure sustainable use of medicinal plant resources





 Difficulties relating to the protection of knowledge on traditional medicine





### Rational Use

### WHO developing training guidelines

- Training guidelines for chiropractic
- Training guidelines for manual therapies
  - Osteopathy
  - Chinese tui-na (A kind of massage)
  - Shiatsu
  - Judo-therapy
- Training Guidelines for Phytotherapy
- WHO Consumer Guidelines







## Conclusion

- Traditional Medicine will contribute to human health care in the 21st century;
- There are many challenges to the safety and effective use of traditional medicine;
- The WHO Strategy will meet the gaps and challenges;

but...



It is long way to go...





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