North American Homeopathic Patient Survey

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About the Survey
The survey was difficult to design. The work group that constructed it made every effort to keep the survey as short as possible, while garnering the maximum amount of data. We made an effort to minimize respondent fatigue. 77% of respondents completed the survey. General response to the survey was positive.

The survey was primarily conducted on line, although a few surveys were mailed out to individuals who did not have email addresses. It consisted of 41 questions and took approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. The following targeted groups were included:

• All National Homeopathic Membership Organizations
• All National Homeopathic Schools
• Homeopathic Software Company Mailing Lists
• Homeopathic Pharmaceutical Company Mailing Lists
• Homeopathic Conference Directors
• Homeopathic Certification Organization Mailing Lists
• State Homeopathic Licensure Mailing Lists
• State Homeopathic Association Mailing Lists
• National Homeopathic Bookseller Mailing Lists
• Forwarded Emails from Homeopathic Practitioners

Homeopathic practitioners were asked to distribute the survey to their patient mailing list. The survey was up and running from January 1st, 2014 through March 31st, 2014. 1054 responses were received.

Comparison to Previous Survey
This survey was conducted in 2007. The results of this survey can be found on the AMCH website at http://www.amcofh.org/research/community. Nearly 1200 participants participated in the 2007 survey. The survey was largely left unchanged from previous, although a few questions were added. In addition, an effort was made to reach Canadian participants in this survey.

Future Surveys
AMCH plans to repeat this survey every seven years.

Institutional Review Board Approval
This study received approval from the American Medical College of Homeopathy Institutional Review Board (IRB).
Summary of Survey Results

Overview
In all, there were 1054 Homeopathic Patient Respondents in the survey. Not every participant filled out all of the questions.

Summary of Results by Question
Below is a summary of the results. See the more detailed summary by question that follows for further details. Statistically significant changes are noted in red.

1. Age
   • Average Age 51

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2. Gender
   • Female: 85%

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3. Ethnicity
   • 85% Caucasian

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<td>88% Caucasian</td>
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4. Species
   • Human: 56%
   • Animal: 2%
   • Both: 42%

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<td>Human: 97%</td>
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5. Most Common State/Province Where You live
   • California 12.6%
   • Pennsylvania 6.8%
   • Ontario 5.7%
   • Arizona 4.8%
   • Massachusetts 4.2%
   • Texas 3.9%
• United States: 88%
• Canada: 12%

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<td>Massachusetts 8.4%</td>
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<td>Ohio 4.4%</td>
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<td>Florida 4.2%</td>
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6. Marital Status
• 67% Married

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7. Occupation
• Health Care Providers: 22.5%
• Retired: 11.2%
• Homemaker: 10.5%
• Business: 6.7%
• Education: 6.3%
• Student: 3.4%

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<td>Education: 8%</td>
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8. Highest Level of Education Achieved
• Bachelor’s: 32.7%
• Master’s: 25.9%
• High School: 11.1%
• Doctoral: 10.3%

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<td>Doctoral: 11.8%</td>
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9. Sensitivity to Conventional Medication

- **Extremely** 14.3%
- **Significantly** 25.8%
- **Moderately** 33%
- **Little** 12.2%
- **Very little** 8.0%
- **Not at all** 6.6%

### 2007 Survey
- **Extremely** 12.6%
- **Significantly** 26.2%
- **Moderately** 33.6%
- **Little** 12%
- **Very little** 9.1%
- **Not At All** 6.4%

### 2014 Survey
- **Extremely** 14.3%
- **Significantly** 25.8%
- **Moderately** 33.0%
- **Little** 12.2%
- **Very little** 8.0%
- **Not At All** 6.7%

10. How Sensitive Are You to Homeopathic Medicines?

- **Extremely** 12.5%
- **Significantly** 35.5%
- **Moderately** 25.8%
- **Little** 6.5%
- **Very little** 4.8%
- **Not at all** 14.8%

### 2007 Survey
- **Extremely** 8.9%
- **Significantly** 27.1%
- **Moderately** 28.3%
- **Little** 9.4%
- **Very little** 8.4%
- **Not at all** 18%

### 2014 Survey
- **Extremely** 12.5%
- **Significantly** 35.5%
- **Moderately** 25.8%
- **Little** 6.5%
- **Very little** 4.8%
- **Not at all** 14.8%

11. Nature of Treatment

- 7.9% Self care only
- 42.7% Tx by homeopath now or in past
- 49.3% Both

### 2007 Survey
- 12.4% Self care only
- 87.7% Tx by homeopath now or in past

### 2014 Survey
- 7.9% Self care only
- 42.7% Tx by homeopath now or in past
- 49.3% Both

12. Length of Time in Homeopathic Treatment

- **Mean:** 6.5 years
13. Frequency of Visits to Homeopathic Practitioner
   • Mean: 2.6 months

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14. Type of Treatment
   • Classical 72.7%
   • Complex only 8.7%
   • Classical and complex 18.6%

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<td>Classical and complex 23.1</td>
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15. Name and Potency of Last Remedy That Took
   • 8% don’t know
   • 1% were not told

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<td>6% were not told</td>
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See Appendix C for more detailed results.

A. LM: 50
B. 6X: 8
C. 6C: 20
E. 12C: 10
F. 20X: 2
G. 30X: 7
H. 30C: 137
I. 200X: 1
J. 200C: 142
K. 1M: 74
M. 10M: 23
N. 20M: 2
O. 50M: 5
P. CM: 2
Q. Don’t Remember: 4
R. Other
   • At home all natural and organic remedies. I was using extra virgin coconut oil to take my pain away from damages nerves in a rotten tooth by swishing substance in my mouth for 10-20 min 2 times a day. Killed all the pain! And gave me the prettiest teeth I have ever
had!
• 20 C
• I treat myself ongoing for anything
• Bach Rescue Remedy
• 100C: 4
• 15C
• 7C
• 20C: 3
• 9C: 2
• 201C
• 9C
• 15C
• Homeopath Will Not Tell Me
• 3C
• 15C: 2

16. Main Reason That Sought Homeopathic Treatment
• General Health: 20.6%
• Psychiatric: 16.2%
• Musculoskeletal: 8.1%
• Infectious Disease: 7.7%
• Immunology: 7.3%
• Neurology: 7.3%
• Gastroenterology: 6.7%
• Dermatology: 5.2%
• Gynecology: 4.6%
• Pulmonology: 4.2%
• Endocrinology: 3.3%
• Pediatrics: 2.7%
• Cardiology: 1.6%
• Urology: 1.2%
• Oncology: .8%
• Environmental Medicine: .7%
• Ophthalmology: .6%
• Emergency Medicine: .4%
• Obstetrics: .3%
• Otolarynology: .3%
• Dental: .2%

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<td>• Gynecology: 4.6%</td>
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17. How did you learn about homeopathy?

- Treatment of friends and family: 32.0%
- Reading book or article: 11.0%
- Other: 31.4%
- Treatment of self: 11.0%
- Practitioner Referral: %
- Study Group: 5.0%
- Public Talk: 4.5%
- Internet: 5.2%

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<td>• Internet: 3.4%</td>
<td>• Internet: 5.2%</td>
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18. How did you find your homeopathic practitioner?

- Referral by a friend: 33.3%
- Referral by a Family Member: 10.1%
- Referral by a Health Care Provider: 12.1%
- Not Applicable (self treatment): 6.7%
- Other: 19.0%
- Internet: 10.8%
- Practitioner Listing: 5.5%
- Phone Book: .6%
- Reading Book or Article: 1.7%

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• Referral by a friend: 38.4%
• Referral by a Family Member: 11.4%
• Referral by a Health Care Provider: 11.4%
• Not Applicable (self treatment): 7.4%
• Other: 7.2%
• Internet: 7.0%
• Public Talk/Class: 6.5%
• Practitioner Listing: 5.7%
• Phone Book: 2.6%
• Advertising: 1.3%
• Reading Book or Article: 1.2%

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<td>1.3%</td>
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19. How do you pay for treatment?
   • Out of Pocket: 85.3%
   • Not applicable (free or self treatment): 5.0%
   • Insurance: 4.1%
   • Other: 4.1%

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<td>85.3%</td>
<td>5.0%</td>
<td>4.1%</td>
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20. Were your symptoms or conditions previously treated with conventional medicine?
   • Extensively: 12.1%
   • Significantly: 19.3%
   • Moderately: 24.8%
   • Little: 12.7%
   • Very little: 12.7%
   • Not at all: 18.3%

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21. What was the response to this conventional treatment?
   • Extremely improved: 1.4%
   • Highly improved: 4.3%
• Moderately improved; 18.7%
• Little improved; 16.4%
• Very little improved; 19.1%
• No improvement; 21.4%
• Not Applicable; 18.7%

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<td>• Not Applicable; 18.7%</td>
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22. Were your symptoms previously treated with alternative medicine other than homeopathy?
   • Extensively 5.6%
   • Significantly; 14.7%
   • Moderately; 25.2%
   • Little; 13.2%
   • Very little; 8.5%
   • Not at all; 32.8%

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23. What was the response to this alternative treatment?
   • Extensively 5.5%
   • Significantly; 11.1%
   • Moderately; 27.3%
   • Little; 15%
   • Very little; 6.6%
   • Not at all; 5.8%
   • Not Applicable; 29.8%

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• No improvement; 20.4%

• Very little; 6.6%
• Not at all; 5.8%
• Not Applicable; 29.8%

24. Were your symptoms or conditions treated previously with homeopathic medicine (other than your current practitioner or self-treatment)?

• Extensively: 8.2%
• Significantly: 14.5%
• Moderately: 13.75%
• Little: 8.8%
• Very little: 6.4%
• Not at all: 48.3%

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25. What was your response to previous homeopathic treatment?

• Extremely improved: 13.4%
• Highly improved: 23.1%
• Moderately improved: 22.2%
• Little improved: 12.7%
• Very little improved: 5.3%
• No improvement: 23.1%

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26. On a scale of 0-100%, please rate your satisfaction as a percentage on each of the following items for your homeopathic treatment:

• Overall treatment success; 77.5%
• Treatment success of main complaint; 76.9%
• Improvement in mental and emotional symptoms; 78.0%
• Improvement in physical symptoms; 76.4%
• Improvement in general well being; 79.0%
- Improvement in energy; 74.5%
- Improvement in self awareness; 78.3%

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27. How long were you in treatment before you saw success?
   • 2.8 months

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28. How much have you been able to reduce your previous medication or supplements as a consequence of homeopathic treatment?
   • Average: 64.9% reduction

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29. If you have successfully reduced your medication, what has been the approximate cost savings per month?
   • $28

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30. How important has homeopathy been in your overall healthcare?
   • Extremely important; 66%
   • Very important; 24%
   • Moderately important; 6.9%
   • Mildly important; 1.3%
   • Slightly important; .3%
   • Not at all; 1.5%

| 2007 Survey                                               | 2014 Survey                                               |
31. How much of a problem has antidoting been in your treatment?
   • Extremely high: .4%
   • High: 1.9%
   • Moderate: 9.3%
   • Low: 23.1%
   • Extremely low: 22.0%
   • Not at all: 43.3%

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32. How much of a problem have side effects or aggravations been in treatment?
   • Extremely high; 1.0%
   • High; 3.6%
   • Moderate; 14.4%
   • Low; 20.7%
   • Extremely low; 22.2%
   • Not at all; 38.2%

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33. If you had a problem with side effects, were the symptoms one’s that you previously experienced at some point earlier in your life or were they new symptoms for you?
   • Previous symptoms: 73.1%
   • New symptoms: 26.9%
34. How compliant with treatment have you been?
   • Extremely high: 49.6%
   • High: 35.8%
   • Moderate: 11.1%
   • Low: 2.3%
   • Extremely low: .4%
   • Not at all: .7%

35. How well do you understand your homeopathic treatment and how homeopathy works?
   • Extremely high: 43.0%
   • High: 35.4%
   • Moderate: 18.4%
   • Low: 2.4%
   • Extremely low: .4%
   • Not at all: .4%

36. What is the average cost per year for treatment (excluding medicine)?
   • Average: $430.98

37. What is the average cost per year for your homeopathic medicine?
   • Average: $70.22
### 2007 Survey

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#### Average: $115.36

### 38. What do you like most about your homeopathic treatment?
- **Effective**: 26.7%
- **Safety/Lack of Side Effects**: 24.5%
- **Philosophical/Natural**: 9.6%
- **Well Being/Treats Whole Person**: 7.9%
- **Easy/Convenient**: 7.7%
- **Other**: 6.3%
- **Inexpensive**: 3.9%
- **Thoroughness/Depth/Long Lasting**: 3.8%
- **Reducing Medication**: 3.3%
- **Love My Practitioner**: 3.2%
- **Individualized Personal Care**: 3.1%

### 2007 Survey

- Effectiveness: 25.4%
- Safety: 25.1%
- Holistic: 7.9%
- Natural: 7.1%
- My Practitioner: 5.5%
- Simplicity: 4.6%
- Deep Healing: 4.3%
- Fast: 3.4%
- Inexpensive: 2.9%

### 2014 Survey

- Effective: 26.7%
- Safety/Lack of Side Effects: 24.5%
- Philosophical/Natural: 9.6%
- Well Being/Treats Whole Person: 7.9%
- Easy/Convenient: 7.7%
- Other: 6.3%
- Inexpensive: 3.9%
- Thoroughness/Depth/Long Lasting: 3.8%
- Reducing Medication: 3.3%
- Love My Practitioner: 3.2%
- Individualized Personal Care: 3.1%

Please see expanded descriptions below for further details.

### 39. What do you like least about your homeopathic treatment?
- Slow Pace of Healing: 12.7%
- Nothing (I like it all): 22.6%
- Cost (Not covered by health insurance): 11.3%
- Hard Work: 9.7%
- Other: 7.1%
- Side Effects: 6.8%
- Antidoting: 5.6%
- Accessing Practitioners and Remedies: 5.5%
- Not Completely Effective: 5.2%
- Understanding and Explaining How It Works: 5.2%
- Scepticism/Political Climate: 4.6%
• Unskilled Practitioners: 2.2%
• Uncertainty of Remedy Effects: 1.5%

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40. Comments
See Appendix B.
Section One: Demographics

Question #1: Age
The average age of the Homeopathic Patient Respondents was 51 (median=55). There was a 100% response rate to this question.
Question #2: Sex
85% of the homeopathic patient respondents were female. There was a 99% response rate to this question.
Question #3: Ethnicity

Over 85% of patient respondents were Caucasian. The response rate was 99% for this question.

Total Respondents
- African American: .9%
- Asian: 5.8%
- Caucasian: 85%
- Hispanic: 3.8%
- Native American: .3%
- Other 4.5%
**Question #4: Species**
Only 2% of patients were animals. 41.9% described treatment of both humans and animals. 56.4% described treatment of only humans. There was a 99% response rate to this question.
Question #5: Location (By State)

There was a 96% response rate to this question.

Most Common State/Province Where You live
- California 12.6%
- Pennsylvania 6.8%
- Ontario 5.7%
- Arizona 4.8%
- Massachusetts 4.2%
- Texas 3.9%

Country
- United States: 88%
- Canada: 12%

Alabama: 3=3.3%
Alaska: 7=.7%
Alberta: 10=1.0%
Arizona: 50=4.8%
Arkansas: 2=.2%
British Columbia: 25=2.4%
California: 130=12.6%
Colorado: 15=1.4%
Connecticut: 13=1.3%
Delaware: 28=2.7%
District of Columbia: 2=.2%
Florida: 33=3.2%
Georgia: 2=.2%
Hawaii: 1=.1%
Idaho: 4=.4%
Illinois: 15=1.5%
India: 4=.4%
Indiana: 9=.9%
Iowa: 3=.3%
Kansas: 7=.7%
Kentucky: 3=.3%
Maine: 9=.9%
Manitoba: 5=.5%
Maryland: 17=1.6%
Massachusetts: 43=4.2%
Michigan: 18=1.7%
Minnesota: 23=2.2%
Missouri: 3=.3%
Montana: 4=.4%
Nebraska: 3=.3%
Nevada: 9=.9%
New Hampshire: 7=.7%
New Jersey: 31=3%
New Mexico: 8=.8%
New York: 90=9.3%
North Carolina: 32=3.1%
North Dakota: 1=.1%
Ohio: 21=2.0%
Oklahoma; 1=.1%
Ontario: 50=5.7%
Oregon: 51=4.9%
Pennsylvania: 70=6.8%
Rhode Island: 2=.2%
South Carolina: 4=.4%
Tennessee: 12=1.2%
Texas: 40=3.9%
Utah: 1=.1%
Vermont: 7=.7%
Virginia: 23=2.2%
Washington: 27=2.6%
West Virginia: 5=.5%
Wisconsin: 10=1.0%
Wyoming: 1=.1%
Yukon: 4=.4%
**Question #6: Marital Status**

67% of the patient respondents for this question were married. The response rate for this question was 96%.

**Total Respondents**
- 67% married
- 33% single
Question #7: Occupation
The most common response was Health Care Providers (22.5%). There was a 99% response rate to this question.

- Health Care Providers: 22.5%
- Other: 20.8%
- Retired: 11.2%
- Homemaker: 10.5%
- Business: 6.7%
- Education: 6.3%
- Student: 3.4%
- Engineering: 2.6%
- Artist: 2.6%
- Clerical: 1.9%
- Scientist: 1.6%
- None: 1.25%
- Finance: 1.2%
- Legal: 1.1%
- Clergy: .9%
- Farming: .8%
- Real Estate: .8%
- Entertainment: .7%
- Food Services: .7%
- Sports: .4%
- Aesthetician: .2%
- Labor: .2%
Question #8: Highest Level of Education Achieved

The most common result was Bachelor’s (31.8%). The response rate to this question was 99%.

- High School: 11.1%
- Associate’s Degree: 8.7%
- Bachelor’s: 32.7%
- Master’s: 25.9%
- Doctoral: 10.3%
- Other: 11.2%
Question #9: How sensitive are you to conventional medication?

The strongest response in this category was Moderately (33.6%). Highly sensitive is defined below as either Extremely or Significantly sensitive. Those individuals who were sensitive to conventional medication were also more likely to be sensitive to homeopathic medication. The response rate was 87% for this question.

Total Respondents
- Extremely 14.3%
- Significantly 25.8%
- Moderately 33%
- Little 12.2%
- Very little 8.0%
- Not at all 6.6%
Question #10: How sensitive are you to homeopathic medication?

The strongest response in this category was Moderately (28.3%). Highly sensitive is defined below as either Extremely or Significantly sensitive. Those individuals who were sensitive to homeopathic medication were also more likely to be sensitive to conventional medication. The response rate was 87% for this question.

Total Respondents

- Extremely 12.5%
- Significantly 35.5%
- Moderately 25.8%
- Little 6.5%
- Very little 4.8%
- Not at all 14.8%
Section Two: Homeopathic Treatment

Question #11: Nature of Treatment
The significant majority of patient respondents were engaging in constitutional care with a homeopathic practitioner (92.1%). The majority of these also engaged in self care. The response rate for this question was 93.0%.

Total Respondents
- 7.9% Self care only
- 42.7% Tx by homeopath now or in past
- 49.3% Tx by homeopath and self care now or in past

Total Respondents
Question #12: Length of time in homeopathic treatment, if applicable.
The average response for this question was 6.5 years. The median was 5 years. The response rate for this question was 77.1%.

- Mean: 6.5 years
Question #13: Frequency of visits to homeopathic practitioner if applicable.

The average frequency of visits to the homeopathic practitioner was 2.6 months. 14% described visiting the homeopathic practitioner only as needed. The response rate was 50% for this question.
Question #14: Type of Treatment

The majority of practitioner respondents received purely classical homeopathic treatment (72.7%). The response rate was 76.5% for this question.

Total Respondents;
- Classical 72.7%
- Complex only 8.7%
- Classical and complex 18.6%
Question #15: Name and potency of last homeopathic medicine taken.
There was an 76.7% response rate to this question.

Total Respondents
- 8% don't know
- 1% were not told

Most Commonly Taken Homeopathic Medicines
- Natrum muriaticum: 5.3%
- Sepia: 4.4%
- Arnica Montana: 3.5%
- Phosphorous: 3.0%
- Lycopodium: 3.0%
- Nux vomica: 2.8%
- Sulfur: 2.8%
- Pulsatilla: 2.7%
- Silica: 2.7%
- Calcarea carbonica: 1.7%
- Lachesis: 1.8%
- Thuja: 1.8%
- Carcinosin: 1.7%
- Ignatia amara: 1.5%
- Rhus toxicodendron: 1.5%
- Arsenicum album: 1.3%
- Staphysagria: 1.3%
- Aurum metallicum: 1.2%
- Hypericum perforatum: 1.2%
- Causticum: 1.2%
- Ruta gravelolens: 1.2%
• Tuberculinum: 1.0%
• Belladonna: .8%
• Cocculus indica: .7%
• Bryonia alba: .7%
• Aconite: .7%
• Falco peregrinus: .7%
• Ferrum phosphoricum: .7%
• Gelsemium sempervirens: .7%
• Medorrhinum: .7%
• Natrum carbonicum: .7%
• Strychnium: .7%
• Other: 43%

**Potency**
• LM: 9.8%
• 6C: 3.8%
• 6X: 1.6%
• 8X: .5%
• 12X: .3%
• 12C: 2.0%
• 30C: 22.3%
• 30X: 2.0%
• 200C: 27.6%
• 1M: 23.9%
• 10M: 3.0%
• 50M: .8%
• CM: .6%
• MM: .2%
• Other: 1.7%

See Appendix C for more detailed results.
Question #16: Main Reason that Sought Homeopathic Treatment (if applicable)

The most common response was general health (21%). The response rate for this question was 87.9%.

Total Responses:
- General Health: 20.6%
- Psychiatric: 16.2%
- Musculoskeletal: 8.1%
- Infectious Disease: 7.7%
- Immunology: 7.3%
- Neurology: 7.3%
- Gastroenterology: 6.7%
- Dermatology: 5.2%
- Gynecology: 4.6%
- Pulmonology: 4.2%
- Endocrinology: 3.3%
- Pediatrics: 2.7%
- Cardiology: 1.6%
- Urology: 1.2%
- Oncology: .8%
- Environmental Medicine: .7%
- Ophthalmology: .6%
- Emergency Medicine: .4%
- Obstetrics: .3%
- Otolaryngology: .3%
- Dental: .2%

Ranked General Success Rate in Treating Various Chief Complaints (%)

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- Infectious Disease
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- Gastrointestinal
- Cardiology
- Neurology
- Pulmonology
- Musculoskeletal
- General Health
- Psychiatric
- Dermatology
- Endocrinology
Question #17: How did you learn about homeopathy?
The most common response for this question was treatment of friends and family (32%). The response rate for this question was 76.3%.

Total Respondents
- Treatment of friends and family: 32.0%
- Reading book or article: 11.0%
- Other: 31.4%
- Treatment of self: 11.0%
- Practitioner Referral: %
- Study Group: 5.0%
- Public Talk: 4.5%
- Internet: 5.2%

![Graph showing the distribution of responses for learning about homeopathy]
Question #18: How did you find your homeopathic practitioner?

The most common response to this question was Referral by a Friend (33.3%). The response rate for this question was 76.40%.

Total Respondents
- Referral by a friend: 33.3%
- Referral by a Family Member: 10.1%
- Referral by a Health Care Provider: 12.1%
- Not Applicable (self treatment): 6.7%
- Other: 19.0%
- Internet: 10.8%
- Practitioner Listing: 5.5%
- Phone Book: .6%
- Reading Book or Article: 1.7%

Total Respondents (%)
Question #19: How do you pay for treatment?
The response rate to this question was 76.5%.

Total Respondents
- Out of Pocket: 85.3%
- Not applicable (free or self treatment): 5.0%
- Insurance: 4.1%
- Other: 4.1%

Many said both insurance and out of pocket
Section Three: Past Treatment

Question #20: Were your symptoms previously treated with conventional medicine?

The most common response to this question was moderately (24.8%). The response rate to this question was 87.3%.

Total Respondents

- Extensively: 12.1%
- Significantly: 19.3%
- Moderately: 24.8%
- Little: 12.7%
- Very little: 12.7%
- Not at all: 18.3%

Total Respondents (%)
Question #21: What was the response to the conventional treatment (if applicable)?

The most common response was No Improvement (21.4%). The response rate was 86.8%.

**Total Respondents**
- Extremely improved; 1.4%
- Highly improved; 4.3%
- Moderately improved; 18.7%
- Little improved; 16.4%
- Very little improved; 19.1%
- No improvement; 21.4%
- Not Applicable; 18.7%
**Question #22: Were your symptoms previously treated with alternative medicine (other than homeopathy)?**
The most common response to this question was Not At All (32.8%). There was an 86.9% response rate to this question.

**Total Respondents:**
- Extensively: 5.6%
- Significantly: 14.7%
- Moderately: 25.2%
- Little: 13.2%
- Very little: 8.5%
- Not at all: 32.8%

[Bar chart showing the distribution of responses]
Question #23: What was the response to the alternative treatment (not homeopathy)?

The most common response to this question was Not Applicable (29.8%). There was a 86.8% response rate to this question.

Total Respondents
- Extensively 5.5%
- Significantly; 11.1%
- Moderately; 27.3%
- Little; 15%
- Very little; 6.6%
- Not at all; 5.8%
- Not Applicable; 29.8%
Question #24: Were you symptoms or conditions previously treated with homeopathic medicine (other than your current practitioner or current self treatment)?
The most common response to this question was Not At All (48.3%). The response rate for this question was 75.4%.

Total Respondents
- Extensively: 8.2%
- Significantly: 14.5%
- Moderately: 13.75%
- Little: 8.8%
- Very little: 6.4%
- Not at all: 48.3%

Total Respondents (%)

Extensively
Significantly
Moderately
Little
Very Little
Not At All

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%
Question #25: What was the response to the previous homeopathic treatment?

The most common response was No Improvement (23.1%). The response rate for this question was 53.8%.

Total Respondents
- Extremely improved: 13.4%
- Highly improved: 23.1%
- Moderately improved: 22.2%
- Little improved: 12.7%
- Very little improved: 5.3%
- No improvement: 23.1%

Total Respondents (%)
Section IV: Current Homeopathic Treatment Success

Question #26: Please rate your satisfaction as a percentage on each of the following items for your homeopathic treatment.

The response rate for this question was 74.5%. A number of respondents reported difficult in answering the self-awareness question. Complete cure was noted to be uncommon.

Total Respondents
- Overall treatment success; 78.6%
- Treatment success of main complaint; 76.9%
- Improvement in mental and emotional symptoms; 78.0%
- Improvement in physical symptoms; 76.4%
- Improvement in general well being; 79.0%
- Improvement in energy; 74.5%
- Improvement in self awareness; 78.3%

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A. Classical vs. Complex Homeopathy
B. Short vs. Long Treatment

![Graph showing comparison between Short Treatment and Long Treatment across various metrics such as Overall, Chg Complaint, Mental and Emotional, Physical, Well Being, Energy, and Saf Awareness.]
C. Results by System

Overall

- Urology
- Pulmonology
- Psychiatric
- Otolaryngology
- Opthamology
- Oncology
- Obstetrics
- Neurology
- Musculoskeletal
- Infectious Disease
- Immunology
- Gynecology
- General Health
- Gastroenterology
- Environmental Medicine
- Endocrinology
- Emergency Medicine
- Dermatology
- Dental
- Cardiology
D. Cost of Treatment

[Graph showing a comparison between high and low cost of treatment across various dimensions such as Overall, Chief Complaint, Mental and Emotional, Physical, Well Being, Energy, Self Awareness.]
E. Understanding How Homeopathy Works
F. Gender

![Gender Chart]

- Male
- Female

Categories:
- Overall
- Chief Complaint
- Mental and Emotional
- Physical
- Vitality
- Energy
- Self-Awareness
G. Polychrest vs. Small Remedies

[Diagram showing comparison between Polychrest and Small Remedies across various categories such as Overall, Main Complaint, Mental and Emotional, Physical, Well Being, Energy, and Self Awareness.]
H. Sensitivity

![Graph showing sensitivity levels over time in various categories such as Overall, Main Complaint, Mental and Emotional, Physical, Well Being, Energy, and Self Awareness, with lines for Sensitivity (Allopathic), Sensitivity (Homeopathic), and Average.]
I. Potency
J. Education

![Line graph showing comparison between less educated and more highly educated individuals based on various factors.

- **Less Educated (High School and Associate's Degrees)**
- **More Highly Educated (Doctoral and Master's Degrees)**

Factors include:
- Overall
- Main Complaint
- Mental and Emotional
- Physical
- Well Being
- Energy
- Self Awareness

Graph values range from 71 to 82 on the vertical axis. The graph indicates varying levels of satisfaction or performance across different categories.
**Question #27: How long were you in treatment before you saw results (months)?**

The average response rate was 2.8 months (median=3). The response rate for this question was 76.6%.

**Total Respondents (%)**

- 0-2 weeks
- 2-4 weeks
- 4-6 weeks
- 6-8 weeks
- 2-4 months
- 4-6 months
- 6-9 months
- 9-12 months
- Longer than one year
Question #28: How much have you been able to reduce your previous medication or supplements as a consequence of homeopathic treatment as a %?
The average reduction was 65% (median=85). The response rate for this question was 71.5%.
Question #29: If you have successfully reduced your medication, what has been the approximate cost savings in US dollars per month?

The average cost savings was $28/month (median=12). Many people reported that the cost savings would be much higher if they did not have insurance that paid for their medication. The overall response rate for this question was 55.9%.
Question #30: How important has homeopathy been in your overall healthcare?

The majority of respondents described this as Extremely Important (66%). The overall response rate for this question was 77.5%.

Total Responders
- Extremely important; 66%
- Very important; 24%
- Moderately important; 6.9%
- Mildly important; 1.3%
- Slightly important; .3%
- Not at all; 1.5%

Total Respondents (%)
**Question #31: How much of a problem has antidoting been in treatment?**

The most common response was Not At All (43.3%). The response rate for this question was 75.6%.

**Total Respondents**
- Extremely high: .4%
- High: 1.9%
- Moderate: 9.3%
- Low: 23.1%
- Extremely low: 22.0%
- Not at all: 43.3%

**Total Respondents (%)**

[Bar chart showing the distribution of responses]
Question #32: How much of a problem have side effects (aggravations) been in treatment?
The most common response was Not At All (38.2%). The response rate to this question was 76.7%.

**Total Responders**
- Extremely high; 1.0%
- High; 3.6%
- Moderate; 14.4%
- Low; 20.7%
- Extremely low; 22.2%
- Not at all; 38.2%

**Total Respondents**
Question #33: If you had a problem with side effects or aggravations, were the symptoms ones that you had previously experienced at some point earlier in your life or were they new symptoms for you?
The response rate to this question was 49.5%.

Total Responders
• Previous symptoms: 73.1%
• New symptoms: 26.9%
Question #34: How compliant have you been in treatment?
The most common response was Extremely High (49.6%). The response rate for this question was 75.9%.

Total Responders
- Extremely high: 49.6%
- High: 35.8%
- Moderate: 11.1%
- Low: 2.3%
- Extremely low: .4%
- Not at all: .7%

Total Respondents (%)

Extremely High
High
Moderate
Low
Extremely Low
Not At All

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%
Question #35: How well do you understand your homeopathic treatment and how homeopathy works?
The most common response was Extremely High (43%). The response rate for this question is 76.4%.

Total Responders
- Extremely high: 43.0%
- High: 35.4%
- Moderate: 18.4%
- Low: 2.4%
- Extremely low: .4%
- Not at all: .4%

Total Respondents (%)
Question #36: What is the average cost per year for homeopathic treatment (excluding medicine) in US dollars?

The average of the responses to this question was $430.98 (median=350). Enormous variability was noted to this question. The response rate for this question was 74.7%.

Total Respondents (%)
Question #37: What is the average cost per year for homeopathic medicine in US dollars?

The average response to this question was $70.22 (median=50). There was a large variance in answers to this question. Many people also responded that the cost of the medicine was included in the initial homeopathic visit. There was a 75.1% response rate to this question.
Question #38: What do you like most about homeopathic treatment?

The most common response was Efficacy (26.7%). The response rate for this question was 71.8%.

Total Responders
- Effective: 26.7%
- Safety/Lack of Side Effects: 24.5%
- Philosophical/Natural: 9.6%
- Well Being/Treats Whole Person: 7.9%
- Easy/Convenient: 7.7%
- Other: 6.3%
- Inexpensive: 3.9%
- Thoroughness/Depth/Long Lasting: 3.8%
- Reducing Medication: 3.3%
- Love My Practitioner: 3.2%
- Individualized Personal Care: 3.1%
Question #39: What do you like least about your homeopathic treatment?
The most common response was the slow pace of healing (12.7%). The response rate to this question was 67.0%.

- Slow Pace of Healing: 12.7%
- Nothing (I like it all): 22.6%
- Cost (Not covered by health insurance): 11.3%
- Hard Work: 9.7%
- Other: 7.1%
- Side Effects: 6.8%
- Antidoting: 5.6%
- Accessing Practitioners and Remedies: 5.5%
- Not Completely Effective: 5.2%
- Understanding and Explaining How It Works: 5.2%
- Scepticism/Political Climate: 4.6%
- Unskilled Practitioners: 2.2%
- Uncertainty of Remedy Effects: 1.5%

Please see expanded descriptions below for further details.
Question #40: Anything else you would like to share about your homeopathic treatment?
The response rate for this question was 50%. The results are described in Appendix C.
Discussion and Analysis

Overview
We embarked on this project with a plan to study the nature of the current homeopathic profession and to explore changes in the homeopathic community over time. It was our hope that this study would help the homeopathic community to better assess its strengths and weaknesses and to better plan its future course. We felt that this was an essential step to help grow the homeopathic profession.

A similar study was completed seven years previously (http://www.amcofh.org/research/community) with 1150 participants and the results are compared to this study. Comparisons to data from seven years ago provides a road map of how the homeopathic community is evolving over time. In addition, combining the results of the two surveys provides a larger base to describe clinical outcomes in homeopathic treatment.

Ultimately we discovered many things that were suspected in the homeopathic community but never documented. In addition there were some surprising results, which are described below.

We were excited about the high level of participation in this study. This was represented by organizational support (nearly all the homeopathic organizations in the United States participated) and individual participation (approximately 1100 responders). The large number of responders improves the accuracy of the results and permits a more extensive analysis of the data.

Our hope is to continue to repeat this study approximately every seven years.

Response Rates
Response rates will similar for both this survey and for the previous survey.

Limitations of This Study
The results of this study were limited by the sample size and selection methods. A larger sample size for example would have permitted more precise clinical outcomes research on specific conditions. Selection method was limited by those who had internet access and had the time and patience to fill out an online survey.

Demographics

Age
The average age of homeopathic patient respondents was 51 years. This represented a 6% increase from the previous study. Canadian participants were slightly younger (49.4) than US participants (52.1). Participants receiving
complex homeopathic medicine were slightly younger (49.6). Those participants with poor results tended to be younger (49.8). Those participants who described a high understanding of treatment tended to be older (53) as well as those with high compliance (52.6) and frequent antidoting (52.5). Those participants who engaged in homeopathic treatment for shorter periods of time tended to be younger (48.9) compared to those who had engaged for longer periods (52.8). Participants seeking help for the following conditions tended to be older: Endocrinology (52.3), Immunology (52.6), Infectious Disease (53.0), Musculoskeletal (55.5) and Pulmonology (53.7). Participants engaging in more self care tended to be older (53.7). Those participants who visited their practitioner more frequently tended to be younger (49.3).

Sex
85% of total respondents were female. This represented a 4% increase from the previous study. This was lower in poor responders to homeopathic treatment (70%). Women were also noted to more often be sensitive to conventional medications (90.9%) and to homeopathic medicines (88.4%).

Ethnicity
85% of patient respondents were Caucasian. This represented a 3% decrease from the previous survey. There was a 5% increase in Hispanic participation and a 60.3% increase in Asian participation.

Species
Only 2% of respondents indicated only an animal. 42% reported treating both themselves and their animals.

Location
88% of the respondents were from the United States and 12% were from Canada. This is exactly what would be expected based on population differential between the two countries.

Respondents were from nearly all 50 states in the US and all Canadian provinces. Most well represented were:

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Marital Status
67% of the patient respondents were married. This is considerably higher than the national average in the United States (48%). This also represented a 4% increase from the previous survey while marital rates in the US are in the process of declining. Poor responders were more often married (80%).

**Occupation**

Occupation of homeopathic patients varied greatly. Most well represented were:

- Health Care Providers: 22.5%
- Retired: 11.2%
- Homemaker: 10.5%
- Business: 6.7%
- Education: 6.3%
- Student: 3.4%

This represented a 56% decrease in participation by Retired Persons from the previous survey.

What percentage of public is retired?.

Comment on how there is a strong correlation between successful treatment and becoming a homeopathic practitioner.

**Highest Level of Education**

Homeopathic patients tend to be well educated. Most commonly they have a bachelor’s level of education. There was a 3% increase in participants with a bachelor’s level of education compared to the previous survey. The educational breakdown is as follows:

- High School: 12.4%
- Bachelor’s: 31.8%
- Master’s: 25.1%
- High School: 12.4%
- Doctoral: 11.8%

**Sensitivity to Conventional Meds**

A common reason for patients to seek out homeopathic treatment is sensitivity to conventional medications (see #39). Most patients described themselves as at least moderately sensitive. There was a 12% increase in participants who described themselves as extremely sensitive from the previous survey.

- Extremely 14.3%
- Significantly 25.8%
- Moderately 33%
- Little 12.2%
- Very little 8.0%
Sensitivity to Homeopathic Meds
Patients who were sensitive to conventional medications were also more sensitive to homeopathic medications. There was a significant correlation. There was also a significant increase in participation sensitivity to homeopathic medicine compared to the previous survey (on average 28.9%).

- Extremely: 12.6%
- Significantly: 26.2%
- Moderately: 33.6%
- Little: 12%
- Very little: 9.1%
- Not At All: 6.4%

Nature of Current Homeopathic Treatment

Nature of Treatment
Most of the patient respondents were engaged in constitutional homeopathic care (87.6%). There was a 36.2% decrease in self-care only from the previous survey.

Length of Time in Homeopathic Treatment
The average was 6.5 years and the median was 5 years. This represented a 23.5% reduction from the previous survey. The average for those who visited their practitioner more frequent was lower (4.4 years). The average for poor responders was significantly lower (2.9 years). The average for elderly patients was longer (7.5 years).

Frequency of Visits to Homeopathic Practitioner
The average frequency of visits to the homeopathic practitioner was 2.6 months (median 2 months). This represented a 32% decrease from the previous survey. This was less frequent for those pursuing complex homeopathic treatment (2.1 months).

Type of Treatment
The majority of patient respondents received classical homeopathic treatment.

- Classical 72.7%
- Complex only 8.7%
- Classical and complex 18.6%

This represented a 2.1% increase in the number of participants who only used classical homeopathy and a 2.4% increase in the number of participants who only used complex homeopathy. Complex homeopathic treatment was significantly more common in those doing self-care (15.9%).
homeopathic treatment was more common in males (10.9%). Complex homeopathic treatment was more common in poor responders (20%).

**Nature of Last Remedy Taken**
8% of patient respondents did not know the name or strength of the last homeopathic medicine taken. This represented a dramatic reduction from the previous survey. 1% stated that they were not told. See Appendix C for a more detailed listing of all responses for homeopathic medicines. 200C was the most common potency chosen (27.6%), although 30C and 1M were nearly as common. The usage of LM potencies did not increase from the previous survey.

Over 50% of the homeopathic medicines most recently taken were one of 32 polycrest remedies (see below):

**Most Commonly Taken Homeopathic Medicines**
- Natrum muriaticum: 5.3%
- Sepia: 4.4%
- Arnica Montana: 3.5%
- Phosphorous: 3.0%
- Lycopodium: 3.0%
- Nux vomica: 2.8%
- Sulfur: 2.8%
- Pulsatilla: 2.7%
- Silica: 2.7%
- Calcarea carbonica: 1.7%
- Lachesis: 1.8%
- Thuja: 1.8%
- Carcinosin: 1.7%
- Ignatia amara: 1.5%
- Rhus toxicodendron: 1.5%
- Arsenicum album: 1.3%
- Staphysagria: 1.3%
- Aurum metallicum: 1.2%
- Hypericum perforatum: 1.2%
- Causticum: 1.2%
- Ruta gravelolens: 1.2%
- Tuberculinum: 1.0%
- Belladonna: .8%
- Cocculus indica: .7%
- Bryonia alba: .7%
- Aconite: .7%
- Falco peregrinus: .7%
- Ferrum phosphoricum: .7%
- Gelsemium sempervirens: .7%
- Medorrhinum: .7%
- Natrum carbonicum: .7%
• Stramonium: .7%
• Other: 43%

**Potency**
• LM: 9.8%
• 6C: 3.8%
• 6X: 1.6%
• 8X: .5%
• 12X: .3%
• 12C: 2.0%
• 30C: 22.3%
• 30X: 2.0%
• 200C: 27.6%
• 1M: 23.9%
• 10M: 3.0%
• 50M: .8%
• CM: .6%
• MM: .2%
• Other: 1.7%

**Reason that Sought Treatment**
The most common response to this question was general health (20.6%). Psychiatric (16.2%), musculoskeletal (8.1%) and infectious disease (7.7%) were also strong. This distribution is similar to what was seen on the previous survey.

**Learning About Homeopathy**
The most common response for this question was treatment of friends and family (32.0%). This speaks to the importance of spreading the word about homeopathic medicine through word of mouth. However, this response showed an 18% reduction from the previous survey. The response of internet showed a 35% increase from the previous survey.

• Treatment of friends and family: 32.0%
• Reading book or article: 11.0%
• Other: 31.4%
• Treatment of self: 11.0%
• Practitioner Referral: %
• Study Group: 5.0%
• Public Talk: 4.5%
• Internet: 5.2%

**Finding Practitioner**
The most common response was referral by a friend (33.3%). This speaks to the importance of marketing one’s practice by providing effective quality care. The usage of the internet represented a 35.8% increase from the previous survey.
• Referral by a friend: 33.3%
• Referral by a Family Member: 10.1%
• Referral by a Health Care Provider: 12.1%
• Not Applicable (self treatment): 6.7%
• Other: 19.0%
• Internet: 10.8%
• Practitioner Listing: 5.5%
• Phone Book: .6%
• Reading Book or Article: 1.7%

**Payment for Treatment**
A significant majority of patients pay for treatment out of pocket (85.3%). This was largely unchanged from the previous survey.

• Out of Pocket: 85.3%
• Not applicable (free or self treatment): 5.0%
• Insurance: 4.1%
• Other: 4.1%

**Past Treatment**

**Past Conventional Treatment**
There was a wide range in response to this question. However, the most common response to this question was Significantly (19.3%). There overall was an increase in the amount of conventional treatment prior to homeopathic treatment by 15%.

• Extensively: 12.1%
• Significantly; 19.3%
• Moderately: 24.8%
• Little 12.7%
• Very little; 12.7%
• Not at all; 18.3%

**Past Conventional Treatment Success**
The most common response was No Improvement (21.4%). Overall there a reduction of success in conventional treatment compared to the previous survey (10.1% reduction). Very few patients noted significant improvement. This speaks to the lack of success in conventional treatment as being an important factor in seeking homeopathic treatment.

• Extremely improved; 1.4%
• Highly improved; 4.3%
• Moderately improved; 18.7%
• Little improved; 16.4%
• Very little improved; 19.1%
- No improvement; 21.4%
- Not Applicable; 18.7%

**Past Alternative Treatment**
The most common response to this question was Not At All (32.8%). This was somewhat surprising. Approximately 50% of patient respondents had very little exposure to alternative medicine treatment before seeking homeopathic treatment. This indicates that homeopathic medicine is often the first portal in seeking alternative treatment. However, compared to the previous study, there was an increase in past homeopathic treatment by approximately 10%.

- Extensively 5.6%
- Significantly; 14.7%
- Moderately; 25.2%
- Little; 13.2%
- Very little; 8.5%
- Not at all; 32.8%

**Past Alternative Treatment Success**
The most common response to this question was Moderately (27.3%). Most homeopathic patient respondents who sought alternative care before homeopathy had benefit from that treatment, but found it did not produce the necessary or desired results. Overall there was a decrease in success with past alternative treatment compared to the previous survey (5%)

- Extensively 5.5%
- Significantly; 11.1%
- Moderately; 27.3%
- Little; 15%
- Very little; 6.6%
- Not at all; 5.8%
- Not Applicable; 29.8%

**Past Homeopathic Treatment**
The most common response to this question was Not At All (48.3%). The majority of homeopathic patient respondents had not sought previous homeopathic care. This is important to note. The majority of homeopathic patients do not change homeopathic practitioners over time and either continue with the same practitioner or leave homeopathic medicine altogether. This was relatively unchanged from the previous survey.

- Extensively: 8.2%
- Significantly: 14.5%
- Moderately: 13.75%
- Little: 8.8%
- Very little: 6.4%
Past Homeopathic Treatment Success
There was a wide distribution in responses to this question. The most common response was Extremely Improved (23.1%) and No Improvement (23.1%), although a majority of respondents had at least moderately improved in treatment. Presumably patients transfer from one homeopath to another because of either lack of success in treatment or because their homeopathic practitioner is no longer able to treat them (retirement, moving out of state etc.).

- Extremely improved: 13.4%
- Highly improved: 23.1%
- Moderately improved: 22.2%
- Little improved: 12.7%
- Very little improved: 5.3%
- No improvement: 23.1%

These results were relatively unchanged from the previous survey.

Current Homeopathic Treatment

Treatment Success
The overall treatment success average was 78.6%. This was unchanged from the previous survey. The highest subcategory was treatment success in general well being (70.0%). The improvement in energy was the weakest of treatment results (74.5%). Not everyone who presents for homeopathic treatment has a perceived energy problem.

- Overall treatment success; 78.6% (median 85)
- Treatment success of main complaint; 76.9%
- Improvement in mental and emotional symptoms; 78.0%
- Improvement in physical symptoms; 76.4%
- Improvement in general well being; 79.0%
- Improvement in energy; 74.5%
- Improvement in self awareness; 78.3%

Please see below for a table of the breakdown of factors that influence treatment success. Patients who get better results include women, animals, participants receiving classical homeopathic treatment, Dermatological complaints, Emergency Medicine complaints, Gastroenterological complaints, participants with High Compliance, participants with a Higher Understanding of homeopathy, participants who have been longer in treatment, Obstetric complaints, those participants receiving polychrest remedies for their last prescription, Pulmonological complaints, Low Potency prescriptions, and Urological complaints.
Participants who got worse results include LM potencies, cardiological complaints, participants using only complex homeopathy, participants visiting their practitioner more frequently, males, immunological complaints, opothamological complaints, otolaryngological complaints, and those participants who had not engaged in homeopathic treatment for very long.

The high overall success rates are an argument that homeopathic treatment is far more than placebo. Placebo response rates typically range from 30-40% success rates. A 79% overall success rate is not consistent with placebo treatment. In addition, it would be expected if homeopathy was placebo, that success rates would be higher early in treatment and less successful later in treatment. This survey showed the at the opposite was the case.

**Women** often respond better to treatment in all forms of healthcare and this was no surprise. Men often drop of treatment earlier and are less compliant with treatment in all forms of healthcare.

Patient sensitivity is an interesting finding as well. Conventional wisdom is that this makes successful treatment more difficult. However, it is possible that patient sensitivity may also broaden the response of a patient to potential remedies that are not the similimum but are merely similar.

Clearly spending a lot of money on homeopathic treatment is not an indicator of success in treatment. If anything, it is the opposite. The most skilled homeopathic practitioners are not necessarily the ones that charge the most.

Those who had previously not responded to homeopathic treatment had an average success rate when treated by a new homeopathic practitioner. This argues for the importance of referral of cases that are not responding to treatment and helps to dispel the myth that if a patient does not respond well to one practitioner, that they will not respond well to another.

Not unsurprisingly, low compliance with treatment reduced success rate in treatment. What is interesting is how good the success rate was, despite the low compliance with treatment. Patient compliance may not be as important of a factor in homeopathic treatment as it is in conventional medicine.

Having a good understanding of how homeopathy works improves success rates in treatment. Having little understanding of homeopathic treatment works reduces success rates in treatment. This may have something to do with compliance.

Low potencies were found to be more successful particularly than LM remedies. The reason for this is unclear. There has been some suggestion in the homeopathic community that 200C may not be as effective as a potency compared to other potencies. This research did not bear that out.
Lastly and perhaps most controversial were the findings in regards to complex homeopathic treatment vs. classical homeopathic treatment. Patients perceived that the classical homeopathic treatment was more effective. This was consistent with the results from the previous survey. Both forms of treatment were clearly effective. Please note that this does not necessarily argue that one form of treatment is more effective than another, it only argues about patient perceptions of treatment results.

**Length in Treatment Before Success**
The average response rate was 2.4 months (median 5 weeks). This represented an 18% reduction from the previous survey.

Males tended to take longer to see results (2.9 months) and those who were charged more for treatment (4 months). Animals tended to take less time to respond to treatment (3.6 weeks).

**Success in Reducing Medication**
The average reduction was 65%. This represented a 7% reduction from the previous study. This was less for those patients who had frequent visits to their practitioner (60.8%), patients treated with complex homeopathy (52.7%) and those whose treatment was more expensive (61.1%). It was higher for those who had been in treatment for a long time (69.8%).

Patients with a chief complaint that was emergency medicine (75%), dermatology (74.7%), gastroenterological (70.7%) and oncological (70%) had the greatest success in reducing their medication.

Animal participants (37.8%), participants receiving complex homeopathic prescriptions (52.7%), dental chief complaint (45%), pediatric participants (51.1%), endocrinological (47%), ophthalmological (57.5%) and environmental medicine (57%) had the least success in reducing their medications.

**Cost Savings of Medication Reduction/Month**
The average cost savings was $28 per month or $336 per year. This represents a 307% reduction from the previous study. The reason for this dramatic change is unknown. Many of the patient respondents reported that the cost savings would be much higher if they did not have insurance that paid for their medication. The cost savings was higher for those with a chief complaint that was oncological, and lowest for animals and those with a chief complaint that was emergency medicine.

**Importance of Homeopathy in Your Overall Healthcare**
The most common response was extremely important (66%).

- Extremely important; 66%
• Very important; 24%
• Moderately important; 6.9%
• Mildly important; 1.3%
• Slightly important; .3%
• Not at all; 1.5%

Antidoting
The most common response was Not At All (43%). This was a 7% increase from the previous study.

• Extremely high; .4%
• High; 1.9%
• Moderate; 9.3%
• Low; 23.1%
• Extremely low; 22.0%
• Not at all; 43.3%

Side Effects
The most common response was Not At All (38.2%). This represented a 3.8% increase from the previous study. Those with frequent side effects had a lower success rate in treatment.

• Extremely high; 1.0%
• High; 3.6%
• Moderate; 14.4%
• Low; 20.7%
• Extremely low; 22.2%
• Not at all; 38.2%

New Symptoms vs. Return of Old Symptoms
The majority of side effects to treatment represented a return of old symptoms (73.1%). However, one quarter of side effects to treatment represented new symptoms (26.9%). These may have been old symptoms that were not identified as a return of old symptoms or may have been proving symptoms of homeopathic treatment.

Compliance
The most common response was Extremely High (46.9%). This indicates that compliance for treatment is generally higher in homeopathic medicine than in conventional medicine. Those with high compliance tended to have higher success rates.

• Extremely high: 49.6%
• High: 35.8%
• Moderate: 11.1%
• Low: 2.3%
• Extremely low: .4%
• Not at all: .7%

**Understanding Treatment**
Most homeopathic patients indicated that they understood the nature of homeopathic treatment. Those that indicated a high understanding had better success rates in treatment and those that indicated a low understanding have worse success rates.

• Extremely high: 43.0%
• High: 35.4%
• Moderate: 18.4%
• Low: 2.4%
• Extremely low: .4%
• Not at all: .4%

**Cost of Treatment**
The average of the responses to this question was $430.98/year (median $350). This represented a 26% reduction from the previous study. The reason for this is unclear.

Factors that reduced the cost of treatment included animals, participants in Canada, those participants whose chief complaint was general health, those patients who received high potency prescriptions, male participants, participants who were not sensitive to homeopathic medicines.

• Animals: $338.9
• Participants in Canada; $394.90
• General Health: $363.30
• High Potency: $399
• Males: $339.80
• Not Sensitive: $348.80

Factors that increased the cost of treatment included treatment of cardiological complaints, complex homeopathic treatment, those participants with frequent antidoting, those participants with more frequent visits to their practitioner, those participants who were highly compliant, those patients who received LM potencies, those participants who received small remedies.

• Cardiological Complaints: $492.30
• Complex Homeopathy: $454
• Frequent Antidoting: $460
• Frequent Visits: $620
• High Compliance: $501.70
• LM Potency: $613.60
• Small Remedies: $491.50
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Cost of Medicine
The average response to this question was $70.22 (median 50). This represented a 39.1% decrease from the previous survey. The average cost reduction in allopathic medication was $336 per year making an overall cost for homeopathic treatment per year including medication and cost savings to be $165.20.

Factors that reduced the cost of medication included self care, participants who were not sensitive to medication, usage of low potencies, classical homeopathic treatment only and treatment of animals.

• Animals: $23.30
• Classical Homeopathic Treatment Only: $63.30
• Low Potencies: $64.60
• Not Sensitive: $63.70
• Self Care: $67.50

Factors that increased the cost of medications included Young participants, small remedies, participants who were sensitive to allopathic medicine, poor responders to treatment, participants who were highly compliant with treatment, participants who had more frequent visits to their practitioner, complex homeopathic treatment, LM potencies


- Complex Treatment: $108.780
- Frequent Visits to Practitioner: $82.20
- High Compliance: $77.90
- LM Potencies: $95.10
- Poor Responders: $87.80
- Sensitive to Allopathic Medicine: $78.60
- Small Remedies: $78.0
- Young: $83.40

**Like Best About Treatment**

The most common responses to this fill in the blank type questions, were that homeopathy is effective (26.7%), that it is safe (24.5%), that it is holistic and natural (9.6%). A careful study of the responses to this question provide a good guide for the best methods to market homeopathic medicine.

These results are comparable to the previous survey.

- **Effective**: 26.7%
- **Safety/Lack of Side Effects**: 24.5%
- **Philosophical/Natural**: 9.6%
- **Well Being/Treats Whole Person**: 7.9%
- **Easy/Convenient**: 7.7%
- **Other**: 6.3%
- **Inexpensive**: 3.9%
- **Thoroughness/Depth/Long Lasting**: 3.8%
- **Reducing Medication**: 3.3%
- **Love My Practitioner**: 3.2%
- **Individualized Personal Care**: 3.1%

**Like Least About Treatment**

The most common response was the slow pace of healing (12.7%). Other common responses were liking everything about treatment (22.6%), high cost (11.3%), that it is hard work (9.7%), side effects to treatment (6.8%) and accessing practitioners and remedies (5.5%).

The issue of the slow pace of healing is interesting. Some patient respondents claimed that what they like best about homeopathic treatment was the fast pace of healing in the previous question. However, the idea of the relative slowness of treatment is typical of the quick fix mentality that is prevalent in western culture.

Cost was a significant factor for many patients. There were many responses indicating that they wished that their insurance covered the cost of homeopathic treatment.

Although difficult to measure, this survey indicates insufficient numbers of homeopathic practitioners in the United States. 6% of the homeopathic patient
respondents indicated that a scarcity of homeopathic practitioners was their primary complaint about homeopathic treatment. Many of the homeopathic patient respondents complained about traveling long distances to see their homeopathic practitioner.

Of interest was a new category of responses pertaining to skepticism and political climate that was not seen on the previous survey. 4.6% of respondents felt this was their primary concern about treatment.

- Slow Pace of Healing: 12.7%
- Nothing (I like it all): 22.6%
- Cost (Not covered by health insurance): 11.3%
- Hard Work: 9.7%
- Other: 7.1%
- Side Effects: 6.8%
- Antidoting: 5.6%
- Accessing Practitioners and Remedies: 5.5%
- Not Completely Effective: 5.2%
- Understanding and Explaining How It Works: 5.2%
- Scepticism/Political Climate: 4.6%
- Unskilled Practitioners: 2.2%
- Uncertainty of Remedy Effects: 1.5%

Comparing This Data to Other Studies
This data can be directly compared to our previous study (2007). The majority of questions remained the same from the previous study.

There have been few other studies that have evaluated homeopathic practice. One of the best was published in Homeopathy (2004); Wassenhove and Ives; 93, 3-11. In this study our of Belgium, 782 patients were studied in outpatient settings. Of these patients, one or more conventional drug treatments were discontinued in over half (52%) of the patients. Prescription costs were one third of the general practice average. Patient satisfaction with their homeopathic treatment was very high (95% fairly or very satisfied) and ratings of previous conventional treatments were much lower (20%). The great majority (89%) said that homeopathy had improved their physical condition. Two thirds of the patients were female.

A similar study was made by Witt, Keil et al. (Complementary Therapies in Medicine; 2005; 13; 79-86). This study evaluated 493 patients and demonstrated greater improvement in homeopathic treatment than in conventional treatment. Overall costs showed no significant difference in both treatment groups.

Conclusions As To How Homeopathic Patient Population is Evolving Over Time
## Parameters That Effect Results in Homeopathic Treatment

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### Comparison Table of Classical Homeopathic, Complex Homeopathic and Combined Classical and Complex Homeopathic Forms of Treatment

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Dispelling Some Common Myths About Homeopathic Practice

Myth #1: Homeopathic treatment is due to the effects of placebo.

Response: With an overall 80% success rate of practice across the board, this argues strongly that homeopathic treatment is more than just placebo. We would expect only a 30-40% response rate if the success in homeopathic treatment was due to placebo alone.

Myth #2: Homeopaths treat mostly functional or psychiatric conditions.

Response: This study indicates that homeopathy treats a wide variety of conditions successfully from mild to severe pathology with good success.

Myth #3: There are a sufficient number of homeopathic practitioners in the United States.

Response: A common source of complaint regarding homeopathic treatment reflected insufficient numbers of homeopathic practitioners. Patients complained of having difficulty finding local practitioners and having to travel to far to find one. This was particularly a problem in rural settings.

Myth #4: Homeopathic patients reflect the typical diversity of the US population.

Response: We found that there were many populations that were underserved by homeopathic medicine. These included:
- Low income populations
- Hispanic community
- African American community
- Naïve American community
- Elderly

Myth #5: Success rates are the same for all homeopathic conditions.

Response: We found that certain conditions had better success rates and other conditions had worse success rates.

Myth #6: Children have better success rates than adults.

Response: We found that children had a worse success rate than adults.

Myth #7: Elderly patients have worse success rates than adults.
Response: We found that elderly patients had better success rates than adults.

Myth #8: Homeopathic treatment is too expensive.

Response: This was a major complaint of homeopathic patients in the survey. However the average cost of homeopathic treatment annually was only $580.78 per year. The average cost savings of the reduction in conventional medication and supplements was $1033.20 per year. This makes for a net cost savings of $452.42 per year.

Myth #9: Homeopathic treatment is equally effective regardless of the modality of treatment.

Response: We found in this study that patient reported success was higher for classical homeopathic treatment than for complex homeopathic treatment.

Myth #10: What patients like least about treatment is the lack of treatment success.

Response: This was not found to be true. The strongest response to the question of what patients liked least about homeopathic treatment was the slow pace of healing.

Myth #11: Patient compliance in homeopathic treatment has a significant effect of success in treatment.

Response: This was not found to be the case.

Myth #12: Side effects to homeopathic treatment where new symptoms develop (not return of old symptoms) are seldom seen in treatment.

Response: 25% of all side effects to treatment reported by homeopathic patients were new symptoms.
Recommendations
1. The homeopathic community needs to train more homeopathic practitioners.
2. The homeopathic community needs to reach out to more diverse ethnic groups for treatment.
3. The homeopathic community needs to find better ways of reaching men in homeopathic treatment.
4. Further research needs to be done on comparing the efficacy of complex vs. classical homeopathic treatments.
5. Further research needs to be done comparing the results of this survey to other alternative medicine fields within the United States.
6. Further research needs to be done comparing the results of this survey to international homeopathic studies.
7. Further research needs to be done comparing the efficacy of hahnemannian methods vs. more modern methods of prescribing.
8. The homeopathic community should seek out methods to improve affordability for its patients.
9. Research needs to be done on reevaluating the potential for homeopathic treatment to cause side effects (other than a return of old symptoms).
10. The homeopathic community needs to do a better job in educating its patients about how homeopathic medicine works.
11. The homeopathic community should develop better marketing strategies that reflect the needs of their patients.
12. This survey should be repeated every 5-7 years.
Appendix A: National Homeopathic Patient Survey

Appendix D: Data Collection Instruments

Appendix D1: Survey
North American Homeopathic Patient Survey

1. Patient Demographics

Please fill in your best answer for all the questions below. Fill out a separate survey for each of your children or any treated in your family.

*1. Welcome to the North American Homeopathic Patient Survey. This study was created by the American Medical College of Homeopathy in an effort to better understand homeopathic practice in North America. The results of this study will be made available on our website at the completion of this study. We anticipate that this questionnaire can be completed in 15 minutes.

SUBJECT'S CONSENT FORM

Project Title: North American Homeopathic Patient Survey

You are being asked to read the following material to ensure that you are informed of the nature of this research study and of how you will participate in it, if you consent to do so. Checking the box below will indicate that you have been so informed and that you give your consent. Federal regulations require informed consent prior to participation in this research study so that you can know the nature and risks of your participation and can decide to participate or not participate in a free and informed manner. If you choose not to participate, your refusal will involve no penalty. This study has been approved by the American Medical College of Homeopathy Institutional Review Board (IRB).

PURPOSE
You are being invited to participate voluntarily in the above-titled research project. The purpose of this project is to study the North American homeopathic community.

SELECTION CRITERIA
To be eligible to participate, you must be at least 21 years old. We anticipate at least 120 individuals participating in this study.

PROCEDURE(S)
This on-line survey will be open from January through March 2014. A few questions are required to be filled out to participate in the survey.

RISKS
North American Homeopathic Patient Survey

There are no known risks to participation.

BENEFITS
There is no direct benefit to you from your participation. However, results of this study will be available on our website at the completion of the study.

CONFIDENTIALITY
Every effort will be made to protect the confidentiality of the participants. Questionnaires have been prepared to prevent the identification of individuals participating and the data will not be shared with anyone other than the investigators.

PARTICIPATION COSTS AND SUBJECT COMPENSATION
There is no cost to you for participating except your time. You will not be compensated for your participation.

CONTACTS
You can obtain further information about the research or voice concerns or complaints about the research by calling the Principal Investigator Todd Rowe MD, MD(H), CCP at (602) 347-7950. If you have questions concerning your rights as a research participant, have questions, complaints, or concerns about the research and cannot reach the Principal Investigator, or want to talk to someone other than the Investigator, you may contact the American Medical College of Homeopathy Human Subjects Protection Program at (602) 347-7950.

AUTHORIZATION
Before giving my consent by signing this form, the methods, inconveniences, risks, benefits have been explained to me and my questions have been answered. I may ask questions at any time and I am free to withdraw from the project at any time. My participation in this project may be ended by the investigator or by the sponsor for reasons that would be explained. New information developed during the course of the study which may affect my willingness to continue in this research project will be given to me as it becomes available. I do not give up any of my legal rights by consenting to participate.

☐ Yes
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*2. Age:

- 0-10 years
- 11-20 years
- 21-30 years
- 31-40 years
- 41-50 years
- 51-60 years
- 61-70 years
- 71-80 years
- Greater than 80 years

3. Sex:

- Male
- Female

4. Ethnicity:

- African American
- Hispanic
- Asian
- Caucasian
- Native American
- Other (please specify)

5. Is homeopathic treatment done on yourself/family, your animals or both?

- Humans
- Animals
- Both
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6. State or province where you live:

- Alabama
- Alaska
- Alberta
- American Samoa
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- British Columbia
- California
- Canada
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- District of Columbia
- Florida
- Georgia
- Guam
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maine
- Manitoba
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
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- Minnesota
- Mississippi
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- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- New Brunswick
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- New York
- Newfoundland and Labrador
- North Carolina
- North Dakota
- Northern Marianas Islands
- Northwest Territories
- Nova Scotia
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Ontario
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- Puerto Rico
- Quebec
- Rhode Island
- Saskatchewan
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Utah
- Vermont
- Virginia
- Virgin Islands
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- Washington
- West Virginia
- Wisconsin
- Wyoming
- Yukon

7. Marital Status:
- Married
- Single
8. Occupation

- Aesthetician
- Artist
- Business
- Clergy
- Clerical
- Education
- Engineering
- Entertainment
- Farming
- Finance
- Food Services
- Health Care Providers
- Homemaker
- Labor
- Legal
- Miscellaneous
- None
- Real Estate
- Retired
- Scientist
- Sports
- Student
- Other (please specify)


9. Highest Level of Education Achieved:

- High School
- Associates Degree
- Bachelor's Degree
- Master's Degree
- Doctoral Degree
- Other (please specify)
North American Homeopathic Patient Survey

2. Past Healthcare Treatment

Please fill out your best answer for the questions below. If you wish, fill out a separate survey for each of your children or animals treated in your family. However, this will require a separate computer.

10. How sensitive are you to conventional medications?
- Extremely
- Significantly
- Moderately
- Little
- Very Little
- Not At All

11. Were your symptoms (or condition) previously treated with conventional medicine?
- Extensively
- Significantly
- Moderately
- Little
- Very Little
- Not At All

12. What was the response to this conventional treatment?
- Extremely improved
- Highly improved
- Moderately improved
- Little improved
- Very little improved
- No improvement
- Not applicable
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13. Were your symptoms (or condition) previously treated with alternative medicine (other than homeopathy)?
   - Extensively
   - Significantly
   - Moderately
   - Little
   - Very Little
   - Not At All

14. What was the response to this alternative treatment (not homeopathy)?
   - Extremely improved
   - Highly improved
   - Moderately improved
   - Little improved
   - Very little improved
   - No improvement
   - Not applicable

15. How sensitive are you to homeopathic medications?
   - Extremely
   - Significantly
   - Moderately
   - Little
   - Very Little
   - Not At All

16. What was the main reason for which you sought homeopathic treatment (chief complaint)?
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3. Nature of Homeopathic Treatment

Please fill out your best answer for the questions below. If you wish, fill out a separate survey for each of your child/animals treated in your family. However, this will require a separate computer.

**17. On a scale of 0-100%, please rate your satisfaction as a percentage on each of the following items for your homeopathic treatment:**

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18. What was the name and potency (strength) of the last homeopathic medicine that you received?

☐ Don't know.

☐ Was not told.

☐ Other (please specify)

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19. How long were you in treatment before you saw results (months)?

☐ 0-2 weeks

☐ 2-4 weeks

☐ 4-6 weeks

☐ 6-8 weeks

☐ 2-4 months

☐ 4-6 months

☐ 6-9 months

☐ 9-12 months

☐ Longer than one year
North American Homeopathic Patient Survey

20. Type of Treatment
   - Classical (one remedy at a time)
   - Complex (multiple remedies at one time)
   - Both Classical and Complex

21. Check all that apply.
   - Self Care Only
   - Treatment By Homeopathic Practitioner (now or in past)
   - Both

22. How important has homeopathy been in your overall healthcare?
   - Extremely Important
   - Very Important
   - Moderately Important
   - Mildly Important
   - Slightly Important
   - Not At All

23. How much have you been able to reduce your previous medication, or supplements as a consequence of homeopathic treatment (as a %)?
   - 0-10%
   - 10-20%
   - 20-30%
   - 30-40%
   - 40-50%
   - 50-60%
   - 60-70%
   - 70-80%
   - 80-90%
   - 90-100%
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24. **If you have successfully reduced your medication, what has been the approximate cost savings (in US dollars per month)?**

- None
- $1-$25 per month
- $26-$50 per month
- $51-$75 per month
- $76-$100 per month

Other (please specify)

25. **Length of time in homeopathic treatment:**

- Not applicable
- 0-6 months
- 6-12 months
- 1-2 years
- 2-4 years
- 4-6 years
- 6-8 years
- 8-10 years
- 10-12 years
- More than 12 years

26. **Frequency of visits to homeopathic practitioner (if applicable):**

- Weekly
- Monthly
- Every Six Weeks
- Every Two Months
- Every Three Months
- Every Six Months

Other (please specify)
North American Homeopathic Patient Survey

27. Were your symptoms or condition previously treated with homeopathic medicine (other than your current practitioner or current self treatment)?

- Extensively
- Significantly
- Moderately
- Little
- Very Little
- Not At All

28. What was the response to this previous homeopathic treatment?

- Extremely improved
- Highly improved
- Moderately improved
- Little improved
- Very little improved
- No improvement

29. What is the average cost per year for homeopathic treatment (excluding medicine) in US dollars?

- $0-100
- $100-$200
- $200-$300
- $300-$400
- $400-$500
- $500-$600
- $600-$700
- $700-$800
- $800-$900
- $900-$1000
- More than $1000
North American Homeopathic Patient Survey

30. What is the average cost per year for your homeopathic medicine (in US dollars)?

- $0-$20
- $21-$40
- $41-$60
- $61-$80
- $81-$100
- $101-$120
- $121-$140
- $141-$170
- $171-$200
- More than $200 per year

31. How do you pay for treatment?

- Insurance
- Out of pocket
- Not applicable (free of self treatment)
- Other (please specify)

32. How much of a problem has antidoting been in treatment (factors interfering with the action of the homeopathic medicine)?

- Extremely High
- High
- Moderate
- Low
- Extremely Low
- Not at all
North American Homeopathic Patient Survey

33. How much of a problem have side effects or aggravations been in treatment?
   - Extremely High
   - High
   - Moderate
   - Low
   - Extremely Low
   - Not at all

34. If you have had a problem with side effects or aggravations, were the symptoms ones that you had previously experienced at some point earlier in your life or were they new symptoms for you?
   - Previous Symptoms
   - New Symptoms

35. How compliant have you been with treatment (eg. making all follow-ups, taking homeopathic medicine according to the instructions)?
   - Extremely High
   - High
   - Moderate
   - Low
   - Extremely Low
   - Not At All

36. How well do you understand your homeopathic treatment and how homeopathy works?
   - Extremely High
   - High
   - Moderate
   - Low
   - Extremely Low
   - Not At All

37. What do you like most about your homeopathic treatment?
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38. What do you like least about your homeopathic treatment?

39. How did you learn about homeopathy?
- Treatment of Self
- Treatment of Friends or Family
- Study Group
- Public Talk
- Reading a Book or Article
- Internet
- Other (please specify)

40. How did you find your homeopathic practitioner?
- Referral by a Health Care Practitioner
- Referral by Family Member
- Referral by Friend
- Internet
- Reading Book or Article
- Practitioner Listing
- Phone Book
- Not Applicable (Self Treatment)
- Other (please specify)
41. Is there anything else you would like to share with us about your homeopathic treatment?
Appendix B

Positive

1. Worth the expense and hassles
2. I love homeopathy so much. It's helped our lives profoundly. I am grateful to Samuel Hahnemann on so many instances. Yes, transforming lives.
3. Homeopathy has been the best thing I've ever done for myself and my family. I'm so happy to be off of the mainstream medicine merry-go-round!
4. It truly works!
5. Love thine self. ;)
6. XXX is extraordinary to work with!
7. It rocks and have been using it for 20 yrs. great for dogs. Wish there were studies done on it more to prove it does work.
8. Yes, please do whatever you can to make this more mainstream. Thank you
9. I am just so glad we have H.I.P. as an option instead of vaccinations! We love our homeopath, also. It's all good!
10. I love that it addresses the whole self. The physical, emotional, mental body are all always taken into consideration. This makes sense to me.
11. Highly recommend it
12. IT WORKED FOR ME AND IT WILL WORK FOR OTHERS
13. I have recommended homeopathy to hundreds of people
14. Once I became aware and decided to become a patient I've come to the realization that I'm a Homeopathic patient for life.
15. I love homeopathy--heart and soul!
16. I've learned not all practitioners are at the same level. I couldn't begin to describe my gratitude.
17. My cat enjoys a free and peaceful life now.
18. It's been a very incredible experience... I feel very lucky to be part of this knowledge
19. Homeopathy changed my life. I was told at the age of 25 that I would take anti-depressants for the rest of my life. I was able to go off allopathic medicine and treat with St. John's Wort only until extreme stress due to job loss caused a relapse. I never thought there was hope for such a drastic change. When I started treatment, I was taking 600 mg of Wellbutrin, 100 mg of Zoloft and 5 - 10 mg of Ambien a day. I didn't even realize how over-medicated I was. Also, my homeopath was the first doctor to really listen and no dismiss my chronic low-grade fever.
20. Thanks!
21. Only that I really believe it is in many cases the best option both from the standpoint of effectiveness and 3rd party payments aside more reasonable in cost, often less than the insurance out of pocket.
22. I wish more people could avail of it.
23. Thank God I found it and my practitioner. I wish my family would participate.
24. As I said before, I no longer get sick as often
25. I hope to see a boom of homeopathy across the world, as people to seek real treatments to cure their problems without masking them or creating more as in allopathy.

26. I believe I would be dealing with grave medical issues that were never addressed correctly before I began homeopathy. I am grateful that this was introduced into my life.

27. I have used homeopathy for my granddaughter, who is not vaccinated. She is 5 and has been in excellent health. Minor ear infection got treated with Pulsatilla, croup got treated with Aconite and Spongia.

28. It's been a great experience.

29. It's great! I wish more people would believe in it's power.

30. I have had wonderful results with homeopathy. but there has also been other issues that have not been resolved. but healing is always a process.

31. It changed my health, thinking, memory, life

32. Love Homeopathy! I have a wonderful Homeopath.

33. its great

34. It is better than conventional medicine and should be covered by insurance

35. Good idea on the survey - you should do it ONLY for professionals, find out who is really doing the work, full time, what they earn per month, time they spend, investment in their education, etc. The business side of homeopathy is VERY neglected, never taught and the burn out factor very high!

36. It has helped me tremendously come down from overwhelm and anxiety to a more grounded state where I am able to function so much better!

37. Broadens base of health care for me

38. Can't explain how much better I feel - migraines, but also overall well being.

39. Reasons I chose homeopathy: Prefer non-toxic meds, distrust of pharma corps, dislike conventional practitioner's manner, unwilling to cause taxation for high-cost meds, desire to see homeopathic market expand.

40. My cats lived long lives due to a raw diet and homeopathic vet. My current dog is under the care of the same homeopathic vet and her health has improved so much. She was a shelter dog with an unknown past. Finally, after 20+ years the remedy chosen for me finally loosened my neck and my issues have mostly resolved. I M so happy!

41. I treat myself with excellent results

42. It treats more than just this one ailment

43. It's changed my life and allowed me to flourish on all levels.

44. I am a health care professional myself, but have not taken any allopathy meds for the past 3 years. Very satisfied with the results of homeopathy

45. So humane and personal in this day of rushed and "one size fits all" medicine.

46. It is awesome!!!

47. I combine it with meditation, positive body image and prayer
48. The complexity of my homeopathic experiences (numerous remedies, chronic and acute problems, long time...) makes it difficult to answer the questions, but I just focused on the main, chronic problem which is improving drastically, but we're still in the midst of treatment...

49. I have seen great healings with homeopathy and I plan to keep learning more because nothing works like this medicine does.

50. Few questions in this survey are confusing e.g. "how sensitive are you to say Homeopathic medicine?". Here, "sensitive" is positive or negative? Also, if I was treated for acute illnesses - several times then - it seems I should not be filling this survey. But in fact, I have seen Homeopathy works beautifully in acute conditions.

51. I wish I could convince people to use homeopathy.

52. So thrilled to be off Ritalin -- not toxic and not bad for my blood pressure.

53. On and off when necessary for 15 years.

54. Elm is very helpful with my anxiety.

55. It has been a very positive personal growth experience.

56. I think the whole world should be back to this method of treatment!

57. I wish the general public could better understand homeopathy.

58. Plan to continue......

59. I wish the whole world knew about it. I highly recommend it to everyone I know.

60. I hardly ever see my MD or ND now.

61. My homeopath practitioner is amazing and inspiring.

62. It is very effective in treating a large variety of ailments.

63. I wish more people could be better educated and not be so surprised by aggravations which lead to healing.

64. It is wonderful.

65. While I may not be completely healed yet, homeopathy has taken the bizarre symptoms i experience such as an utterly unbearable feeling of emptiness in my abdomen which i felt totally out of control over and helped heal it slowly so as the feeling got smaller and smaller and less and less frequent. that is something i will be forever grateful for.

66. Simply the best treatment for acute and chronic disease.

67. Has been a god send! Whole family on NO prescriptions! Husband 63, me 57, children 20's.

68. Once the relationship has been established with your homeopath, follow ups work v well on Skype.

69. My family has only used Homeopathy and Alternative medicine for about 15 yrs and are extremely satisfied.

70. Very rarely would I use any other types of treatment with the exception of surgical trauma accident.

71. When I compare where I was at 53 with where I am at 73, I'm very pleased at the increased energy and the low level of illness that I have contracted.

72. I have worked with several alternative healing modalities, and Homeopathy has been the one that provided the most profound and
lasting results in my experience.
73. Its all over giving good resistance and make you capable to higher
purpose of existence- aphorism 9
74. Great
75. Energy Medicine is the Future
76. I love working with homeopathy - simple, effective, low cost,
transformative!
77. it works!
78. It's great!
79. It has saved accident-prone me and pets so much!
80. I so wish I had gone to homeopaths when I was a child!
81. it help me a lot with my anxiety and my self-confidence
82. The combination of homeopathy & Osteopathy has been perfect and kept
this 85 year old young!
83. Wonderful system of healing
84. I love homeopathy!! I'm a student of it in Buffalo, and I hope to change my
career to be a practitioner when I become more versed in the information.
85. Homeopathy supported my life.
86. It has improved our lives so much. My family is so much healthier
emotionally and physically. We treasure our homeopath!
87. This questionnaire does not really address my personal interaction with
homeopathy. It is closed questioned enough for a survey, but how do you
fit 25 years of excellent family health into just a few questions.
88. I feel I owe my life and quality of life to my Homeopath
89. I love how it works so gently and effectively
90. I have sought a new homeopath
91. Dr. XXX is amazing!
92. Yes, I believe homeopathy to be the best healing system for me and I
believe that I studied and became a homeopath intuitively. Law of similars
has worked beautifully to allow my body to do what it is capable of,
naturally & without complications!
93. It is the best thing I have every done for myself & family!
94. It works, I trust it.
95. Wish more would use it. They are too unsure of why it works because
they don't understand the energetics of the body or the products.
96. I love it, but it's hard to explain to others
97. Hundreds of lives (family and friends) have been improved through
homeopathy because one person dared to challenge my thinking about
medicine.
98. Go homeopathy! Also works for allergies very well.
99. It is effective and I have not used any traditional meds for the past 10
years.
100. I would recommend it to anyone.
101. I believe it works best with a health care provider or doctor.
102. I was ruling out other methods of treatment for my skin as everyone
has a recommendation/cure. While I did not find Homeopathy any more
successful than anything else I have tried, I have greatly benefited by the counseling from my practitioner. I would still be going if I could afford to do so--plan on going again when I am able.

103. It is the most deeply healing form of medicine that exists on the planet. It has worked miracles for both myself and my animals. I ONLY use Homeopathic medicine.

104. I have treated by homeopathy since I was 8 years old. At 71, conventional doctors are amazed that I take none of their "meds".

105. My practitioner, XXX, was amazingly thorough, and the results were amazing, close to miraculous, considering how my bad my gut was and how it was adversely affecting my daily life. But I also went in there believing that I could heal and that he was going to be able to find the right treatment to heal me:-)

106. It has been a good experience and I have enjoyed it and the help of my homeopathic practitioner

107. Whenever someone tells me issue's in their life, I refer them to Homeopathic.

108. Waiting time was so little by comparison

109. It changed my life.

110. i'm grateful my homeopath is still trying to find the right remedy

111. I am very pleased with my homeopathic treatment. It has been a very positive experience and has been life changing. However, I wonder if it has been a placebo effect or not.

112. This has been the best positive experience in my journey to good health

113. Homeopathy has been the single most effective treatment for my ailments I have found for myself and my children. From my experience and from working in the medical field, I strongly believe people should see a classical homeopath before going to a MD or ND.

114. I have had success with homeopathy in the past, however, the latest treatment(s) were not effective at all. I don't believe the practitioner ever picked the right remedy for me.

115. It's truly saved my life & taught me more than I could have ever imagined about myself & others. I'm forever grateful.

116. I see it as another alternative to treating problems and refer my pts who are open to it.

117. So far so good, plan on continuous use for the rest of the year.

118. This has been the most profound experience in my entire life!!! i have faith and complete confidence in my homeopathic dr. i can't say enough about the great changes in myself even though i'm not 100% cured. to me it's a process in work and that's ok. truly i am thankful and grateful!!!!!

119. It has works wonderfully for my allergies; it was not as successful with my endometriosis

120. I believe it has increased the longevity and quality of my life

121. I exclusively self-treat currently, but as a child was treated by a
homeopathic practitioner for frequent ear infections and sore throats. My health improved dramatically and 30 years later I am still generally in excellent health and rarely need to seek medical care.

122. I got treatment earlier in my life for a lung condition that cleared up and is never presented a problem again.

123. I value it greatly.

124. I prefer it compared to Conventional Medications, as I do not like swallowing pills.

125. We've been homeopathic for about 25 years and I thank God that we found it!

126. My homeopath has proven to be the best dr., nurse, therapist and counselor all rolled into one. I really appreciate all the help and care he has shown me. I've come a long way on this road to healing thanks to him.

127. It is all I will use for myself, and it is my first choice for our animals.

128. Sometimes I'm skeptical of homeopathy because the diagnosis depends on what the homeopath hears the patient say about their feelings and symptoms, and that can vary from day to day. But the remedies that have been prescribed for me over the course of 15 years working with the same homeopath have often proved very helpful. It's a mysterious discipline, but fascinating.

129. Wish there were more practitioners located in southwest Ohio. And that it would gain more acceptance and widespread use!

130. I am amazed at the gentle and effective care homeopathic treatment offers.

131. Having worked in the medical field from drug representative to coordinating clinical drug trials to lab bench work, I know after 23 years of being treated homeopathically that this modality can rightly have as it's oath "first do no harm" and significantly improve the suffering of mankind

132. I am so thankful for the results I have seen and I feel cared for as a whole person not just a symptom>

133. it is a shame that more people do not know about homeopathy

134. That it works and keeps me in good health; that if I have a serious health problem that does not respond to classical remedies I can go to a professional and know that the treatment will not disable me like allopathic treatment do.

135. My mental’s have improved the most. I am being treated purely constitutionally and it is taking some time. My allergies and asthma have only improved slightly but I trust the medicine enough to wait.

136. Homeopathy is a beautiful and powerful healing art. I hope it survives any attacks from conventions and pharmas. Hopefully homeopathy students are being well prepared and have the tools to bring this gift to our ailing population.

137. These questions seem to refer to treatment is a one time single treatment or for targeting a single ailment. I am 38 years old and have been fortunate to be "born and raised" on homeopathy. And up until about 12-14 years ago I mostly only used homeopathy for acute conditions, 30c,
100c, 200c potencies for first aid type of purposes. For the past 12-14 years I have been using classical remedies for a couple back-to-back ongoing illnesses. While there have been some relatively superficial improvements along the way it is only been in the last year that the very deep roots have brought to the surface and can be addressed head on with the appropriate remedy or remedies. So on the first aid side of homeopathy I've witnessed great results and most always carry key remedies with me. For deeper classical treatments that is a different journey for everyone and whether someone uses classical homeopathy or other alternative "medicine" treatments (including other energy work) they need to be open to the healing in the first place as well as being open for the directions and length of the path (short or long) that may unfold. From this perspective it is a little hard to answer some of these questions as the answers may change relative to first aid type treatments, shorter term classical homeopathic treatments, or longer term classical homeopathic treatments.

138. For my family it has resolved ADHA, asthma, allergies, behavior problems, headaches, flu, cold, virus, rashes, acne, chronic nosebleeds. Homeopathy Rocks!

139. There have been two long-term symptoms which have not responded at all. There have been multiple other symptoms which have been cured. So far there has been no response to the most recent remedy, Arsenicum album

140. I am blessed to be very healthy. Homeopathic is always my first choice for treatment or relief.

141. We need homeopathic medicine available to more people- it cures everyday!

142. I am grateful for Dr. Hahnemann and all others who have made an effort to make Homeopathy known and available to people seeking balance in life.

143. I take homeopathic remedies for any issues that arise and find them very effective without side affects. They are in expensive and treat the condition with quick responses and I would not want to be without them.

144. Homeopathy works miracles! I love that it works gently and all levels of health. I wish everyone knew about it and was willing to use it.

145. Its brilliant medicine that deserves to be acknowledged; and should be made available as a covered health care option for everyone.

146. I hope to never again be caught in the web of the allopathic health care system.

147. I have concerns regarding the push for acceptance by the conventional med. community. Though I recognize the need for that acceptance, I feel the med. community will start pushing its ways of treating into homeopathy. Such as wanting a specific medicine to treat all cases of a certain disease instead of the proper method of treating--by
individual need and characteristics. Sometimes it works, as in taking the combo homeopathics, but not so as a constitutional which is matched to the person or animal. I personally am thankful for both types of homeopathic availability. One thing I do not understand is WHY the retail people have chosen to carry homeopathy. meds in 30 C doses and not have the lower doses available. This conventional medical thinking--more is better. Also it used to be that the 200 C meds were only available through a prescribing, certified homeopathic dr. or ND. The medical community will continue to always find a fault and tear the system down until they are satisfied that medicines like homeopathy can do no good and only work as placebos.

I majored in Psychology, after the majority of my health issue were brought under control by homeopathic medicine. There are people out there who claim it is a placebo effect, who doubt that it has any true impact on someone's well-being and they are wrong. If it had not been for homeopathic medicine I do not think I would have made it, let alone led a somewhat normal life.

It has changed my entire family and circle of friends lives and improved the collective quality of life.

My first approach to illness is with food, then herbs and then homeopathy. It's a 'big gun'.

I use it for my children as well as myself.

I love it

It speeded up recovery time from surgery.

Our homeopath is wonderful and very reasonably priced. I've referred a couple of people to homeopathy, and they pay a high price for every visit. That has caused them to stop homeopathic treatment.

Love it. When in doubt I use kinetics to decide

I have used homeopathic medicines for several other conditions with success

Simple yet very effective

Homeopathy has changed the course of my life and the lives of my entire family. We are grateful.

It feels like the right thing to do.

I wish more people would use it. They would feel better and be on less medications.

So grateful for homeopathy

I find some of my practitioner's methods highly questionable. For example, she asks about my improvement, but is uninterested in other variables outside of the treatment that I know for sure affect my condition (e.g., seasonal or local variations in environmental allergens) or in my own experience with the pace of past improvement or deterioration. Nothing about the treatment has made me less skeptical.

Homeopathy heals!

I was able to get Homeopathic treatment covered under our work health plan; however, practitioners who work with the 6th Organon
methodology are few and far between. I wish that was emphasized more in homeopathic schools. I live in a very large metropolitan city and would have to travel 1.5 hours outside of it to get to the only LM potency practitioner that I have been able to locate within driving distance.

165. I love it.
166. Spread the News, homeopathy works!
167. Love it!!
168. Concerned about the 'what if' when may need nursing home care (have M.S. too at 78) and whether I can still receive homeopathic care, SO grateful for the life-saving help I have received!
169. Homeopathy is the best form of medicine
170. I love homeopathy and use it frequently when problems arise
171. Homeopathy has helped my entire family. I will continue to use this form of treatment for my health and my family's well being.
172. I do believe in it's healing power

173. I used to have allergy symptoms that were terrible spring & fall. I tried over the counter, got tested, started shots 7th grade until early college. They continued to get worse. After being treated with homeopathy not only are my allergies completely gone (25 years now), my overall health is excellent. I rarely (maybe 1x every 5 - 6 years get a cold or flu. I highly recommend it.
174. I came to homeopathy for allergy relief. Although it has not helped my allergies much at this point, I have been helped emotionally, which I did not expect.
175. It is a long process that brings up past trauma so that I can work through my karma so it's not easy but I'm hanging in there and am glad I don't have to go to medical doctors anymore.
176. H's are my preferred and primary mode of treatment.
177. Since my start with homeopathy, I have undone several suppressions from allopathic medicine. My health is much improved over the 24 years I and my family have been using it.
178. Thanks for the work you do.
179. I think homeopathy is so underrated and undervalued in our country - very simple but effective messaging is needed.
180. Given we've been trying assorted things for only 6 months, I'm not sure I am a good person for this survey. However, when I previously used store-bought homeopathic for pre and post-op recovery as instructed by my DOM, those were of noticeable help to me. Now the task of pain I have had for over a dozen years!
181. It is by far the best for deep healing-going beyond the physical
182. Yes, I think it should be paid for by insurance carriers.
183. My family depends on homeopathic treatment, which has been incredibly effective. My younger child, who is now 20, has never had an antibiotic treatment and uses homeopathy almost exclusively. I have been under a homeopath's care for over 15 years, and I rarely use allopathic
doctors or medicines. I know that our health is much improved because of this.

184. I wish it was more accepted and recognized by insurance
185. If it was not for my son diagnosed with autism, we would not likely ever discovered homeopathy. I'm so grateful we did because our family as a whole has been impacted in an amazingly positive way.

186. I found a homeopath because of my child's chronic ear infections. It took a few years but did cure the infections. Also cured asthma in the same child. Also cured respiratory infections in myself and allergies in my husband. Initially saw a homeopath, then began studying and some self treatment along with homeopath's guidance. In 20 years each family member only needed antibiotics once. Also Lyme's disease was treated early with homeopathy and antibiotics and did not have reoccurrence or complications. Our lives are very different because of homeopathy. I have felt much more productive in the past 20 years than I did before homeopathy. My life seems simple, easy instead of complicated. Medical problems make life complicated.

187. I wish that homeopathy would be accepted as a valid form of medicine more widely than it presently is.
188. Homeopathy is FABULOUS and needs to be in every home, hospital and doctor's office around the world! We would have such a healthier and happier society if it were.
189. Homeopathy changed my whole life. I am so grateful!
190. Homeopathy has saved my life on numerous occasions. The results have been astonishing and inspired my course of study for more than 20 years. It is the lens through which I view the world.
191. I am glad you are available as an alternative to pharmaceuticals
192. I love this system of healing
193. I truly believe in it--it works!
194. It's fantastic and would recommend it to anyone!
195. I BELIEVE HOMEOPATHY IS BEST MED SYSTEM-HANDS DOWN!
196. Yes.
197. Don't give up keeping people informed
198. Our family of 7 children and 4 grandchildren have been blessed with 30 years of the truth of homeopathy!
199. I love the thought of homeopathy and hope it becomes a regular practice here in the USA.
200. I am so fortunate I found a homeopathic physician that works with my whole family.
201. I love homeopathy. I hope others can learn about it and heal! With more practitioners were out there.
202. After successful treatment by homeopath and moving to area that didn't have homeopath read books then attended summer courses on east coast and continued to study homeopathy, books, internet, conventions.
I love it and look forward to more greatness and would love to share with everyone I know!

Homeopathy is the only system that makes sense to me as it is so specific to each individual and not "one size fits all"!

This is the only system of medicine that works

I am excited to work with a practitioner that wants to heal, not just give some chemical pill

I'm very happy with the practitioner.

I have been working on a BPH Prostate and haven't been able to get it totally under control YET!

My practitioner chooses remedies by muscle testing

I feel very lucky to have my homeopath. Without her, I would not have been able to get off anti-depressants. My grown children with special needs have also experienced great growth with homeopathic treatment.

I am now speaking of my chronic illness, in which homeopathy has not worked on my physical symptoms - AT ALL. It has worked on emotional symptoms quite nicely.

It has helped me in many areas of my life both personally and professionally

Homeopathy works, but it's not for everyone. Most people don't want to face what ails them.

I am the healthiest I can be with Homeopathy.

Thanks for your great work

I love it. I use it on my kids & they call it the magic pellets

I have used homeopathy for self and family for 30 yrs

I have used for stage fright and squeaky door (not nux vomica for these)

LOVE it! Thanks for asking! :)

Homeopathy is the best thing that has happened for my health

Homeopathy saved my quality of life

The cost, effectiveness and the ability to treat at home has resulted in a healthy family

I really am grateful for how fast my condition improved. My practitioner did an amazing job. I use homeopathic a all the time this is just one small example.

My homeopath is the best.

Now to save money for my own classical treatment of nasal catarrh = headaches. I have tons of books/repertory and will be a student of homeopathy for life :)

I LOVE homeopathy. It changed my life!

Far superior to allopathic treatment. The only RX I use is pre-medicating prior to dental visits

I am very grateful to have "found" homeopathy forty plus years ago.
It has worked miracles several times in our family.
229. Most of my treatment is constitutional with occasional acute remedies for illnesses or symptoms that arise
230. Love it! Let's spread the word!
231. I trust, value and "love" my homeopathic MD more than any other medical professional I have ever met.
232. Still very helpful at my age, immediate response and low cost
233. I am very encouraged about Homeopathy helping me.
234. It saved my life. At this time I am hopeful that I will continue to be healthy.
235. It was life-transforming.
236. It's been a lifesaver and I'll never go back to allopathic medicine as a first choice.
237. Very grateful
238. I just began my treatment so my estimates of effectiveness are conservative. I expect to see more improvement as I continue my treatment. I'm very optimistic and am happy I found this doctor. Conventional MDs (neurologists, endocrinologist, general practitioner) were unable to help me, did not listen, did not seem to care.
239. Love homeopathy
240. Wish more of our society would use homeopathy. And I wish insurance companies would recognize it as a form of medicine that can be covered.
241. It was natural & not poisoned by allopathic medicine
242. It is very effective and should be covered by insurance companies.

243. I have an excellent homeopath
244. My pets are responding to homeopathy very well
245. I am convinced it is better than conventional medical treatments.
246. I was treated by a Homeopathic physician as a child and then returned to the treatment later in life.
247. Even though I was skeptical at first, the treatment has actually taken me a long way. Compared to what condition I was in when I first started homeopathic treatments I am currently in such a better place both physically and mentally. To be in constant chronic pain every day to only on occasions, have a mild flare up, still less painful is amazing. I am allergic to 5 families of antibiotics and the homeopathic treatments have kept me from having to take an antibiotic for over 10 years. I am forever grateful and blessed to have found this type of treatment.
248. Thank you for doing this survey.
249. I would love to see Homeopathy as part of our health care.
250. THE FEELING OF BEING WELL IN MY WHOLE BODY AND MIND
251. I think insurance companies should have to cover alternative treatments like homeopathy if that is what a patient chooses
252. It changed my life dramatically for the better!
253. For 20 years my treatment for headache was strictly constitutional
and 1 remedy at a time. I didn't know what I was taking. About 10 years ago that doctor retired and a new man took over the practice. This "new" doctor is more adventurous with his prescribing. The Sanguinaria/Belladonna combination that I take when a headache comes on is the most help I have had.

254. it works! I don't where I would be without my homeopathic provider!
255. It's the best medical care I have ever gotten from the medical community.
256. It's amazing what homeopathy has done so safely and gently to address my psychiatric (autism) issues. I am suffering for 20 yrs of my life with mental, emotional and physical issues, but I am seeing great progress especially on the emotional/anxiety side after eight months of treatment. It may take me two years with good care from my excellent homeopath to help me improve on all fronts.
257. Homeopathy is the best health care system I have experienced in my 50 years of life struggling with many personal and family health issues. I would not live without it now.
258. Practitioner is very responsive and professional
259. Although my homeopath has been unable to help me with my chronic condition, I have LOVED using homeopathy for me and my family for acute situations. I have even begun to study homeopathy with the hopes of becoming a certified homeopath myself.

260. The FDA considers it quackery, please be more proactive with the truth of its effectiveness and safety
261. Some questions were hard to answer. Surface issue was allergies, but also sleep issues, which haven't been helped yet.

262. I appreciate the time and thought that homeopathic practitioners devote to each individual that they treat.
263. Dr. XXX has improved the quality of my health and life immeasurably.
264. My son is now 15, we have been all homeopathic since he was three, and he has only been on antibiotics 3 times since then. It is a testament to the effectiveness of going all natural.
265. It has SAVED my life!
266. This individualistic way of treating is extraordinarily effective and saves in costs; but it is extremely demanding on the practitioner. MY doctor now does a lot of e-mail to follow-up on symptoms, that saves his time. Practitioners have to be dedicated to follow-up since it is not the "one drug for this ailment" approach. I feel very fortunate that I have found an MD practitioner. I have been diagnosed with arthritis, but I generally have no symptoms, thanks to my continuing treatment. This is only one of many success stories.
267. I initially started using homeopathy for my children who had asthma. It was so effective that I started using it routinely and it is around
70% of my health care methods.

268. Wish it were more available and covered by insurance. Much more effective for me then traditional medicine.

269. It's done unbelievable things for my mental and emotional state around my physical disease

270. I personally love homeopathy and highly recommend it!

271. It can take a lot of patience and trust until the homeopath finds the right remedy.

272. I have been treated by both classical and non classical homeopaths. I have had more success in my healing with a practitioner that keeps in mind our bodies and world are bombarded and changed since Hahnemann's time. Both have been helpful. I see a practitioner that also uses nutrition and supplements and this is priceless!!! Our bodies need support in different ways.

273. Homeopathy is the best kind of medicine for many, many, many health concerns in humans and animals. We are a self employed family and if we had to pay for doctors as our main source of health care, we'd be broke and likely not as healthy as we are. Our homeopath knows everything about us, she cares for, and about us, and takes time to hear us and understand us. Doctors simply can't compete with the level of care that Homeopaths give, nor do they have the tools/training to provide the type of treatments that Homeopaths do. Doctors do have their place in society, don't get me wrong. I had a child hit by a motor vehicle getting off the school bus, and if it weren't for EMS, air ambulance and the doctors and nurses he would have died; but once he was stabilized it was the arnica that stopped the internal bleeding in his brain and many other remedies since that day that have and continue to make him heal.

274. I am a big supporter of homeopathy and hope to learn to use it on my animal patients.

275. It's effective and safe.

276. Should be integrated in mainstream health care

277. I am much healthier and happier for using it.

278. Homeopathy (and TCM) have been so successful in the treatment of my dog, and my early stages of homeopathy for myself, that I have taken an introductory course taught by my homeopath (who is a registered pharmacist!). I am also immersed in self-study so that I can assist friends with acute care.

279. It has become my first choice in health care, followed by acupuncture and I am a trained nurse who has now become a trained homeopath so think I can make an informed decision

280. Homeopathic treatment is great

281. Ended up studying to help family and pets besides self

282. It is a valuable option in healthcare.

283. Homeopathy is my primary form of medicine. However, I also have benefited from things like meditation, exercise, posture therapy, and physical therapy to correct my mouth breathing and tongue thrust,
Thank You 

Urine Therapy is better even than homeopathy.

Will continue to use homeopathic treatment when necessary.

Since I found this system of medicine I will use it until the day I die.

I could not get exact Homeopathic Medicine for my Incontinence till now.

COCCULUS INDICUS WAS/ IS VERY HELPFUL IN TREATING MY VERTIGO. IT'S BEEN ONLY 2/3 DAYS THAT I HAVE BEEN USING IT. TWO DAYS THAT I AM USING IT.

I've had great success treating my family and pets with remedies. We are all extremely healthy and I feel confident that homeopathy has played a significant role in that.

It is the BEST!

I have seen some amazing improvements in myself and others with homeopathic treatment, with NO dangerous side effects. Why doesn't everybody use this?

I love it and refer people to homeopathy

My husband is a famous musician. www.johndoan.com He has been bailed out of acutes and constitutional remedies. We travel the world and if were not for homeopathy he would not be successful as he is. Because of emotional and physical illness and weakness. We thank Homeopathy so very much and believe God lead us to it. We are truly blessed!!! Thank you for the Transforming of lives you have done. We just got back from China yesterday. We drag our meds all over the world and are safe and saved by them on tour. I am an artists and my life is changed and our marriage preserved because of homeopathy.

www.deridradoan.blogspot.com We would be pleased to be interviewed or used for testimony. My husband is the father of the XXX movement in the USA.

Homeopathic medicine has kept me walking / moving and not in a wheelchair as the rheumatologist suggested that I would be inside of one year without allopathic care

Since my initial treatment, I have used homeopathy extensively with my children

Emotionally I had some very bad days where I felt very down but much better than before the treatment after some time passed. My treatment was a journey in itself.

I am very thankful that such medicine exists because my GI was talking about putting me on a medicine that would suppress liver function and that scared me! I have finally gotten off of my expensive and bad for me medication and feel great! Homeopathy is what conventional medicine should be!

It is hard to find "classical homeopath". It is not "quick fix" for the chronic issues. Can be wonderful and fast in acutes.

Years worth of even LIFE saving events...sure. just ask 540-373-7609 eg concussion with classic blowout of zygotic area around eye. son
was back in school in 6 days.

301. It is good, effective medicine.
302. I blog about it so happy with homeopathy
303. It is wonderful to be able to receive help for a condition that allopaticy did not treat effectively.
304. It's awesome!
305. Homeopathy works very well - wish it were covered by insurance
306. this questionnaire isn't aimed at people like me who just use homeopathy for everything, not one so-called "chief complaint".
307. Never give up. "Those who endure until the end shall be saved."
308. Very pleased. Hope insurance and OHIP will pay for it.
309. My respiratory health status was boosted tremendously by homeopathy
310. It is amazing! If I had not found homeopathy, I would be on meds. I have seen the most amazing results on my animals as well.
311. Love homeopathy
312. I would like for it to remain accessible and for it to be protected, for it to become recognized as a valid/official option for people to have
313. It is a wonderful medicine.
314. Even though I haven't been cured, I will continue to seek treatment. I totally believe my simillimum will be found, it's just going to take some time.
315. I find homeopathy to be extremely helpful and effective for numerous complaints, mostly acute illnesses like colds, or for injuries and allergies. Homeopathy can go a lot deeper, but it takes a skilled homeopath to treat on a deeper level.
316. It meets me where I am, as I am.
317. I have used it on and off over the years, Now studying to become a homeopath.
318. I love Homeopathy !
319. I was so pleased that my practitioner was able to solve so many of my problems (even ones I forgot to mention) with one treatment.
320. I was first treated for this condition allopatically with surgery about 20 years ago. The condition recurred about 3 years ago. Since then I have been treated alternatively with improved overall health, but no improvement in the specific condition. It worsened significantly and I began using homeopathy and saw significant improvement within days. Now, 9 months after beginning homeopathic treatment the condition is 85-90 % improved, and I expect it will resolve completely within this year.
322. I wish everyone new of it, and that it would be more commonly accepted.
323. I do not have too many health problems, but sure will stay with homeopathy
324. Life-changing
MIRACULOUS RESULTS NUMEROUS TIMES

I'm grateful for homeopathic remedies and practitioners as this form of treatment has enabled my body and my sense of self to grow.

It's amazing and it works. This is not a placebo!

I am now a homeopath myself and treating myself and my family

I wish practitioners would be more willing to recommend books or save time for questions about the process after a case or follow up.

It works!!!!

It is the best thing happened to me.

My most favorite tool for healing

The treatment I got saved my life

Love homeopathy. There is nothing comparable.

Now that I have found a good homeopath I have renewed hope for improved health. I do understand that there may be some elements of incurability in my case but I now have hope that there may be positive health benefits.

When it works, it really works. I am amazed at how great I feel most days and how gentle it is.

It should be more used

I am deeply grateful for the improvements homeopathy has brought for myself and for my family. I was deeply skeptical but kept an open mind and I was a tough nut to crack. I wasn't going to concede anything to homeopathy unless it earned it and it did, in spades. Long may it continue to be available to people.

I have been extremely satisfied with my and my families experience with homeopathic treatment over the years. It has had a huge, positive impact on our lives.

I have been using homeopathy for 25 years. it's safe, it's inexpensive, it makes sense, and it works

It is the most elegant medicine

XXX has been amazing and a tremendous impact on my over well being. I am grateful to have her as my homeopath.

Homeopathy is magical in it's treatment!!

While it's hard to understand how it works, it certainly works

We all use it for so many things and reasons. i don't feel this survey captured our use

I have strong faith in homeopathy.

I am teaching Homeopathy in my Academy for years, Single Remedies, Nosodes and Constitutional Remedies

Yes. I have a very interesting story that may help a lot of new parents and infants/toddlers. I am ready to share it.

We have used homeopathy for over 30 years. My mother & I trained as homeopaths. We love homeopathy & will use it first. If it doesn't work then well use conventional medicine as a back up. Live homeopathy & most alternative medicines especially cranial osteopathy & acupuncture.

It has transformed my life.
I've been very happy treating my son (he had very severe case of eczema) developed folliculitis after years of steroids...but now his skin is clear.

I wish we could get the word out about homeopathy. It is a terribly "best kept secret". It should be well known in the US as it is used in other countries.

My Dr of Homeopathy is committed and leading edge - She is my first call for any ailment. I truly wish they were recognized in Canada and North America as licensed health care professionals.

I used homeopathy to treat many problems and was always cured.

It has encouraged me to become a homeopath and am 2/3 completed distance training.

I love homeopathy and I am very happy I discovered it. I have been preaching and sharing the word on how it has changed my daughter's life.

Great alternative as well as an adjunct.

Help me spread the word.

It has been life changing and I truly believe in it.

I truly believe that homeopathy saved me when terribly ill, and now continues to strengthen me as I transition to a life of good health.

It's safe, effective & improves quality of life without drugs.

I have had both classical and non classical homeopathic treatments, and both have worked well for me. Medical doctors considered my symptoms following the overmedication of anti biotics and the wrong diagnosis that lead to it as an "emotional problem."

Homeopathy has returned me to normal.

Should be 1st choice and accepted in mainstream medicine.

Homeopathy has been so successful, so safe and so inexpensive that it is my primary form of medicine. I would only use con med in case of a truly needed surgery, emergency or if needing insulin or some other substance.

It's fine when it works.

My son was treated for allergic response to yellow jacket sting resulting in dramatic healing of violent emotional outbursts. additional applications over time have been successful with nosodes.

I also use it like a vaccine even when not ill i take it to prevent a problem.

Talk, share, go to study groups, read, educate yourself.

It's miraculous, and it very much ought to be covered by medical insurance policies, and it should be used universally as a standard of care.

Most effective treatment.

I love the way homeopathy has helped me SO MUCH that as a pharmacist owning her own drugstore, I returned to college at age 51 for three years of Homeopathic Study at the Canadian College of Homeopathic Medicine. I graduated in June 2013, and am now seeing.
patients where I live in western NY. I drove over 60 times (3.5 hours one way) to learn this amazing science....but realize it is a lifelong learning! As far as my homeopathic treatment, I have been "fixed" many times...of various complaints over the past ten years and two Homeopaths. Each time a different problem, yet with a solvable solution! Amazing when compared to prescription drugs....which as a pharmacist I dispense in ridiculous amounts. I use my tiny store in my tiny town to 'TEACH" homeopathy to anyone who will listen.

372. XXX was very knowledgeable about my current medications and designed my homeopathic treatment to those medications and my symptoms. I was in awe that my headaches that I suffered for 40 years (no exaggeration) were GONE within one week!

373. I have never used conventional medicine, so I couldn't answer some of your questions. I've self-prescribed for years, until now, when I have a practitioner. 27 years with numb and painful hands, and a month after taking the remedy the whole problem just vanishes. Amazing!

374. Dr, XXX is superior,,,,,in many respects
375. This is my preferred medical treatment - absolutely outstanding
376. It has changed literally everything positively for me in my life ... and is still transforming.
377. My family and I would be suffering greatly without it
378. Homeopathy is now my primary health care modality.
379. These remedies are amazing.
380. It has saved the lives of these two cats without conventional medication

Neutral

381. I wish it was covered under Medicare. I must pay for Medicare but its doctor's have/do not cure me - ever.
382. The only thing keeping me back from continuing more frequently is the out of pocket cost.
383. I would like to see more education on the subject
384. Homeopathy treatment should not be like allopathic , The approach of selling homeopathic medicines in stores by categorizing based of symptoms should be banned. Drugs should be administered based on the unique personality of patient not based on symptoms.
385. Your doctors refused to listen to us as parents.
386. The visits are expensive and we take LM remedies that cost on average 25.00 plus s/h. We 3 of us in family being treated - its expensive but worth it.
387. Wish it cost less
388. I have a very long story, paralyzed from waste down 12 years ago from tetanus vaccine and Lyme disease, too long for this space to type
389. Seems idiosyncratic about what will work and when and how much
390. I would have liked more information about aggravations and how to move through them. I would like to have had more support for use of
supplements in a way to help me through problems in tandem with the homeopathy.

391. Cost. Wish it were covered by Insurance.

392. Though my knowledge is very limited yet I think one life is not enough to know it very well. If I get an opportunity to practice in a Out patient Department I would be glad to devote myself in that setting only attending the distressed people and tackle them very nicely.

393. I wish I had known about Homeopathy earlier.

394. The practice of Homeopathy should be done in a real holistic manner and not for earning money and there should be proper institution to grade the Homeopathic practitioners based on their understanding and ability to handle patients on the concept of CLASSICAL HOMEOPATHY.

395. We need more practitioners in the Midwest!

396. Currently being treated for head, neck, cancer

397. I wish there were more animal practitioners.

398. It has been "complex" over some years, beyond initial "complaint" and many of your questions were not easy to answer

399. Intake is expensive and not accessible to a lot of people. Took me two years to cough up the cash to go to a homeopath.

400. Only been 3 weeks since i started treatment, so difficult to answer questions.

401. I think it just takes time sometimes for a real breakthrough in remedy selection to happen, because a practitioner's insight is largely influenced by what the patient is able to connect with within themselves and then articulate.

402. My homeopath is also a psychiatrist, so my treatment is not simply homeopathic.

403. Frustrations with insurance companies and allopathic physicians lack of knowledge and/or opinion of homeopathy!! Would be wonderful to work side-by-side.

404. Its simply wonderful

405. The profound ripple out effects throughout the emotional and mental and spiritual aspects of myself along with the physical improvement

406. Homeopathy has changed my life and the way I think about health. I go to a homeopath, a dentist who uses homeopathy, and a homeopathic vet.

407. My son has Crohns and has also been successfully treated with homeopathy.

408. Please give more information on the mechanisms of how homeopathy works.

409. Very difficult to find qualified experienced homeopath; this survey is very difficult to answer if you don't want to choose 1 of many uses of homeopathic remedies.

410. More public awareness of its benefits.

411. Which Radionic device is most reliable? How best can we use the
Radionic device for effective treatment.

412. Need more practitioners
413. I wish there were more seminars for beginners on potencies and frequency etc
414. I wish it was covered by insurance!
415. I wish my insurance paid for it, or at least some of it.
416. Would love to find help locally
417. I wish that people could access homeopathy through their health insurance coverage.
418. Would like to be evaluated by a homeopathic practitioner in order to obtain better insight to full body treatments
419. Some questions don't have my answers available.
420. The more practitioners learn to avoid treating the symptom, and look at the body as a whole, the better homeopathy will become. As in healthcare, we need 'upkeep' rather than just ask for a magic pill when we have a traumatic event occur.
421. Stop trying to copy the "medical model" and bring homeopathy into its own validation of vital force like neuroscience. In education people all over the country about homeopathy we need to stop being something were not. We are not naturopathy, we are not natural (cham tea and dandelions or vit c ) we are our own field. Own it, validate it. Lets communicate vs: fear
422. Wish it was covered by Medicare and more widely known and used
423. Have taken classes to learn more about homeopathy from her
424. The biggest problem for homeopathy is that people don't understand it and try to use it in allopathic ways. Most practitioners are poorly trained and don't teach patients about what is going on, so patients are confused or disenfranchised. There needs to be more honesty about the process and less ego and mystification. Hahnemann kept improving his methods until he died. Most practitioners are happy to do what they did 20 years ago even if new information is available.
425. I wish I were closer than I now am.
426. I wish it was covered by insurance
427. I haven't used it in awhile. I received remedies by mail while overseas.
428. Insurance coverage
429. I need access to more high quality studies of homeopathy.
430. Wish homeopaths would help study groups more
431. Wish it gets more widely spread, more researched and easily accessible.
432. INSURANCE SHOULD COVER HOMEOPATHY
433. I have not seen my practitioner for 5 years because treatment and visit has become so expensive, it is a treatment now only for the rich. I am certain that with Obamacare, fewer and fewer will be seeking treatment, as insurance premiums have quadrupled. This is tragic, just when homeopathy holds so much promise here in the US. I now have to rely on
personal treatment with Materia Medica and other text books. This is not a
perfect scenario for treatment, but a substitute for wisdom.

434. Need insurance for more frequent treatments
435. I wish it was better covered by health insurance
436. I wish it could be cheaper or covered by insurance completely
437. Self-knowledge is extremely important for it to work, and there are
so many treatments and difficult to customize for effectiveness in my case.
438. Discouragement of a year of aggravation does NOT equal giving up! I'm ready to "go again"!
439. There are too few resources in the USA
440. It is not cheap. An average of $1200 per year
441. I have not been a good patient.
442. There are different levels of care and I don't think this is accurately
addressed in your survey. I have been under homeopathic care for the
past 24 years, so questions about my 'complaint' would have changed
over time
443. The practitioners who seem best are not in my area.
444. I seem to have reached a level with no further improvement
445. There should have been a Not Applicable option for each question.
   I love homeopathy. I wish people didn't think it is voodoo medicine.
446. Try to give more information to the patients
447. Question #12 symptoms were "cured" but felt significantly worse in
   self. Question #17 main complaint now is different from all my previous
   main complaints. I'm 71.

Negative

448. It's complete and utter bullshit.
449. This survey way to long
450. I don't know if the answers I have given can be construed as useful,
   since many didn't really apply. I think the scope was too narrow without
   providing a detailed explanation of the criteria for participation. I hope you
   get what you want from it.
451. Big disappointment and I really stuck with it and gave it a fair shot.
   Would still try again...
452. I WISH we had more choice of homeopaths and that fees were
   covered by the insurance we have to carry. I had wonderful success with
   acupuncture meanwhile; homeopathy can be better than acupuncture, I
   feel sure, but that has not been my experience.
453. There is much more to share. I would like to be able to fill this
   survey out regarding treatments for the rest of my immediate family and
   our pet, on THIS computer. I do not have other computers to use, as the
   directions state for this survey. Thank you.
454. I remain skeptical at best that it can help with my symptoms.
455. Homeopaths should be educated better and be able to help. After
   all these years of unsuccessful treatment of myself and my family (I
   brought them all to homeopathy) why homeopathy failed in Northern
America

456. Unfortunately, I did not have good results with homeopathy. I later tried acupuncture and had better response to relieve my allergy symptoms.

457. I wanted to be a homeopath but the USA laws/consequences are too powerful to chance.

458. It's nonsense.

459. Stop pretending it works. It doesn't

460. Recently I had an extreme aggravation from dosing too aggressively to fight off an upper respiratory infection.

461. Why does it not work?
Appendix C: Listing of Homeopathic Medicines Used and Frequency

**Remedy**
- Aconite napellus: 4
- Adamas:
- Adrenal gland
- Adrenalinum:
- Aletris farinose
- Ambra grisea
- Ambrosia
- Anacardium orientale
- Androctonus
- Alumina
- Anger Energy Release complex
- Anterior Pituitary
- Antimonium crudum
- Antimonium tartaricum: 2
- Apis mellifica
- Argentum nitricum: 3
- Argentum phosphoricum
- Argon
- Arnica Montana: 21
- Arsenicum album: 8
- Arsenicum iodatum
- Asafoetida
- Aurum arsenicosum
- Aurum metalliucm: 7
- Aurum muriaticum natronatum
- Auser auba
- Bacillinnum: 3
- Bambusa arundinacea
- Baptisia
- Baryta carbonicum
- Baryta iodata: 1
- Belladonna: 5
- Boa
- Boric acidum
- Bothrops
- Bovista
- Bromium
- Butterfly Bush
- Bryonia alba: 4
- Cactus grandiflorus
- Calcarea arsenicosum: 2
- Calcarea carbonica: 10
- Calcarea fluorica: 2
- Calcarea phosphorica: 2
- Calendula:
- Cannabis indica
- Cantharis: 2
- Carbo animalis
- Carbo vegetabilis: 2
- Carcinosin: 10
Causticum: 7
Ceanothus
Cenchris contortrix
Chamomilla: 2
Chelidonium majus
Chimaphila umbellate
China officinalis
Chlorum
Cimicifuga racemosa
Cladoselache
Coca
Coccinella:
Cocculus indica: 4
Coldcalm
Colocynthis: 2
Columba palumbo
Condor
Conium maculatum: 3
Crotalus horridus
Cuprum metallicum
Cyclease Cramp
Cymbopogon
Diaphorba alba: 3
Diptherinum
Drosera rotundifolia: 2
Dulcamara:
Elaps corroliinus
Erithracus r
Ether
Eupatorium perfoliatum
Faecalis alcaligeues
Falco peregrinus: 4
Fear energy release complex;
Ferrum metallicum:
Ferrum phosphoricum: 4
Ferrum picricum
Ferrous sulphate
Formica acidum
Gadolinium sulphuratum
Gelsemium sempervirens: 4
Geococcyx californianus
Gingko biloba
Glonoinum:
Graphites: 2
Halietus: 3
Hamamelis: 2
Hekla lava: 2
Helleborus
Hepar sulphuris: 2
Histaminum: 2
Holmium muriaticum
Hyoscyamus niger
Hypericum perforatum: 7
Ignatia amara: 9
Ignis
Influenzinum: 2
Iodum: 2
Iridium metallicum:
Kali bichromicum: 3
Kali bromatum
Kali carbonicum: 2
Kali iodatum
Kali phosphoricicum: 2
Kali sulphurica: 2
Kola nut
Kreosotum
Lac asinum
Lac caninum: 3
Lac caprinum
Lac defloratum: 2
Lac equinum:
Lac felinum: 2
Lac lupinum
Lac maternum
Lachesis: 11
Lime Tree
Lithium bromatum:
Lithium carbonicum: 2
Lobelia inflata
Loxosceles reclusa
Lycopodium clavatum: 18
Lycopodium virginiana:
Lyssinum: 1
Mag phos: 2
Magnesia bromata
Magnesia carbonica
Magnesium silicatum
Manganum metallicum
Medorrhinum: 4
Melianthus:
Mercurius corrosivus
Mercurius solubilis: 2
Mezereum
Mind Body Complex
Morgan Pure: 2
Muriatic acidum: 2
Mus-m
Mytilus edulis
Naja: 2
Natrum carbonicum: 4
Natrum muriaticum: 32
Natrum phosphoricicum: 3
Natrum sulphuricum: 3
Natural Creations Anxiety
Natural Creations Constipation
Neon: 2
Nitric acidum: 2
Nitrogenum
Nux moschata: 3
Nux vomica: 17
Oncorhynchus
Opium
Oscillococcinum: 2
Palladium:
Pancratic Flukes
Paris quadrifolia
Penguin
Phosphorous: 18
Phosphoric acidum: 2
Phytolacca decandra
Placenta
Plumbum metallicum
Plutonium nitricum
Populus tremuloides:
Positronium
Praseodymium
Psorinum
Pulsatilla: 16
Python
Rescue Remedy
Rhus radicans
Rhus toxicodendron: 9
Rhus venenata
Ribes nigrum
Rumex crispus
Ruta graveolens: 7
Sabal serrulata
Sabina
Sacc-o:
Sanguinaria: 2
Sarsasparilla
Seasonal Allergy Relief
Sepia: 26
Sepia Combination Product
Silica: 16
Staphysagria: 8
Stramonium: 4
Streptococcinum
STROPHACTIV
Sulfur: 17
Sulphuric acidum
Symphytum: 2
Tarentula hispanica
Technetium: 2
Thiosianimum: 2
Thuja: 11
Traumeel
Tuberculiniun: 6
Tuberculiniun aviare
Vacuum
Veratrum album: 2
Viola tricolorada
Vipera torva: 1
Xanthoxyllum
YTTRIUM SULPHURATUM
Zingiber
Potency Listing

A. LM: 50
B. 6X: 8
C. 6C: 20
D. 12X: 1
E. 12C: 10
F. 20X: 2
G. 30X: 7
H. 30C: 137
I. 200X: 1
J. 200C: 142
K. 1M: 74
L. 8M: 1
M. 10M: 23
N. 20M: 2
O. 50M: 5
P. CM: 2
Q. Don't Remember: 4
R. Other
  • At home all natural and organic remedies. I was using extra virgin coconut oil to take my pain away from damaged nerves in a rotten tooth by swishing the substance in my mouth for 10-20 min 2 times a day. Killed all the pain! And gave me the prettiest teeth I have ever had!
  • 20C
  • I treat myself ongoing for anything
  • Bach Rescue Remedy
  • 100C: 4
  • 15C
  • 7C
  • 20C: 3
  • 9C: 2
  • 201C
  • 9C
  • 15C
  • Homeopath Will Not Tell Me
  • 3C
  • 15C: 2
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