National Homeopathic Practitioner Survey

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Estimating the Numbers of Homeopathic Practitioners in the United States

To make meaningful use of the results of the survey, it is first helpful to make estimates of the number of homeopathic practitioners in the United States. This is very difficult to determine but below is a rough determination based on input from the various homeopathic membership organizations in the United States.

The other problem is that there are many types of homeopathic practitioners and it is helpful to break out the kinds of homeopathic practice into five different categories.

Level One: The Appreciator

These are individuals who support and appreciate homeopathy but do not practice it. Some have studied it and elected not to pursue it, some have been treated themselves, while others only know that it seems to help people. These individuals will often refer patients to homeopathy and will generally speak positively about it when asked.. They may develop a deep appreciation for homeopathy, but have no wish to study it further.

Level Two: Casual Practitioner

This level of practice involves the casual use of homeopathy and can be learned in a few hours of self-study or in a weekend course. Casual practitioners learn to prescribe first aid remedies. The usage at this level is mostly experimental and not taken very seriously. Usually prescribing at this level is condition based and first aid focused.

Level Three: Acute Care Practitioner

This level of practice focuses on acute prescribing and can be learned during a typical 30-60-hour course or more serious self-study. Here homeopathy becomes a first line treatment for many acute conditions. The usage of homeopathy is no longer casual and becomes regularly used for certain conditions. More serious cases are referred to a more skilled homeopathic practitioner or for conventional treatment.

Level Four: Integrative Practitioner

This level involves a deeper level of commitment to homeopathy. The integrative practitioner learns to prescribe a limited number of “constitutional remedies” that can be used in the treatment of deeper chronic conditions. This generally cannot be learned by simple self-study, but requires a more intensive 100-250 hour training program (whether in

a classroom or by distance learning). Homeopathy becomes an important but part of the overall practice of the individual. Many practitioners at this level practice 1-2 days per week. At times, the practitioner may elect to pursue one modality of treatment versus another or to combine them. This is the level of most licensures. More serious cases are referred to a more skilled homeopathic practitioner or for conventional treatment.

Level Five: Homeopathic Practitioner

This level of homeopathic practice involves a much deeper level of integration and commitment. At this level one's identity becomes that of a homeopath. Homeopathy becomes the primary focus of the individual's work. This involves a full-time homeopathic practice. This requires a minimum of 500 didactic hours, although, in reality, homeopathy involves a lifetime of study. This is the level of certification.

Practitioner	Level Five	Level Four	Level Three	Level Two	Level One
MD, DO	400	700	1000	2500	7000
ND	150	1000	2000	5000	10,000
Nurses	500	1000	3000	18,000	70,000
DC	50	200	5000	10,000	25,000
LAc, OMD	50	225	500	1000	5000
DVM	50	250	1000	2000	4000
Unlicensed	1000	3000	20,000	250,000	12,000,000
Total	**2200**	**6350**	**32,500**	**288,000**	**12,120,000**

* Estimates from leaders within the homeopathic community.

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, however despite this, the response rate by the end of the survey was only 60% of that at the beginning. General response to the survey was positive, although some found certain questions ambiguous.

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 43 questions and took approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. The following targeted groups were included:

- All National Homeopathic Membership Organizations
- All National Homeopathic Schools (alumni and faculty)
- 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

The survey was up and running from June 1st, 2006 through August 31st, 2006. Nearly 1200 responses were received.

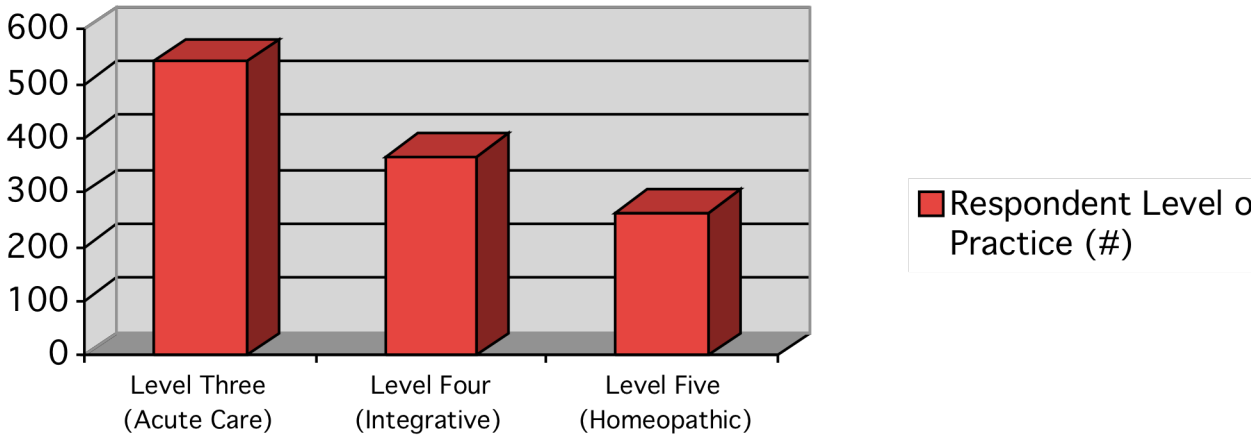
Summary of Survey Results

Overview

In all, there were 1164 Homeopathic Practitioner Respondents in the survey. Not every participant filled out all of the questions.

Below is a breakdown of the Homeopathic Practitioner Respondents by level (see Estimating the Number of Homeopathic Practitioners in the United States above). All Respondents were in level three, four or five.

Level Five: 263 respondents (14% response rate of total Level Five Homeopathic Practitioners)
Level Four: 368 respondents (6% response rate of total Level Four Homeopathic Practitioners)
Level Three: 534 respondents (2% response rate of total Level Three Homeopathic Practitioners)



Summary of Results by Question

Below is a summary of the results. See the more detailed summary by question that follows for further details.

1. Age
   - Average Age 49.0
2. Sex
   - Female: 76%

3A. Location: Greatest Concentrations of Homeopathic Practitioners (see below for more full description)

- California: 19%
- New York: 8.2%
- Arizona: 6.9%

3B. Location: Greatest Concentrations of Homeopathic Practitioners (see below for more full description)

- Rural: 27%
- Large Metropolitan Areas (>1 million): 24%

4. Ethnicity:

- 90% Caucasian

5. Marital Status:

- 64% married

6. Occupation Before Homeopathy:

- Health Related 43%
- Non-Health Related 54%
- None 3%

7. Highest Level of Education Achieved:

- Bachelor's: 34%
- Master's: 19%
- Doctoral: 28%

8. Undergraduate Homeopathic Training-Lecture:

- Average 681 hours

9. Undergraduate Homeopathic Training-Clinical:

- Average 382 hours

10. Undergraduate Homeopathic Training-Apprenticeship: Average:

- 320 hours

11. % Undergraduate Homeopathic Training-Distance Learning:

- Average 22%

12. % Undergraduate Homeopathic Training-Apprenticeship:

- Average 24%

13. How Did You Learn About Homeopathy (see below for more full description)

- Treatment of Self or Family Member: 26%
- Friends or Family: 27%
- Study Group: 7%
- Public Talk: 7%
- Reading Book or Article: 19%

14. Continuing Education-Conferences, Seminars:

- Average 46 hours annually

15. Continuing Education-Self Study:

- Average 75 hours annually

16. Certification
    - CHC: 13.3%
    - DHANP: 2.8%
    - ABHt: 1.9%
    - DNBHE: .9%
    - RSHom: 2.5%
    - CVH: 2.9%
    - None: 68.6%
    - Other: 7.0%
17. Membership in Homeopathic Organizations (see below for more full description)
    - No Membership: 13%
    - 1 Membership: 39%
    - 2 Memberships: 31%
    - More than 2 Memberships: 17%

    - American Institute of Homeopathy (AIH): 8%
    - Academy of Veterinary Homeopathy (AVH): 4%
    - Canadian Society of Homeopaths (CSH): 7%
    - Homeopathic Academy of Naturopathic Physicians (HANP): 6%
    - Homeopathic Nurses Association (HNA): 2.0%
    - National Center for Homeopathy (NCH): 57%
    - North American Society of Homeopaths (NASH): 21%
    - State/Province Homeopathic Associations: 13%
    - None: 12%
18. Licensure:
    - DC: 2.6%
    - DO: 1.6%
    - MD: 10.4%
    - MD(H): 1.2%
    - ND: 10.2%
    - NP: 1.2%
    - OMD/LAc: 3.1%
    - PA: .5%
    - RN: 4.4%
    - HMA: .6%
    - DVM: 5.6%
    - LCSW: .6%
    - DDS: .7%

- LMT: 1.1%
- RPh: .8%
- PT: .1%
- None: 54.9%
- Other: 5.4%

19. Total Years in Homeopathic Practice
    - Average 11.5 Years
20. % of Practice That is Homeopathic
    - Average: 73%
21. % of Income That is Homeopathic
    - Average: 52%
22. New Patient Visits Per Month
    - Average: 10.4
23. Follow Up Visits Per Month
    - Average: 36.0
24. New Visit Charge
    - Average: $187 (S.D. 115.1)
25. Follow Up Visit Charge
    - Average: $71 (S.D. 40.2)
26. Average Length of New Visit
    - 106 minutes
27. Average Length of Follow Up
    - 42 minutes
28. Average Time to First Follow Up
    - 30 days
29. % of Income Directed to Overhead
    - Average: 37%
30. # of Staff
    - Average: .7
31. % of Practice That is Sliding Fee Scale
    - Average: 14%
32. % of Practice That is Pro Bono
    - Average: 15%
33. % of Practice That Receives Insurance Reimbursement
    - Average: 11%
34. Length of Time In Practice Before Financially Breaking Even
    - Average: 19 months
35. Referral Sources
    - Family Members and Friends: 13%

- Patient Referrals: 51%
- Health Care: 6%
- Publications: 3%
- Internet: 7%
- Public talks: 4%
- Other Practitioners: 5%
- Directories: 4%
- Other: 6%

36. Type of Practice
    - Solo Practice: 79%
    - Employee: 2%
    - Group Practice: 6%
    - Group with Mixed Heal Mod: 14%
    - Other: 10%
37. Practice Orientation
    - Classical: 90%
    - Complex: 10%
38. Practice Methodology (see below for fuller description)
    - Repertorization; 14%
    - Sankaran Vital Sensation: 7%
    - Materia Medica Research: 5%
    - Classical: 5%
    - Case Taking: 4%
    - Kent: 2%
    - Miasm: 2%
    - Themes/Essences: 2%
39. Homeopathic Remedies
    - Single: 84%
    - Combination: 7%
    - Intercurrent: 4%
    - Conventional Medications: 3%
    - Herbal Medicines: 6%
    - Nutraceuticals: 9%
40. Potencies Chosen in Practice
    - 30C and below: 37%
    - 200C and above: 47%
    - LM: 15%
    - Other: 3%
41. Dosing in Practice
    - Single: 56%

- Daily or fixed interval: 31%
- Multiple Daily: 13%

42. Client Populations
    - Children: 22%
    - Adults: 59%
    - Elderly: 9%
    - Animals: 8%
    - Special Group: 1%
43. Reported Patient Satisfaction
    - Extremely High: 15%
    - Very High: 44%
    - High: 40%
    - Medium: 9%
    - Low: 2%
    - Very Low: .2%
    - Extremely Low: .3%
44. Response to Treatment

A. Exceptionally Good Response in Multiple Domains
    - 45%

B. Exceptionally Good Response in Chief Complaint
    - 40%

C. Partial Response to Treatment
    - 23%

D. Negative Reactions to Treatment
    - 3%

E. No Response to Treatment
    - 8%

45. Main Satisfactions in Practice
    - See responses in Appendix D.
46. Annual Hours Growing Homeopathy
    - Teaching: 67
    - Speaking and Writing: 72
    - Research: 104
    - Work for Other Homeopathic Organizations: 25
    - Public Outreach: 27
    - Other: 28

Average Annual Homeopathic Income of Homeopathic Practitioner Respondent
    - $4500.80 per month

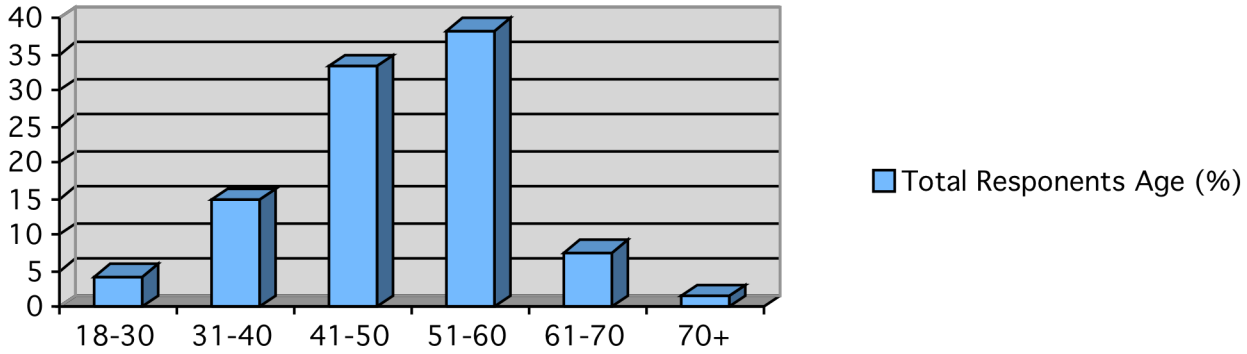
- $49,508.80 (11 months per year)
- Average Take Home Pay: $37,131.60 (-25% for overhead)

Section One: Demographics

Question #1: Age

The average of the Homeopathic Practitioner Respondents was 49.0. Over 70% of the homeopathic practitioner respondents were in the age range of 41-60. 38% of the total were in the age range of 51-60. There was a 99% response rate to this question.

Total Respondents



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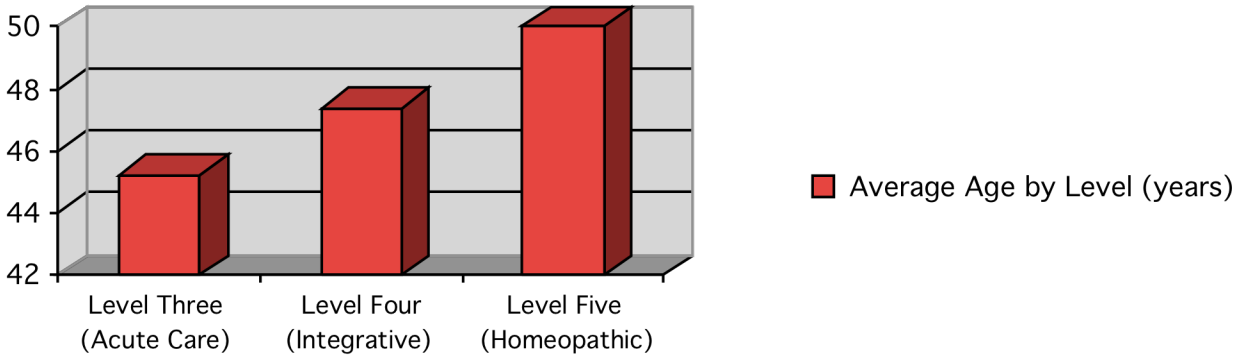

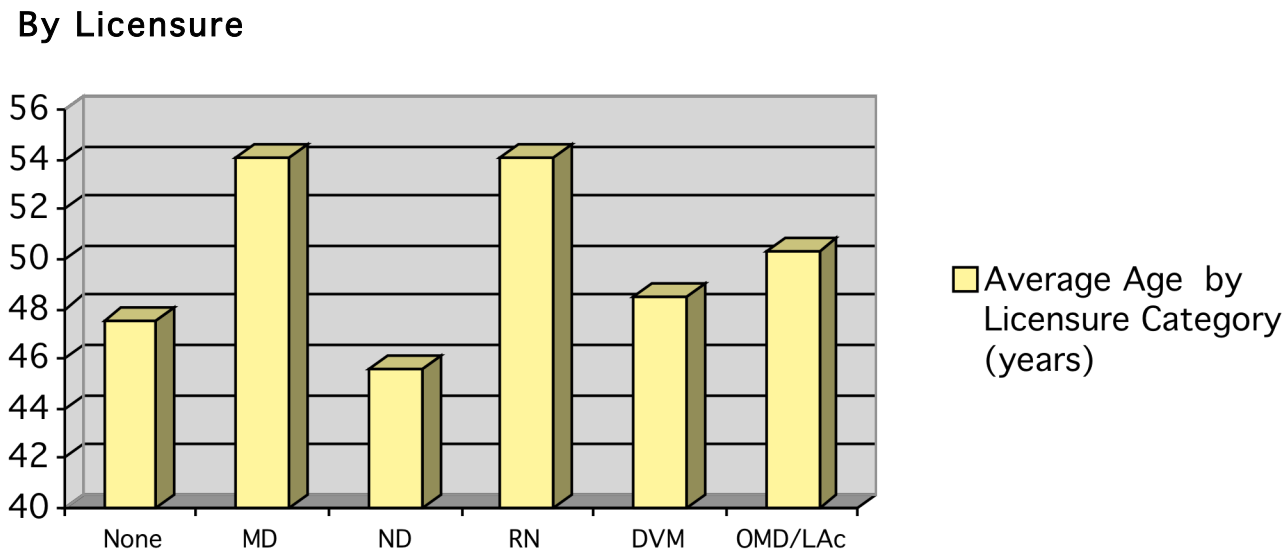
By Licensure
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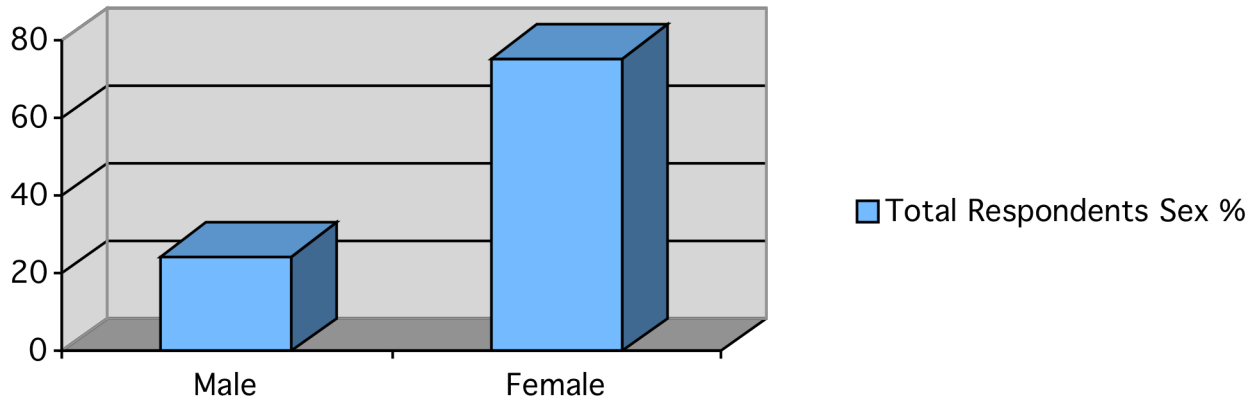
42
40
None
MD
ND
RN
DVM
OMD/LAc
Average Age by Licensure Category (years)

Question #2: Sex

Over 75% of the homeopathic practitioner respondents were female. There was a 98% response rate to this question.

Female: 75.7%
Male: 24.3%

Total Respondents



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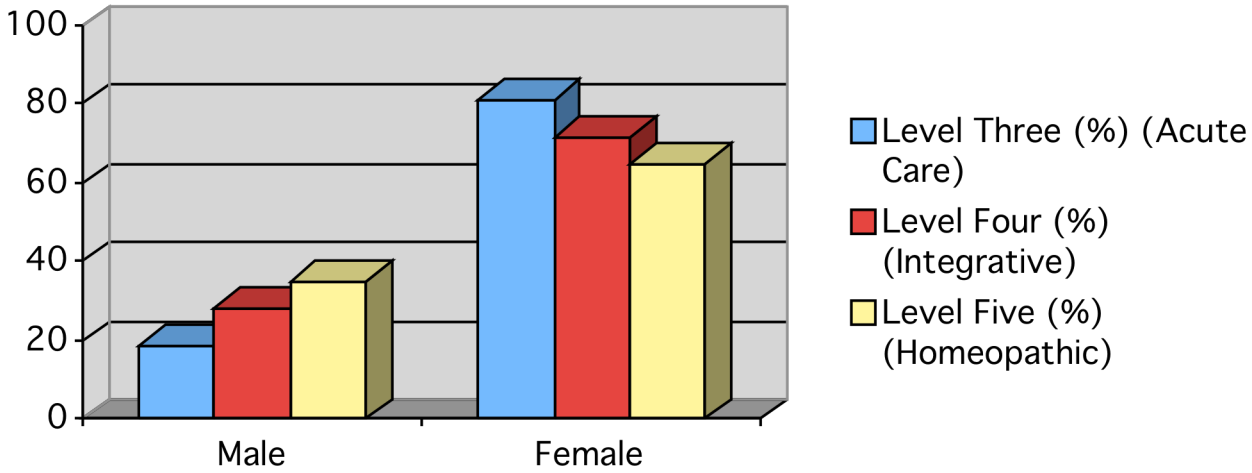

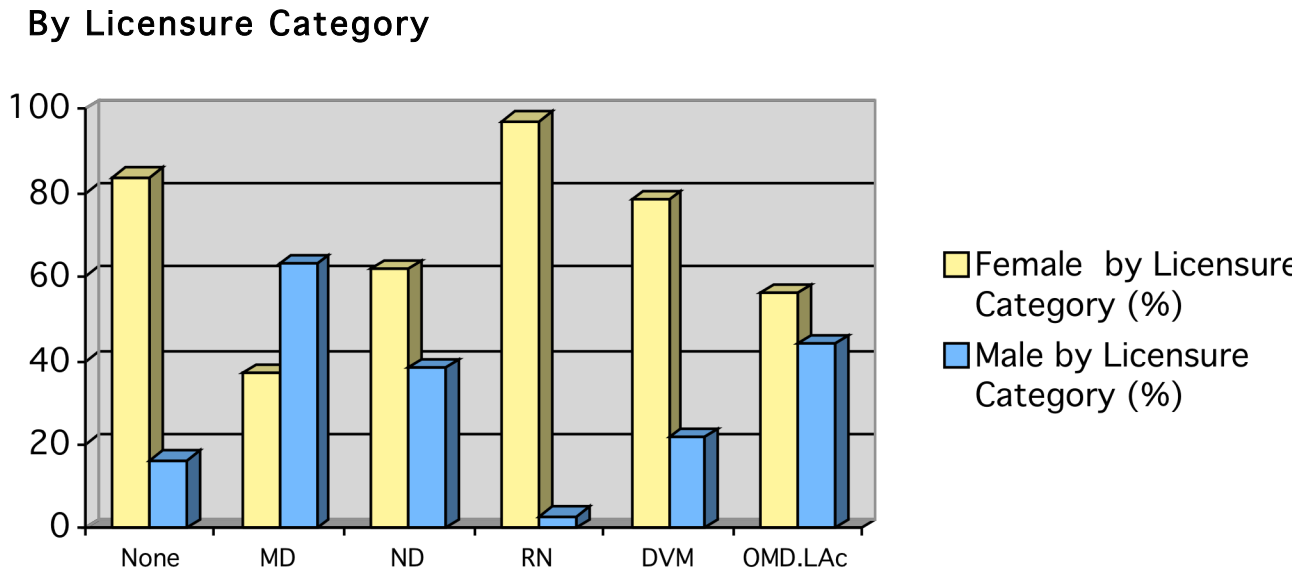
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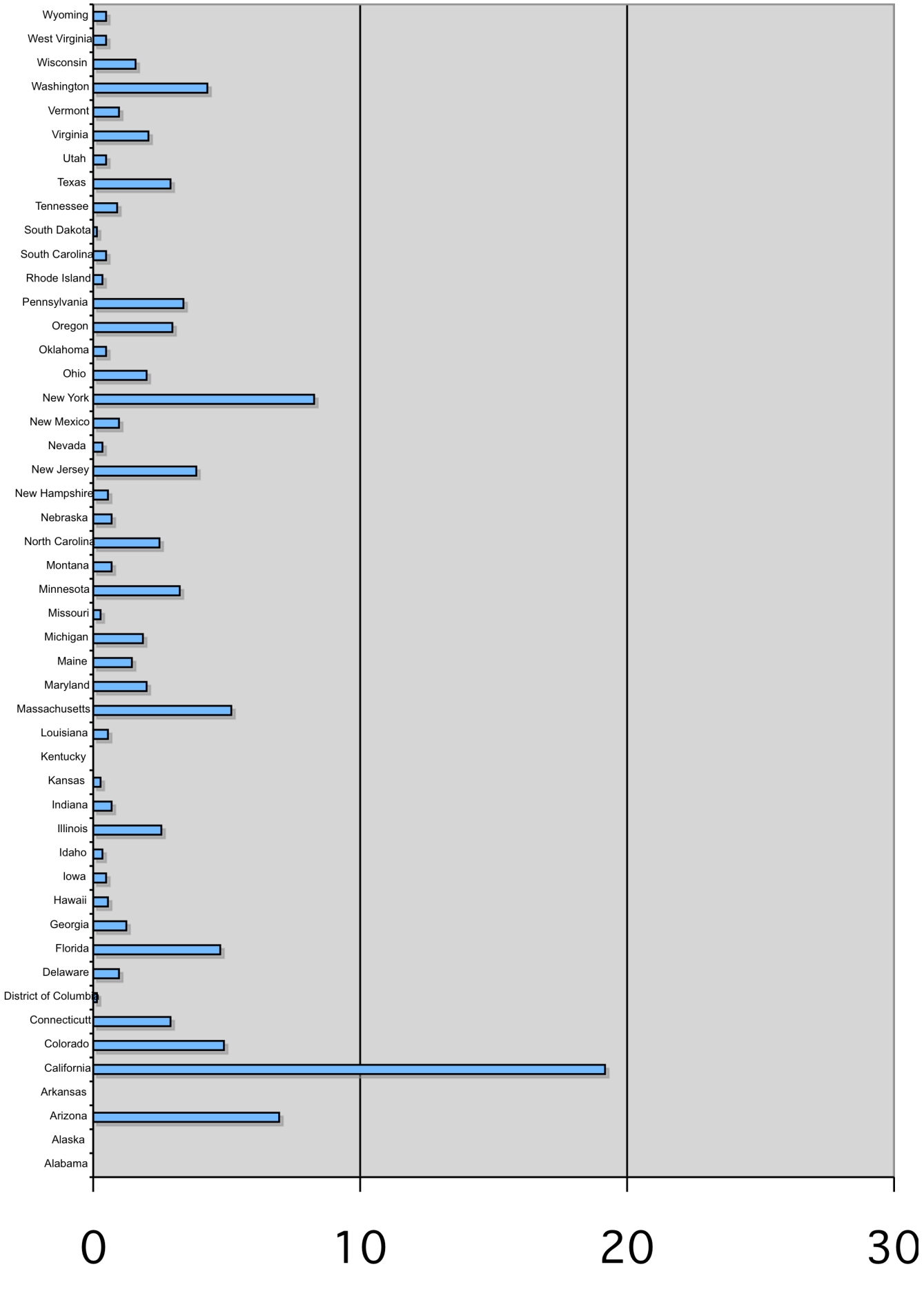
DVM
OMD.LAc
Female by Licensure Category (%)
Male by Licensure Category (%)

Question #3: Location

The three states where the most homeopathic practitioner respondents were located were California (19.1%), New York (8.2%) and Arizona (6.9%). There was a 96% response to this question There were 201 foreign homeopathic practitioner respondents, the vast majority from Canada (86%) and a few from Great Britain (10%). We also compared homeopathic practitioner respondents by state to the expected response rate based on state population. These results can be found in Appendix B.

For the city size part of this question, there was an 84% response rate. The majority of respondents were either located in small areas (<50,000) or large metropolitan areas(>1million).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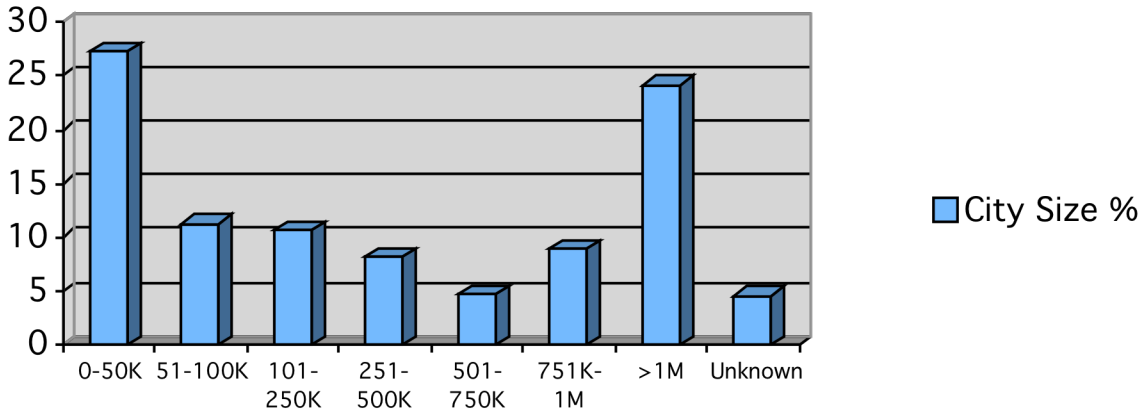
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City Size %

Question #4: Ethnicity

Over 90% of the homeopathic practitioner respondents were Caucasian. There was a 96% response to this question. See appendix C for a comparison to normal population distribution for the USA population.

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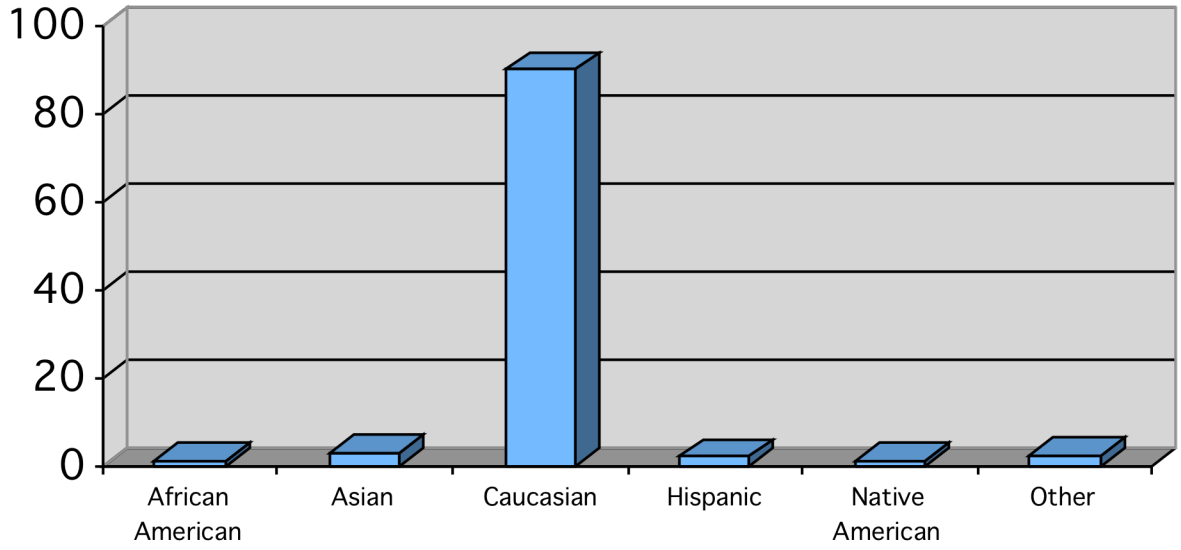

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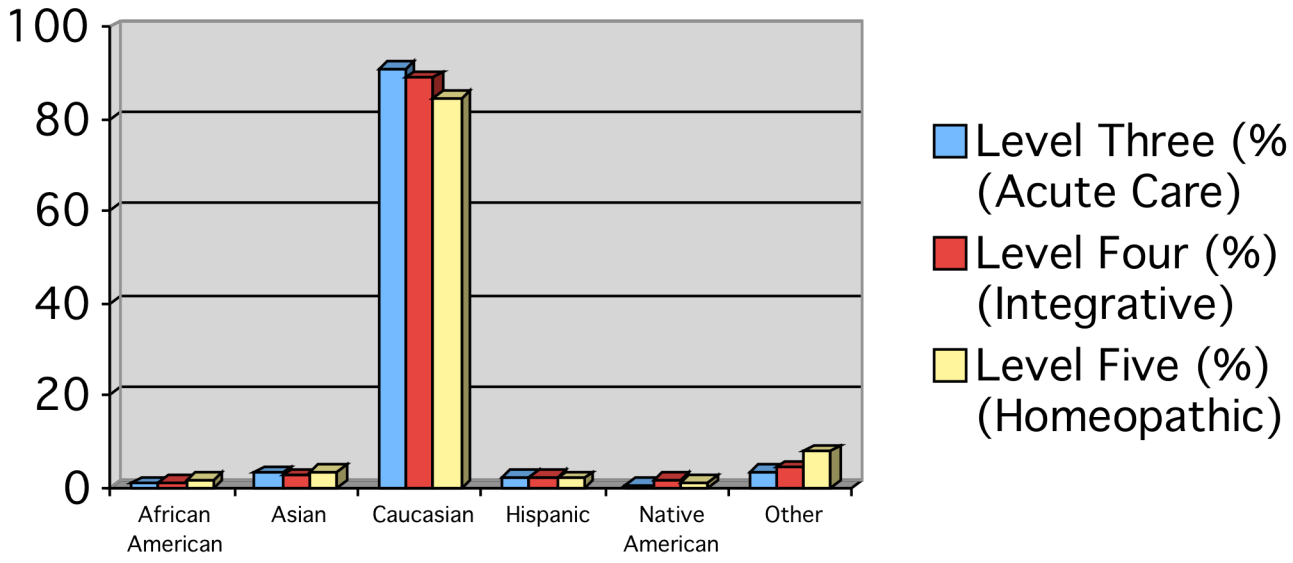

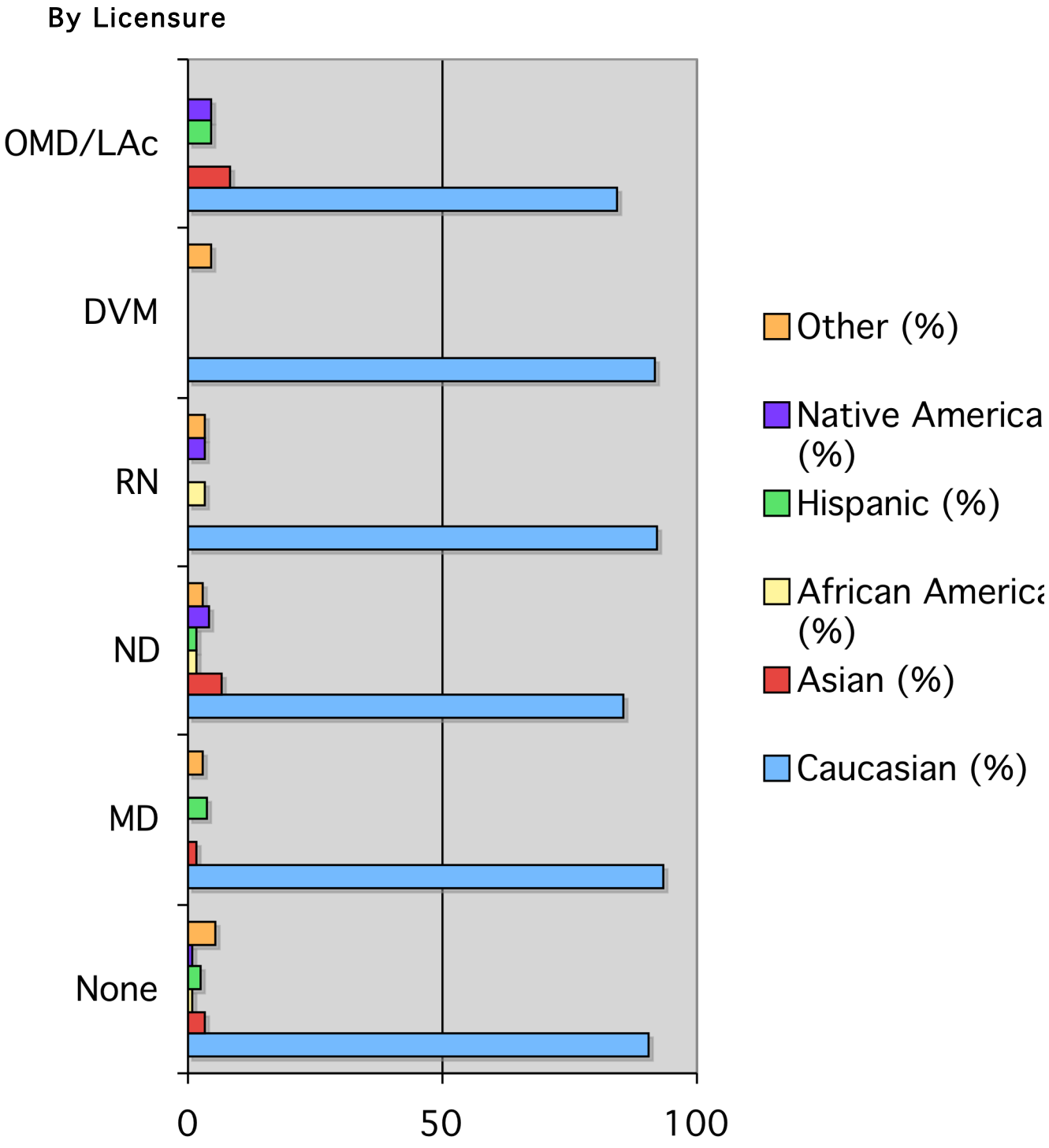
By Licensure
OMD/LAc
DVM
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None
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50
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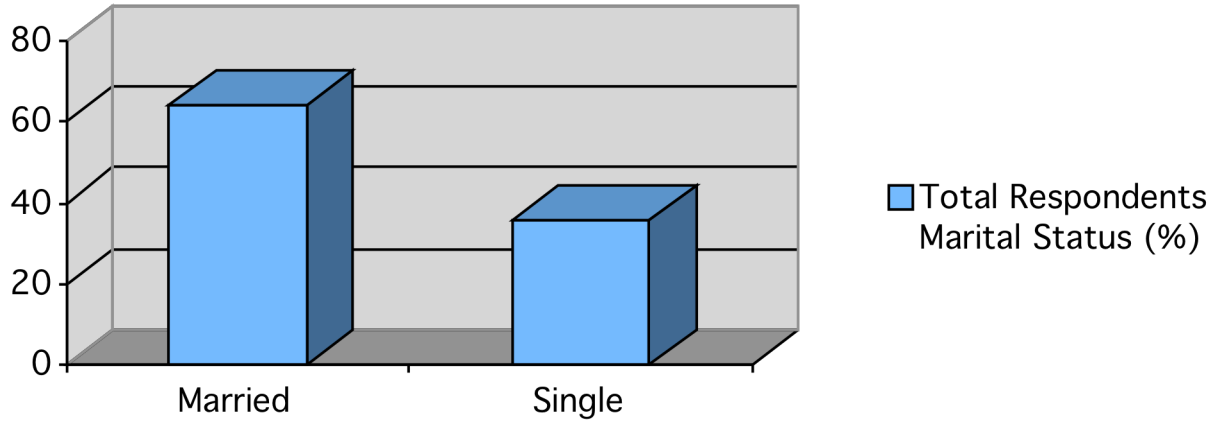
Other (%)
Native America (%)
Hispanic (%)
African America (%)
Asian (%)
Caucasian (%)

Question #5: Marital Status

Nearly 2/3 of all homeopathic practitioner respondents were married. There was a 96% response rate to this question.

Total Respondents



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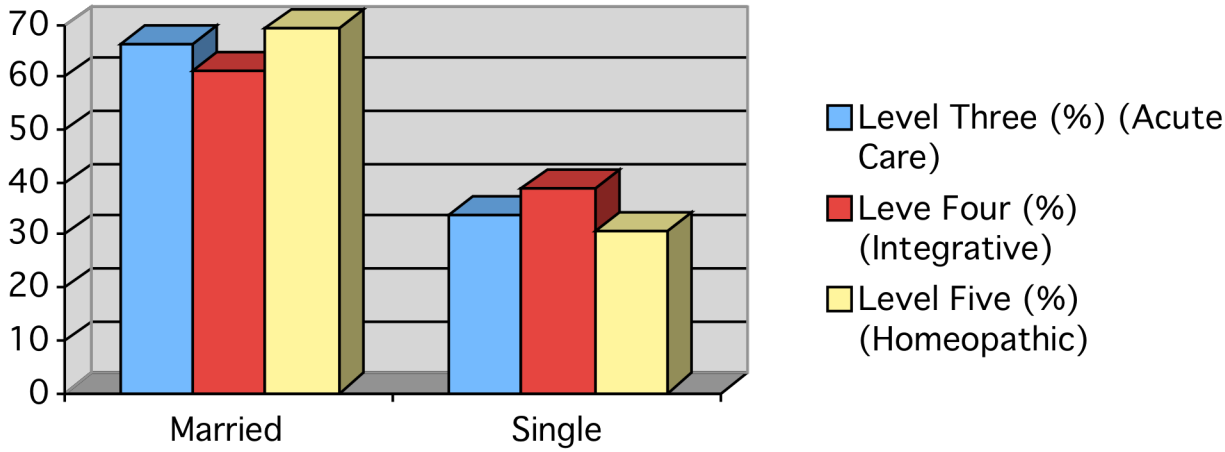

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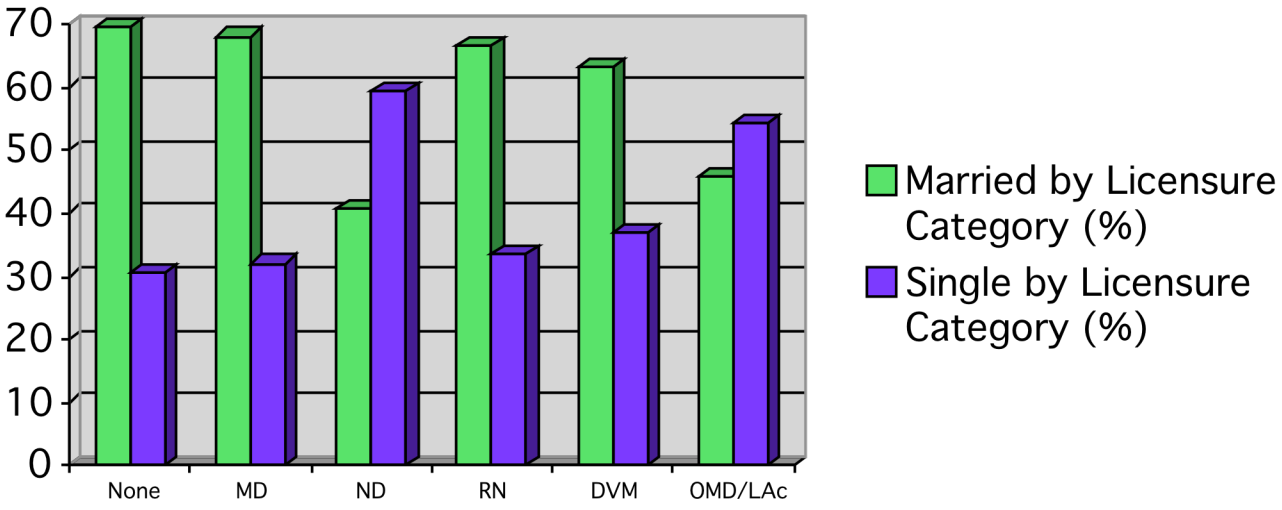
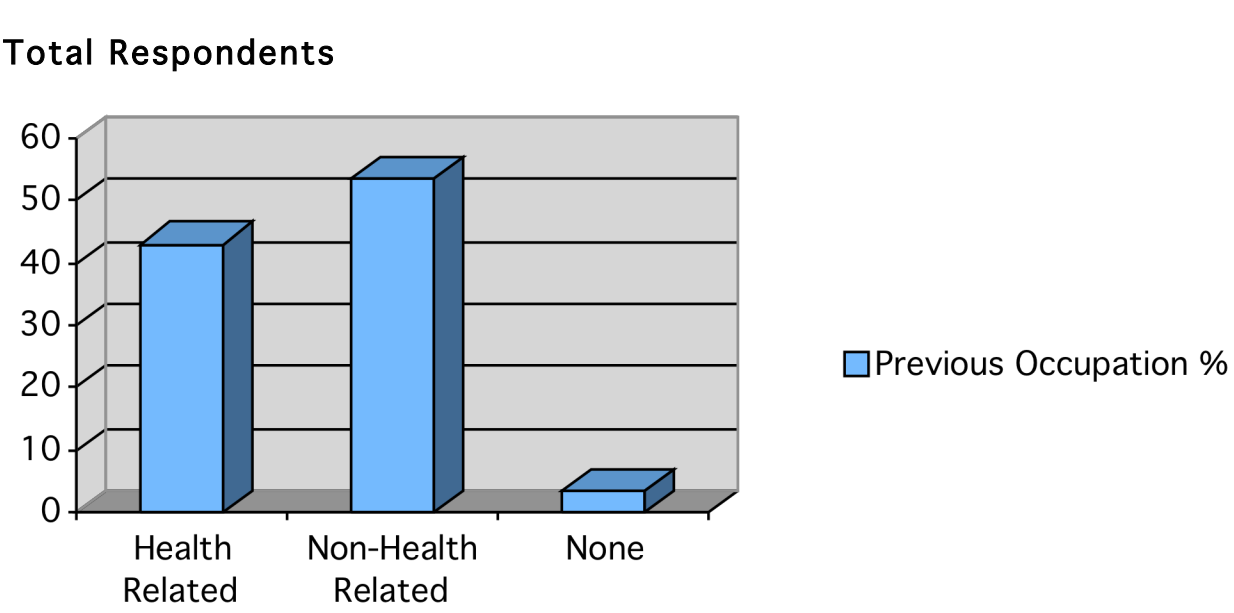


Question #6: Occupation Before Homeopathy

There was an 89% response rate to this question.



Question #7: Highest Level of Education Achieved

There was a disparity of educational backgrounds in homeopathic practitioners prior to beginning homeopathic training. There was a 96% response rate to this question.

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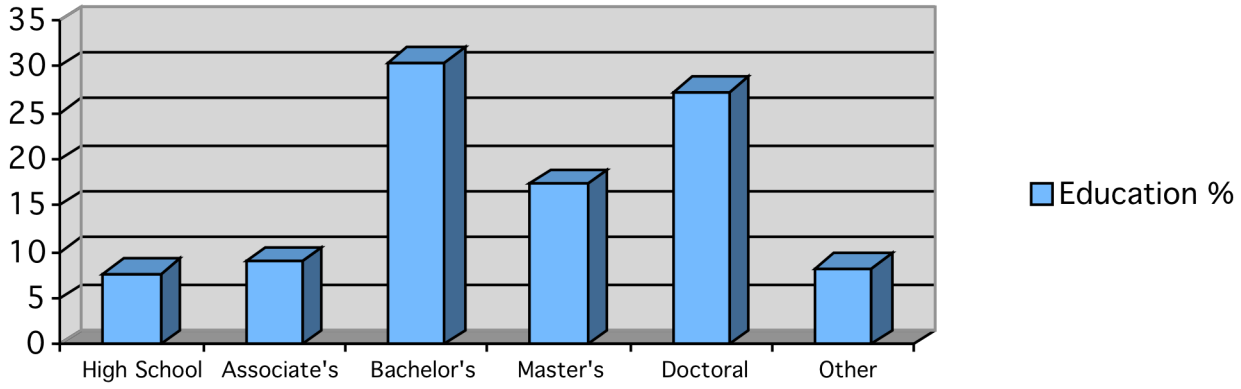

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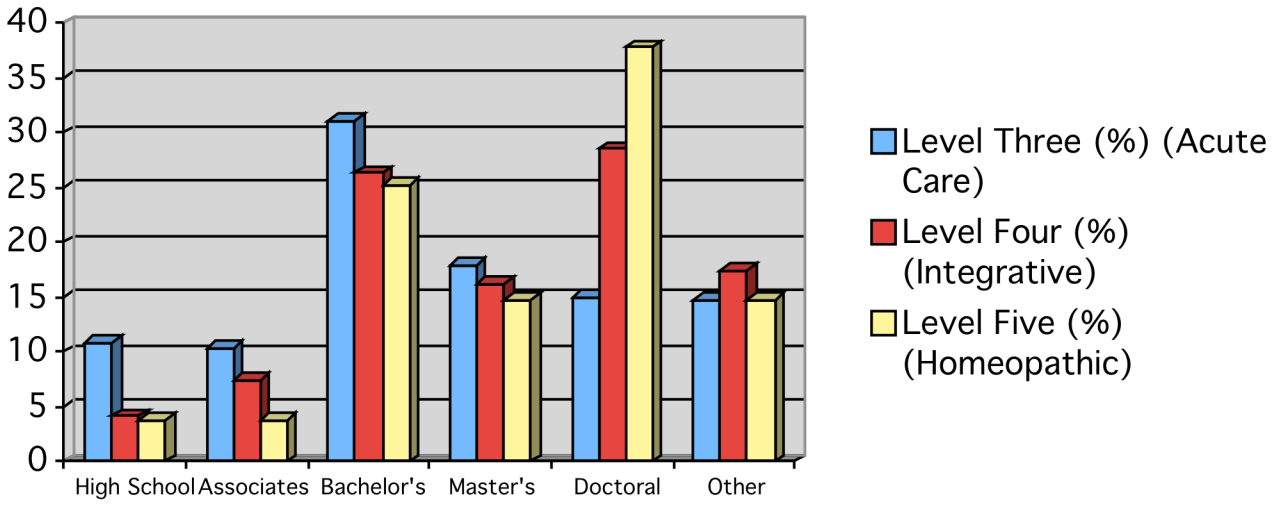
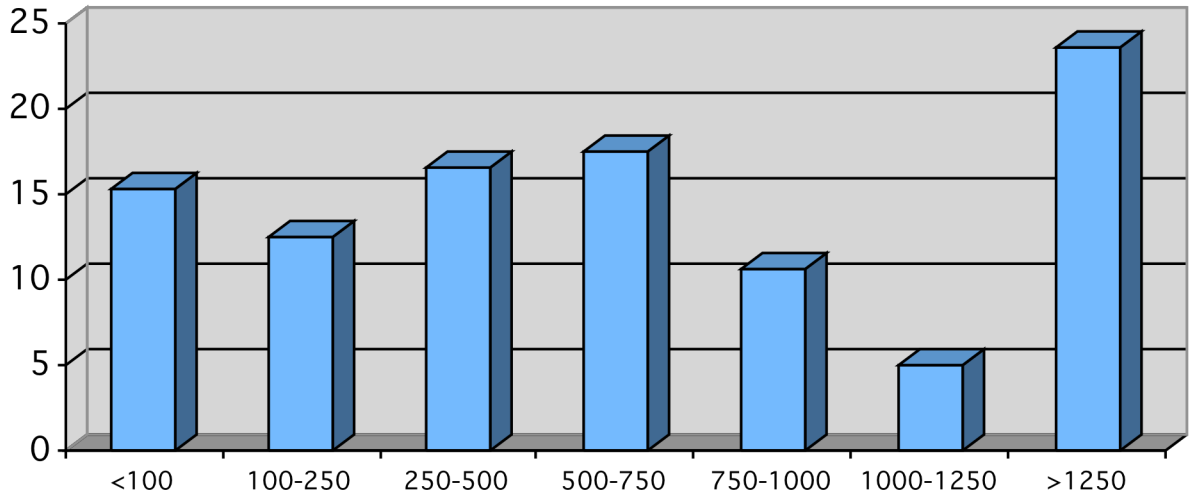


Section Two: Homeopathic Training

Question #8: Undergraduate Training-Lecture

There was a wide diversity of undergraduate training hours in homeopathic education. This made for an approximate average time of 700 hours. There was a 73% response rate to this question.

Total Respondents



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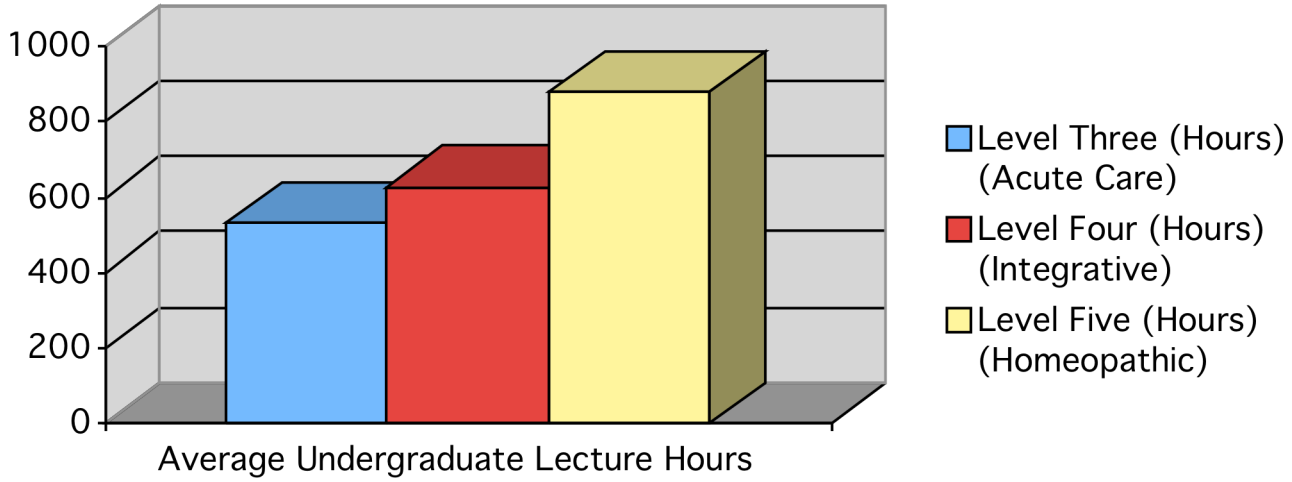

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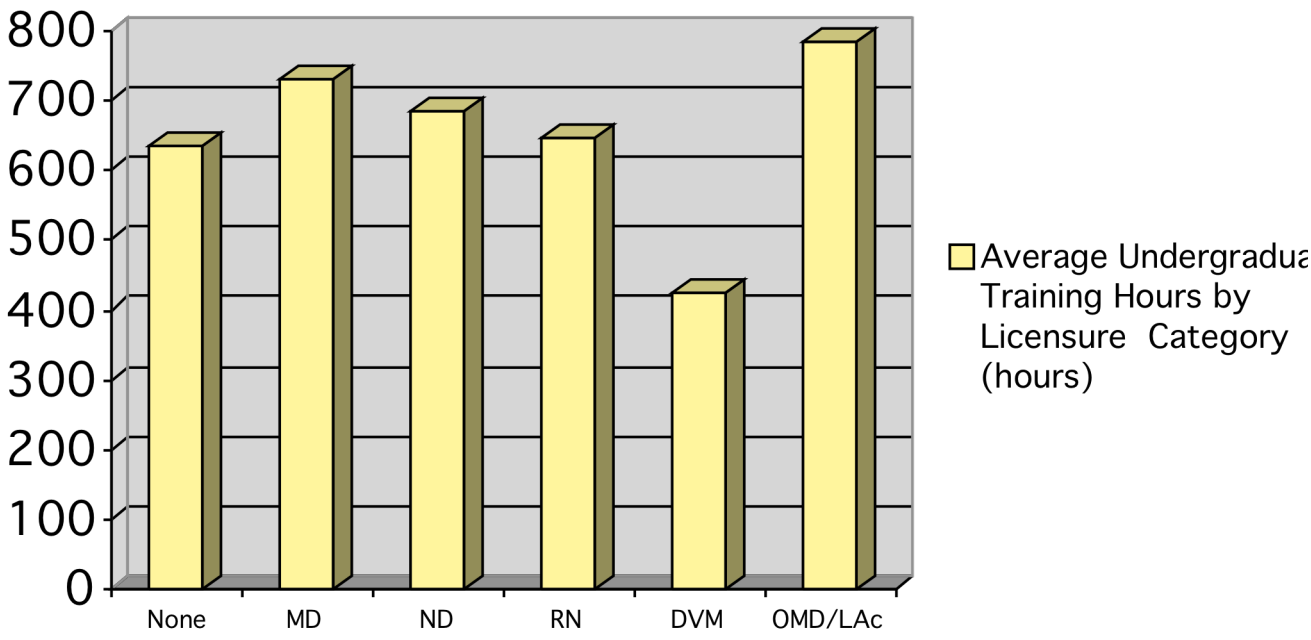

Question #9: Undergraduate Training-Clinical

The average was 380 hours. Nearly half of respondents had less than 100 hours of clinical undergraduate training. There was a 73% response rate to this question.

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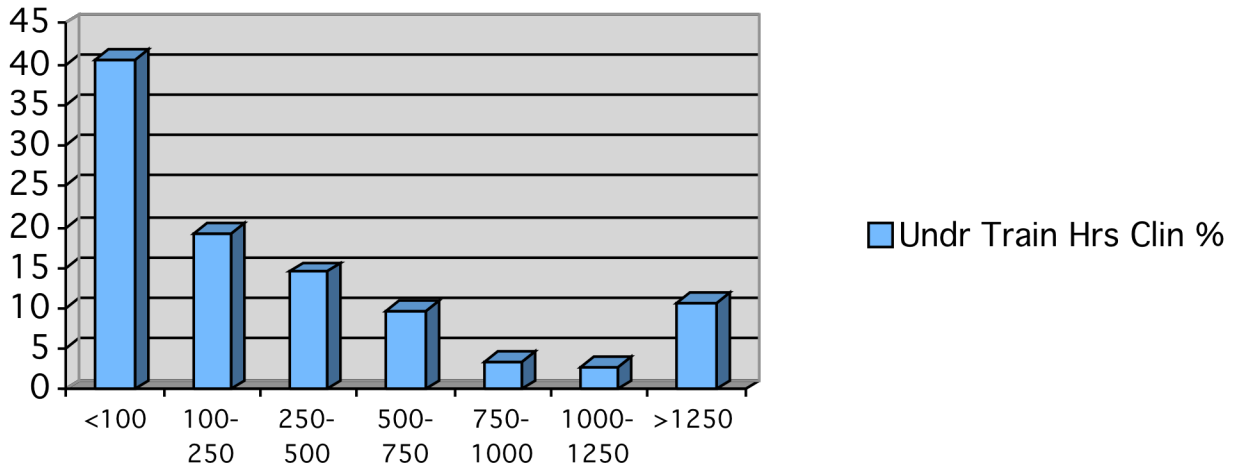

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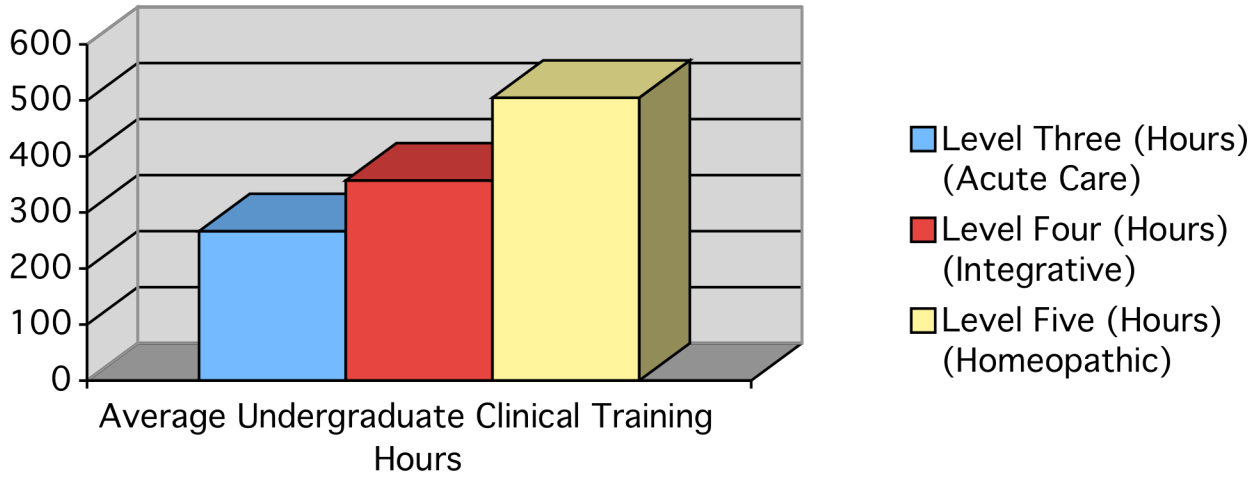

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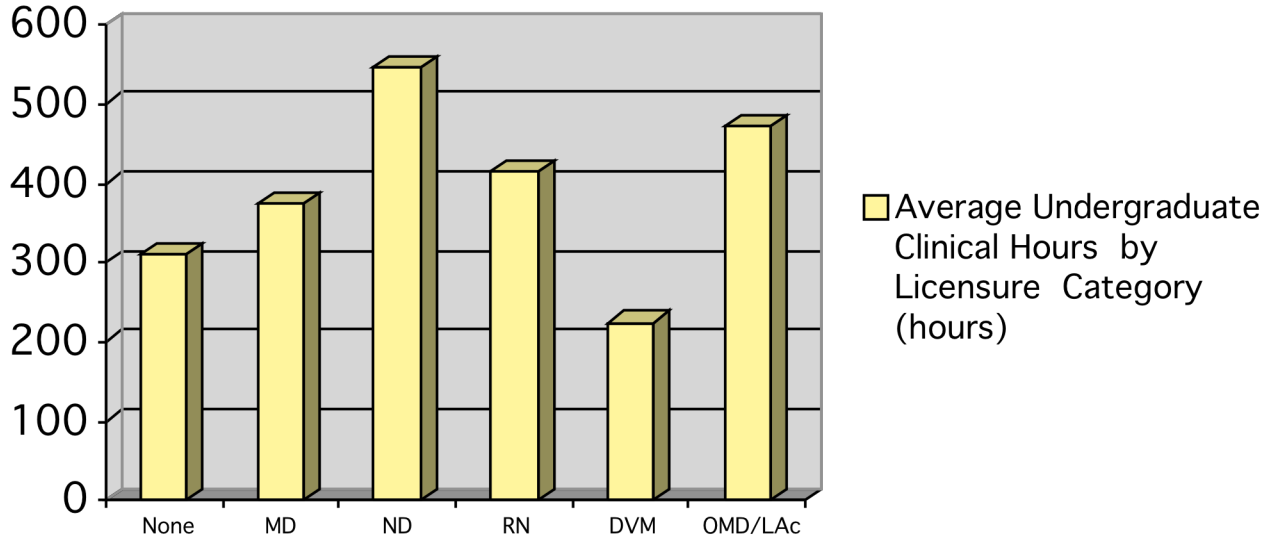
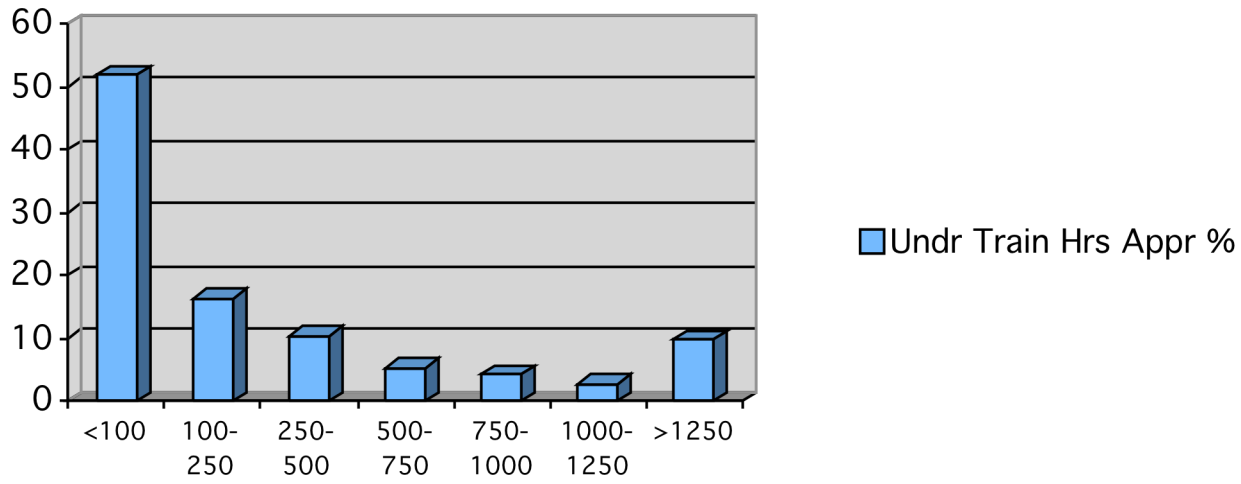


Question #10: Undergraduate Training-Individualized Study (Apprenticeship)

The average was 320 hours. There was a 62% response rate to this question.

Total Respondents



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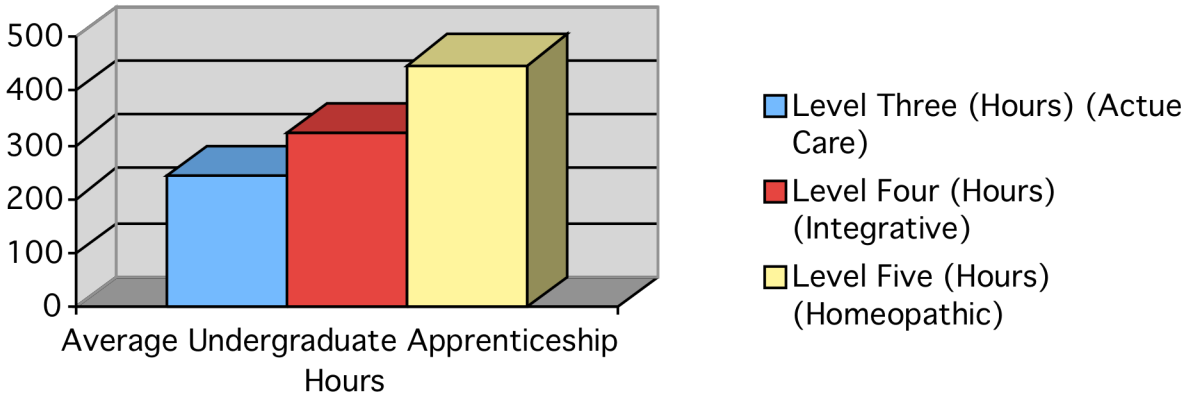

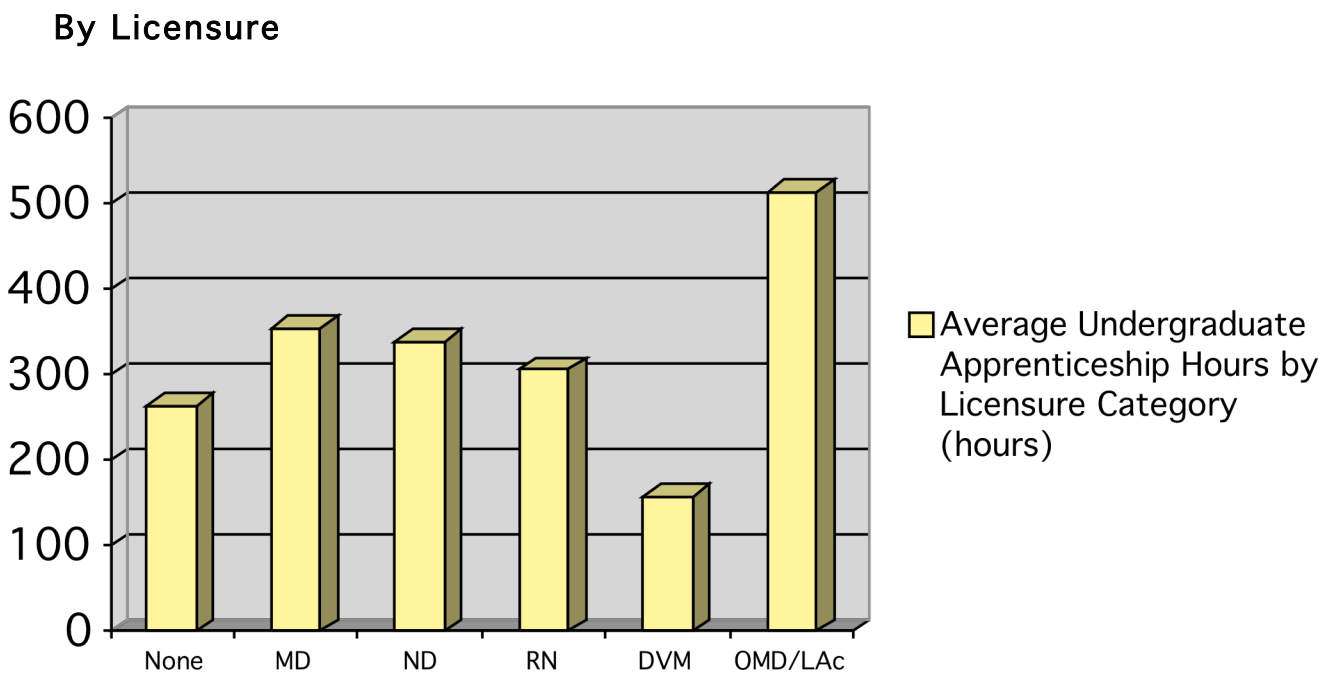
By Licensure
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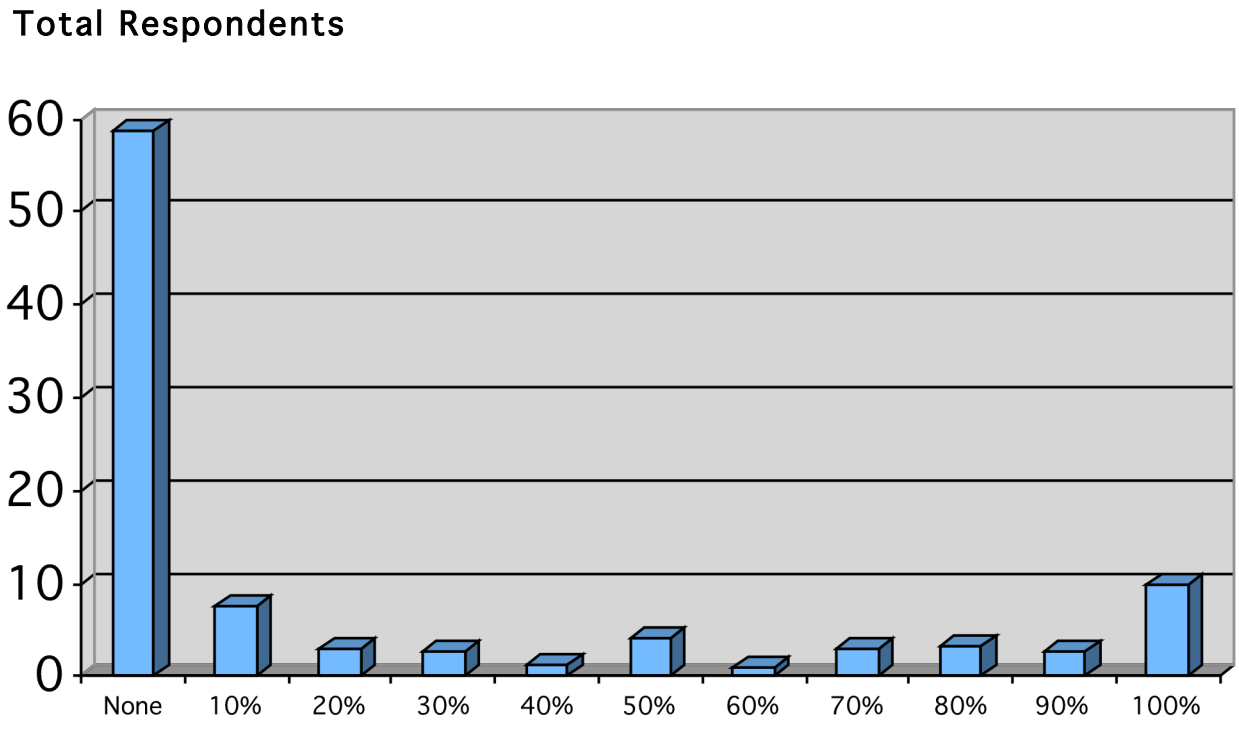
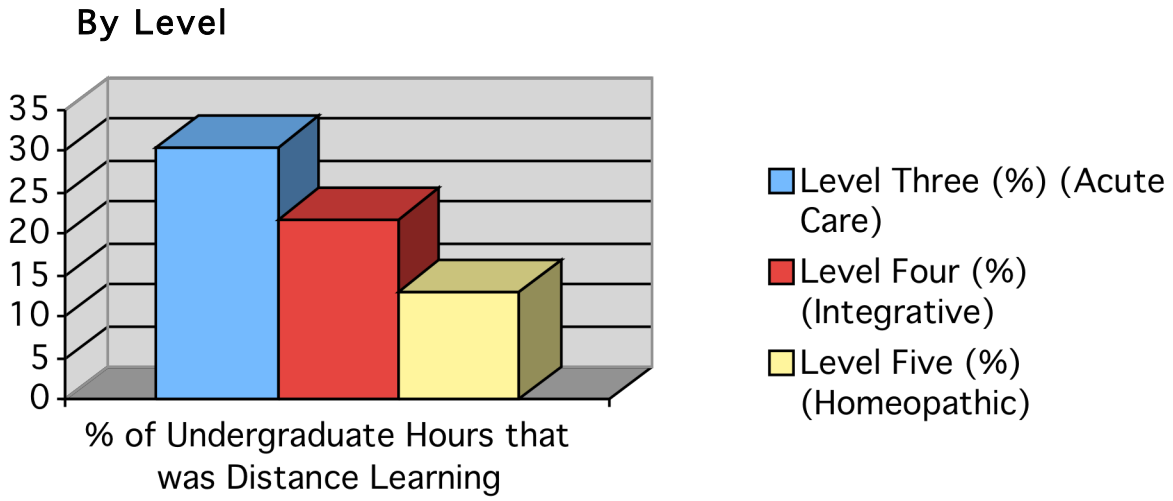
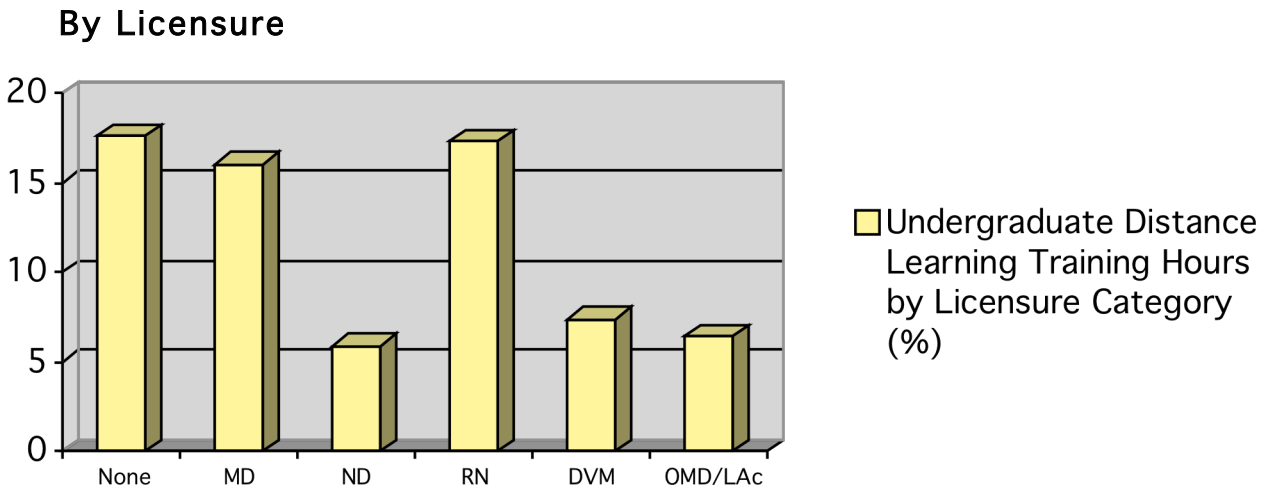
400
300
200
100
0
None
MD
ND
RN
DVM
OMD/LAc
Average Undergraduate Apprenticeship Hours by Licensure Category (hours)

Question #11: Percentage of Training Hours That Was Distance Learning

The majority of homeopathic practitioner respondents did not have any distance learning undergraduate training. The average of all respondents was 22.3% of their undergraduate training was distance learning. There was a 67% response rate to this question.






By Licensure
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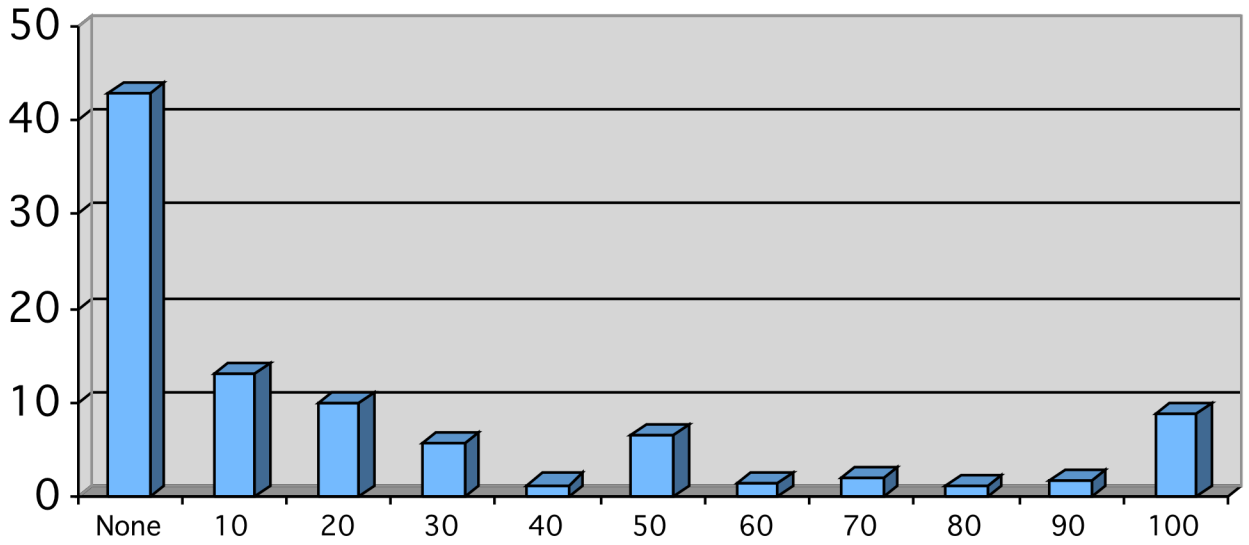
15
10
5
0
None
MD
ND
RN
DVM
OMD/LAc
Undergraduate Distance Learning Training Hours by Licensure Category (%)

Question #12: Percentage of Clinical Training Hours That Was Apprenticeship

The majority of homeopathic practitioner respondents did not have any apprenticeship clinical training hours. The average of all respondents to this question was 24.4% of their undergraduate clinical training was apprenticeship. There was a 58% response rate to this question.

Total Respondents



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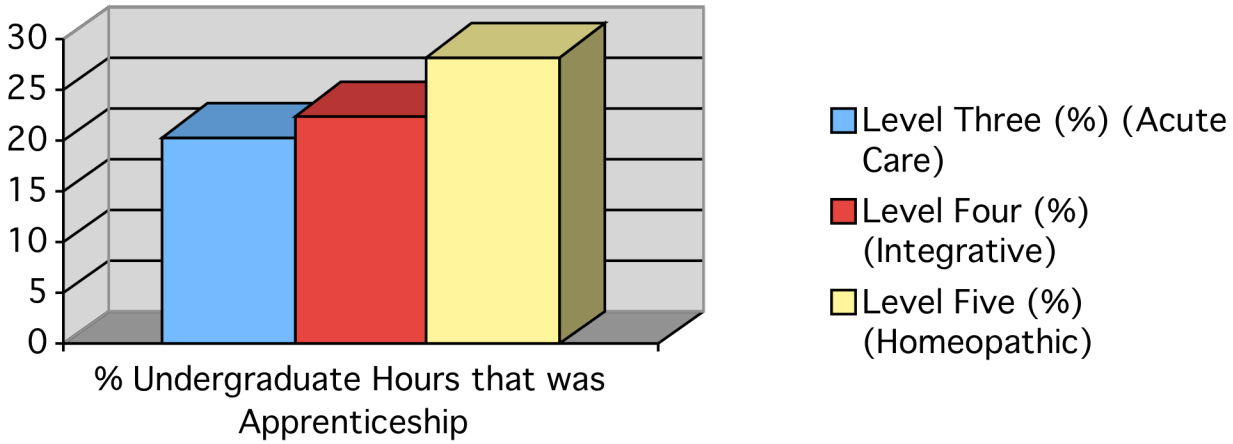

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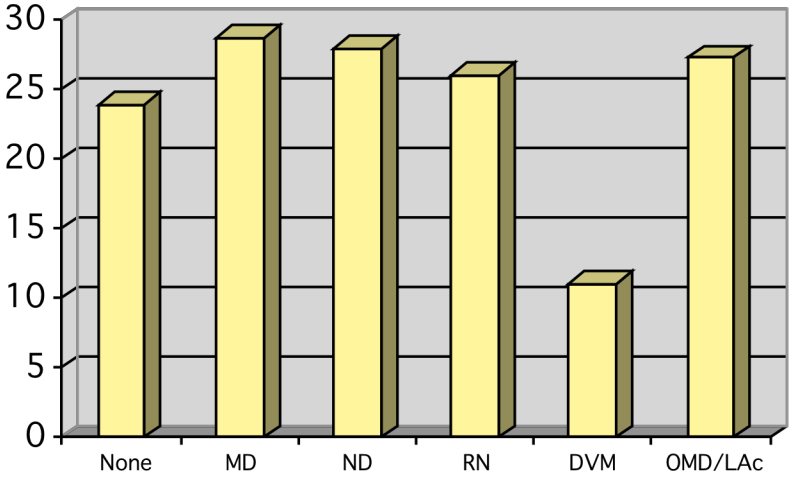
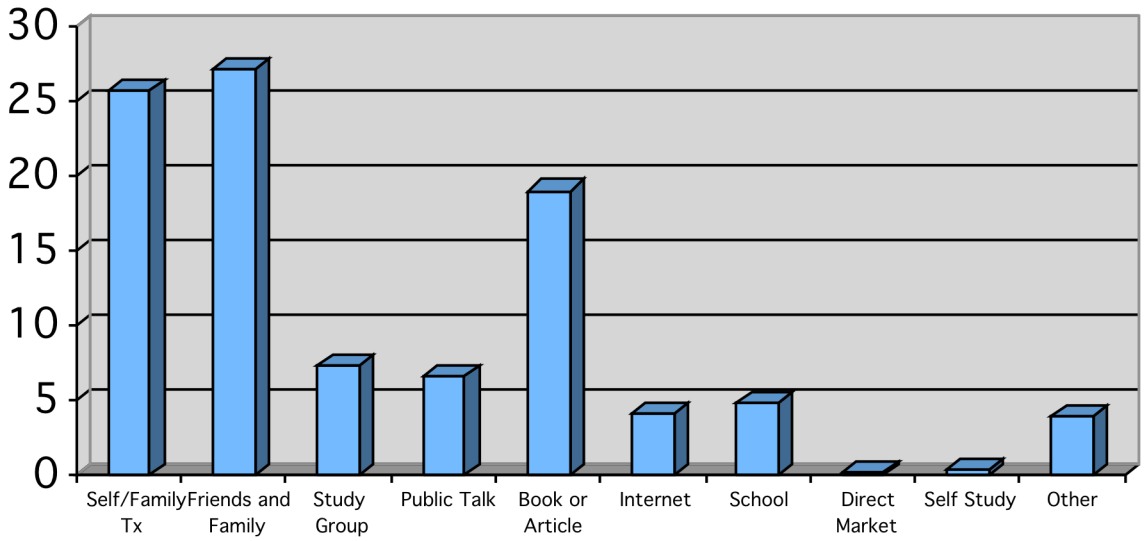


Undergraduate Training Apprenticeship Hours by Licensure Category (%)

Question #13: How Did You Learn About Homeopathy

Successful homeopathic treatment of oneself and family and recommendation of a friend/mentor were the most common reasons for learning about homeopathic medicine. Reading a book or article was also relatively common. There was a 78% response rate to this question.

Total Respondents



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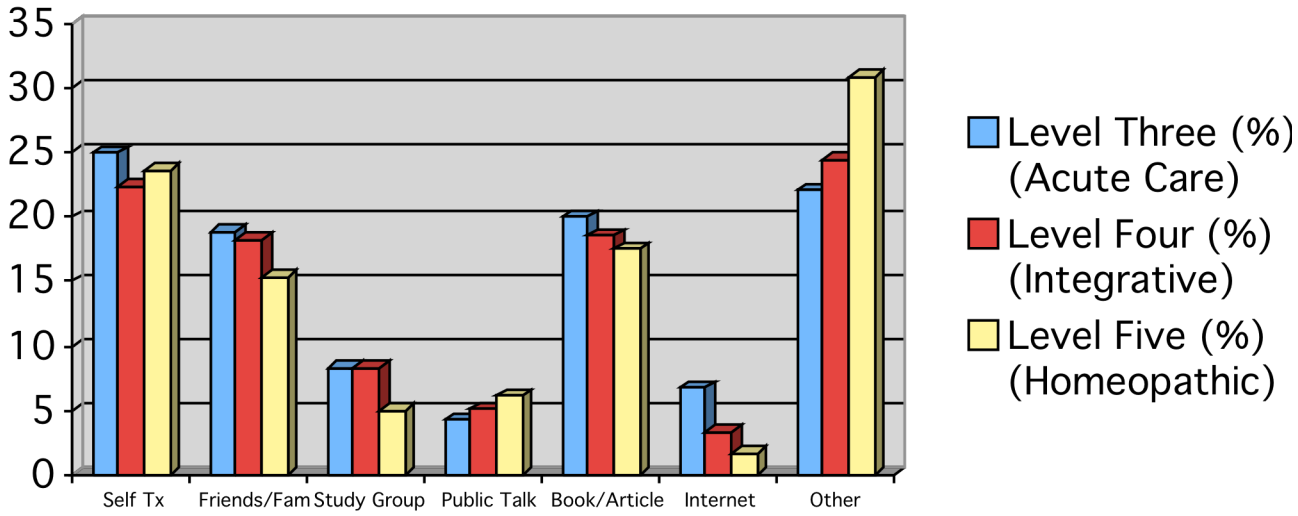
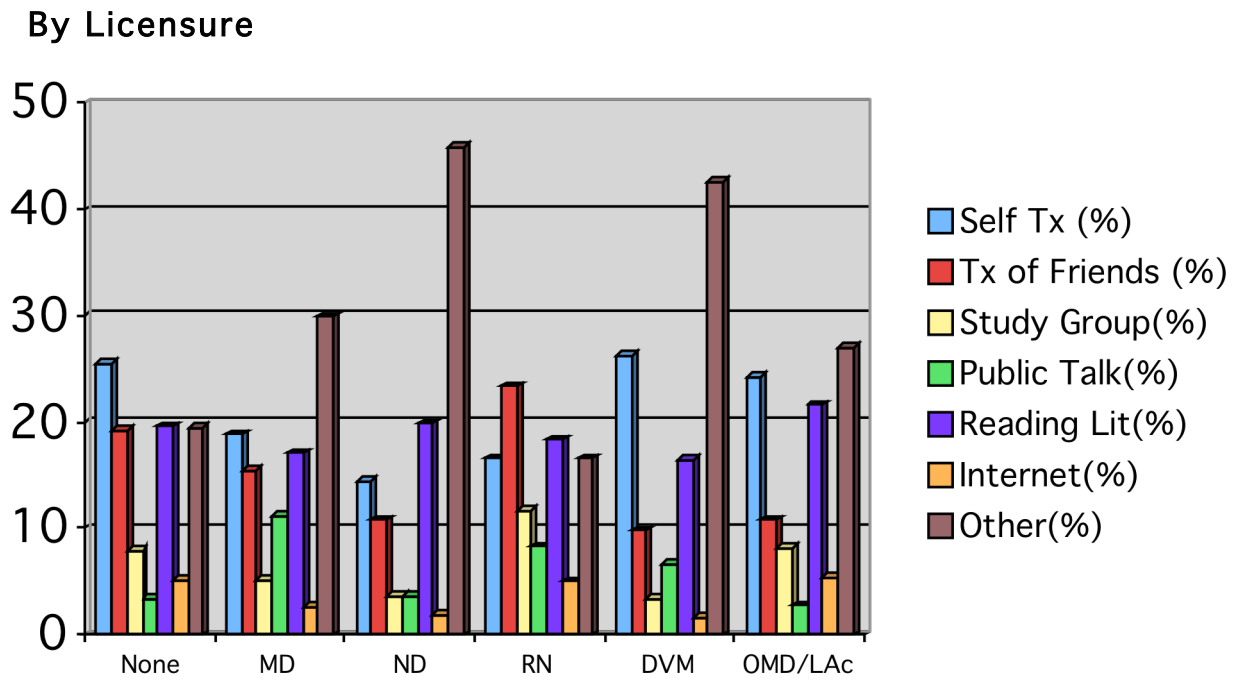
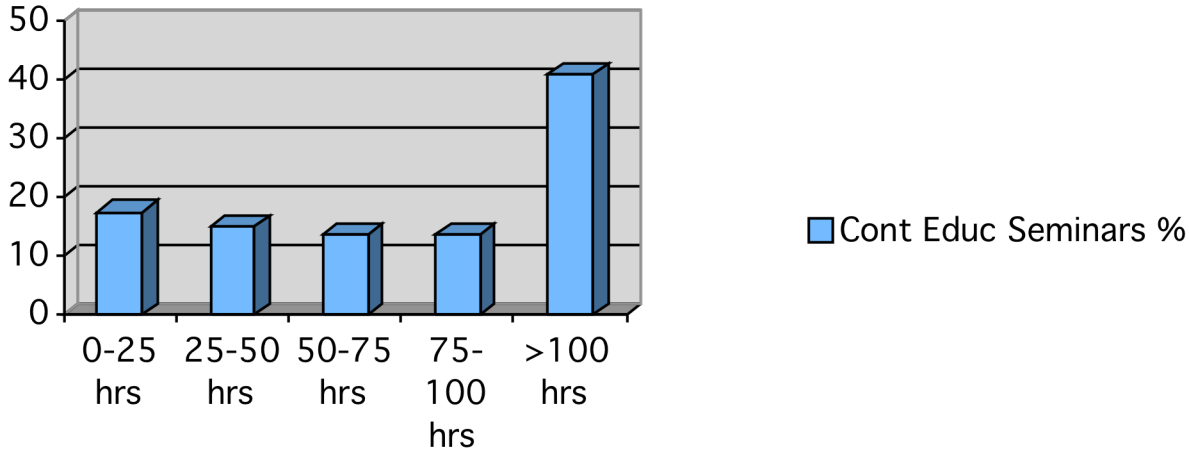



By Licensure
50
40
30
20
10
0
None
MD
ND
RN
DVM
OMD/LAc
Self Tx (%)
Tx of Friends (%)
Study Group(%)
Public Talk(%)
Reading Lit(%)
Internet(%)
Other(%)

Question #14: Continuing Education-Seminars, Conferences (Average Annual Hours)

The majority of homeopathic practitioner respondents attend less than 25 hours per year of seminars and conferences. This makes for an approximate average attendance of 100 hours per year. There was a 72% response rate to this question.

Total Respondents



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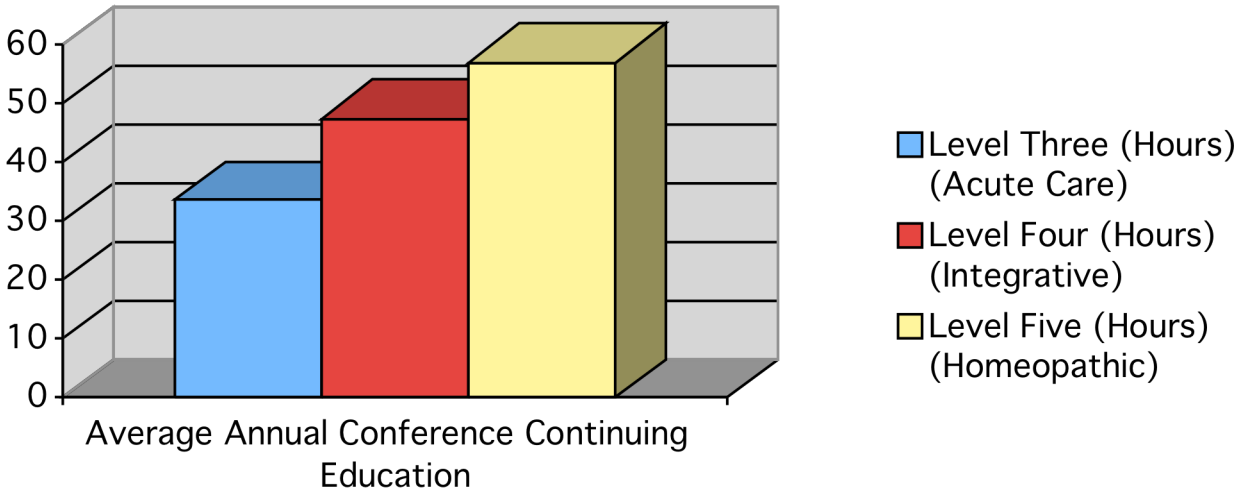

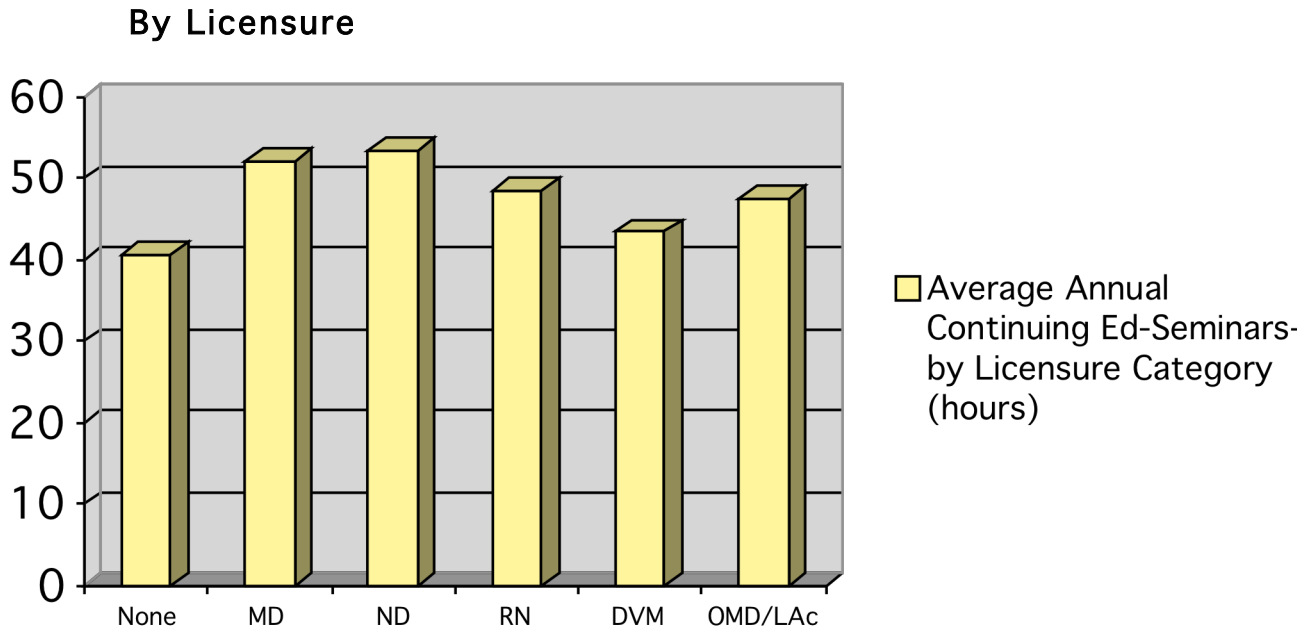
By Licensure
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50
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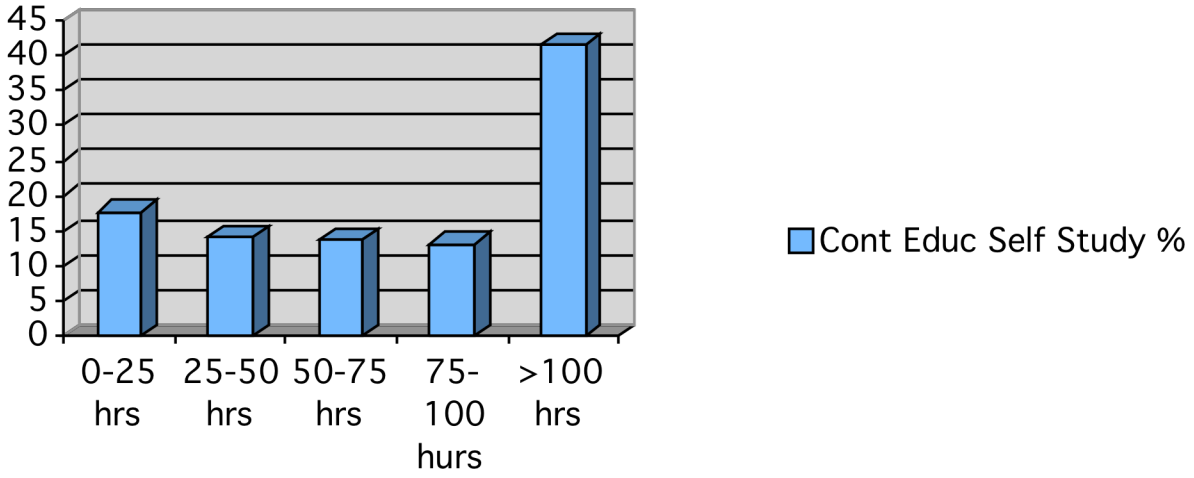
30
20
10
0
None
MD
ND
RN
DVM
OMD/LAc
Average Annual Continuing Ed-Seminars-by Licensure Category (hours)

Question #15: Continuing Education-Self Study

The average is 75.0 hours of self-study per year. Over 40% of respondents self study more than 100 hours per year of continuing homeopathic education. There was a 71% response rate to this question.

Total Respondents



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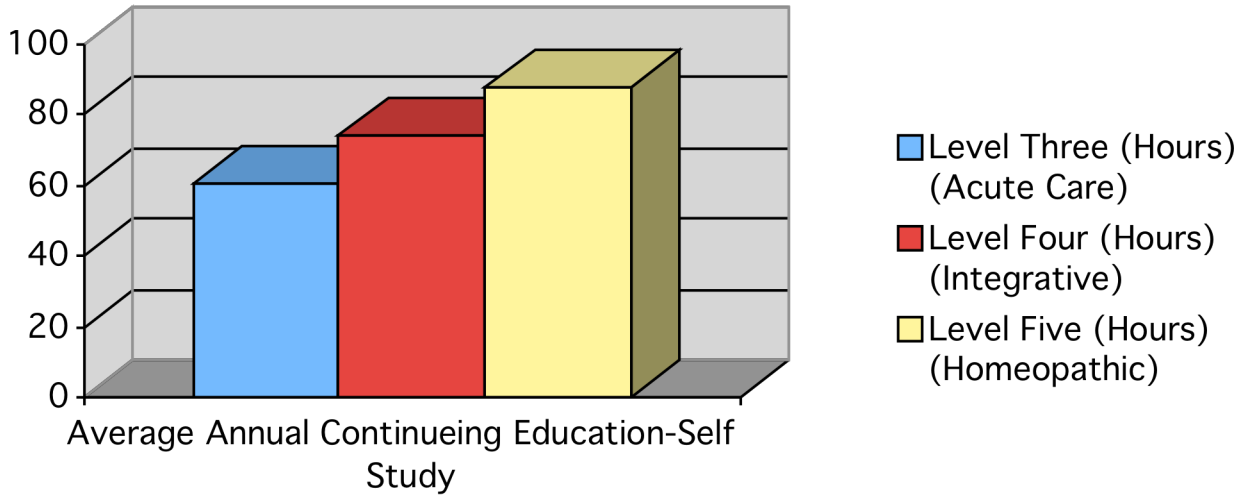

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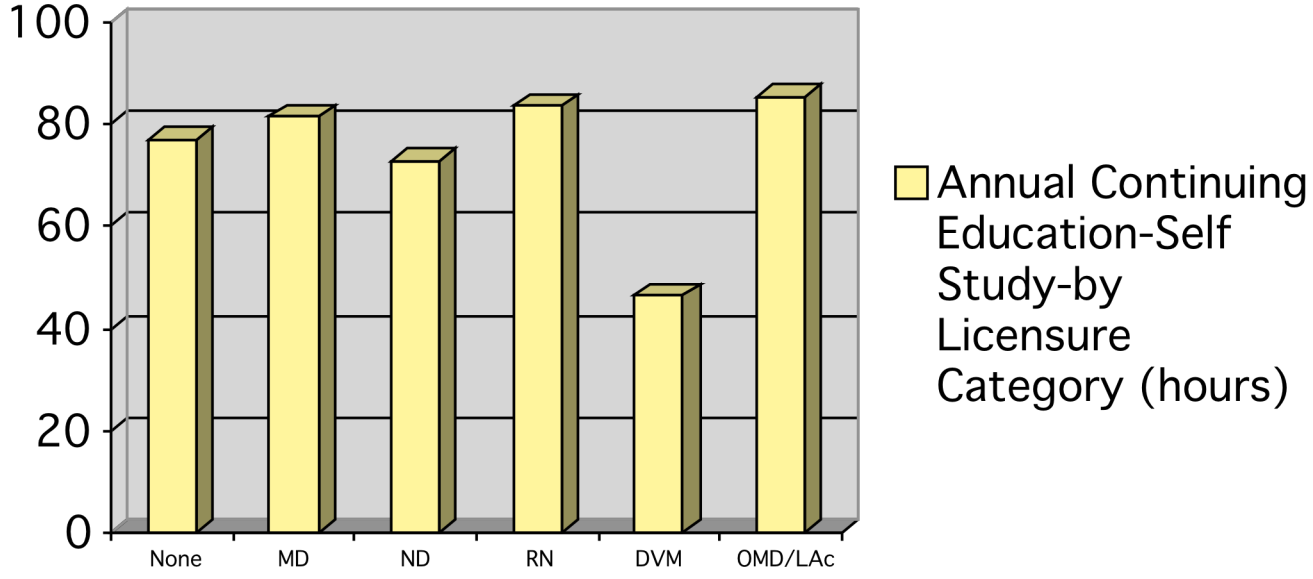
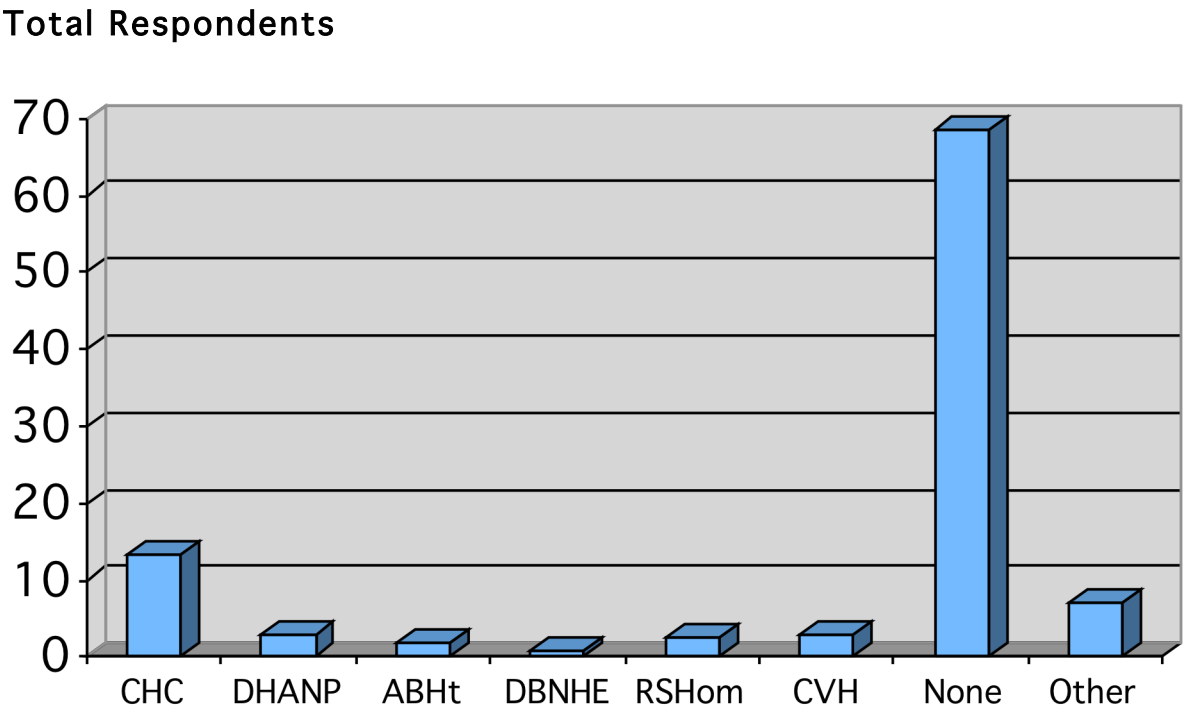


Question #16: Certification

The majority of homeopathic practitioner respondents were not certified (68.6%). The largest category of certification was the CHC with 13.3% of homeopathic practitioner respondents. Of the Level Five Homeopathic Practitioners who are Unlicensed, 36.7% were certified. There was a 74% response rate to this question.

CHC: 13.3%
DHANP: 2.8%
ABHt: 1.9%
DNBHE: .9%
RSHom: 2.5%
CVH: 2.9%
None: 68.6%
Other: 7.0%



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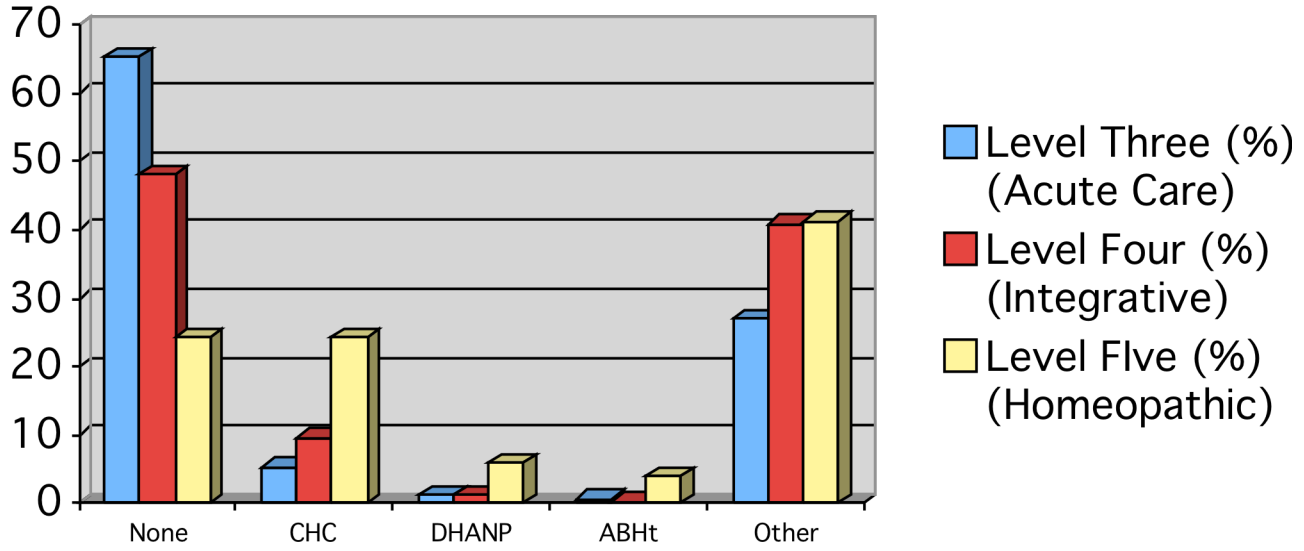

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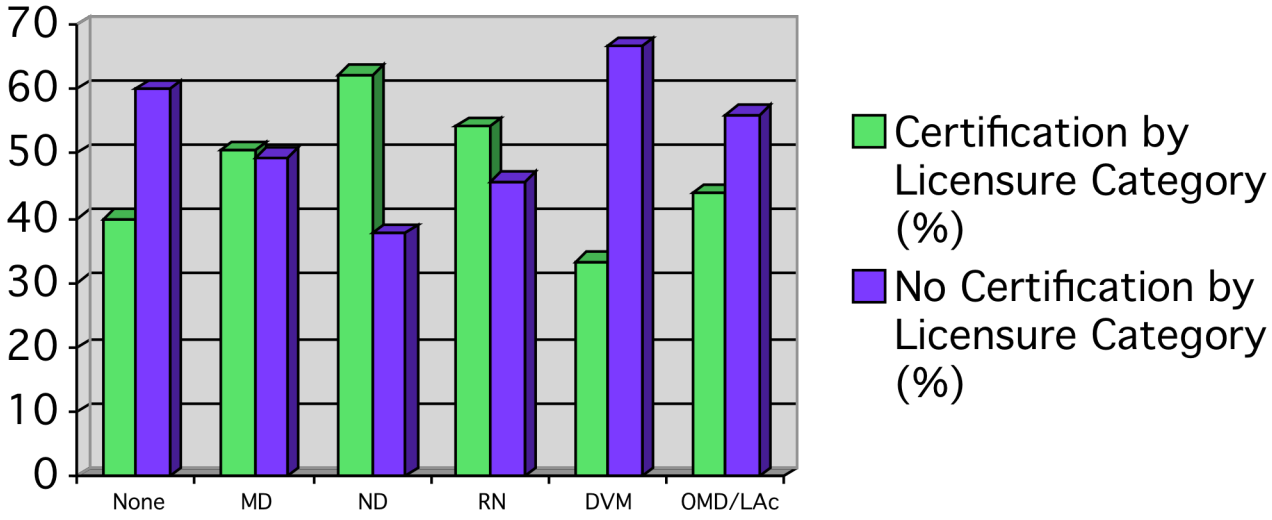

Question #17: Membership in Homeopathic Organizations

Membership in the National Center for Homeopathy (NCH) was the largest category and the majority of homeopathic practitioner respondents were members (56.5%). Membership in the North American Society of Homeopaths (NASH) was also quite strong (21.8%). By far, the most common pairing of memberships was NCH and NASH. State and Province Associations were lumped together in one category (13.4%). The data is displayed below, including a breakdown of multiple memberships. There was a 57% Response Rate to this question.

Major Categories

American Institute of Homeopathy (AIH): 51=8.3%
Academy of Veterinary Homeopathy (AVH): 21=3.6%
Canadian Society of Homeopaths (CSH): 46=7.0%
Homeopathic Academy of Naturopathic Physicians (HANP): 36=5.6%
Homeopathic Nurses Association (HNA): 12=1.8%
National Center for Homeopathy (NCH): 347=56.8%
North American Society of Homeopaths (NASH): 134=21.2%
State/Province Homeopathic Associations : 82=13.2%
None: 78=12.0%

State/Province Homeopathic Associations

Arizona Homeopathic and Integrative Medical Association: 12
British Columbia Society of Homeopaths: 5
California Homeopathic Medical Association: 3
Florida Homeopathic Medical Society: 8
Homeopathic Medical Society of New York: 1
Homeopathic Medical Society of Pennsylvania: 3
Illinois Homeopathic Medical Association: 4
Maine Association of Homeopaths: 3
Manitoba Society of Homeopathic Physicians: 3
Minnesota Homeopathic Association: 11
New York Homeopathic Medical Society: 2
New York State Homeopathic Association: 10
Ohio State Homeopathic Association: 3
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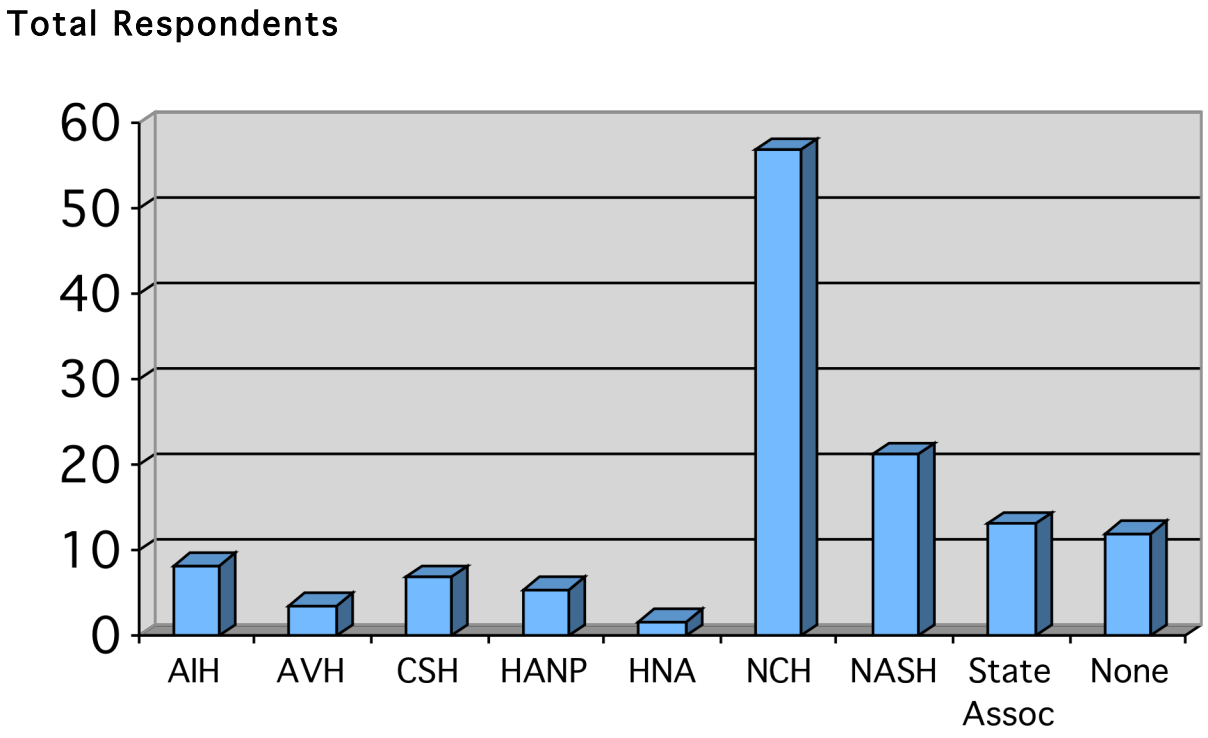
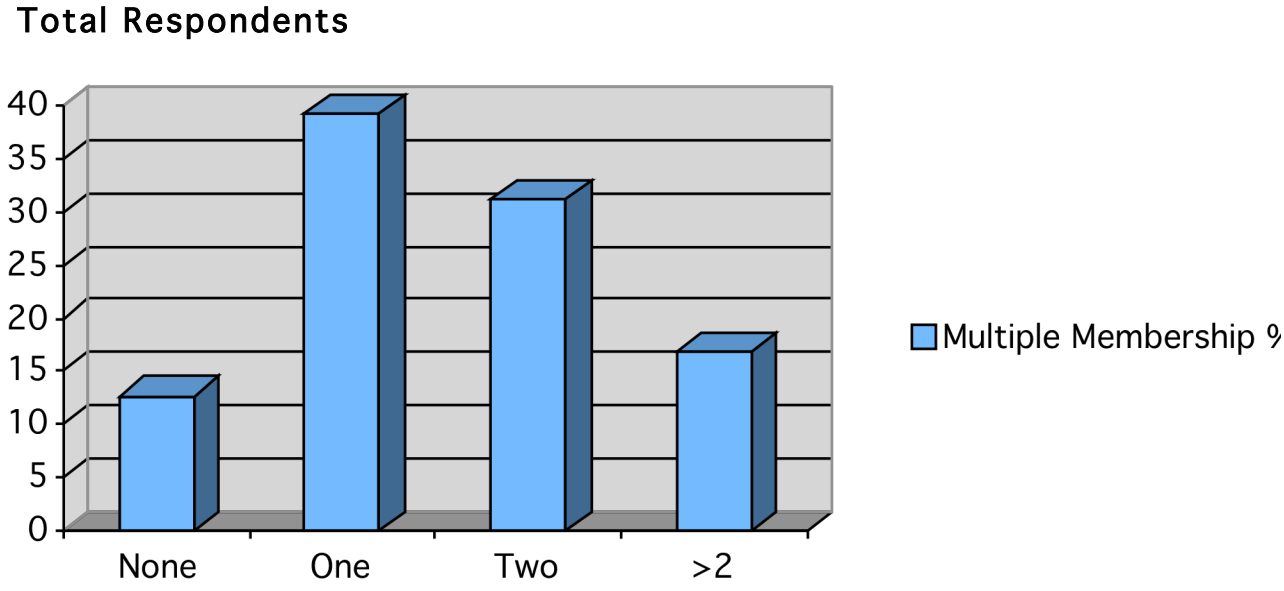
Pennsylvania Homeopathic Medical Society: 1
Texas Society of Homeopathy: 3

Vermont Association of Classical Homeopaths: 1

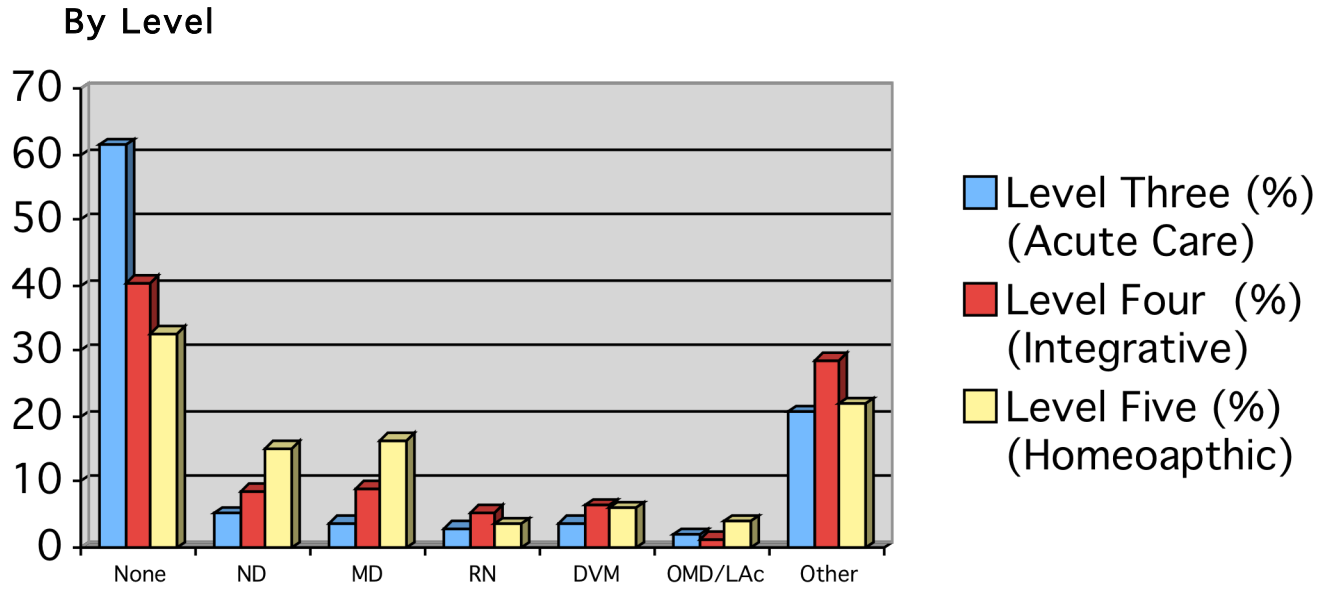


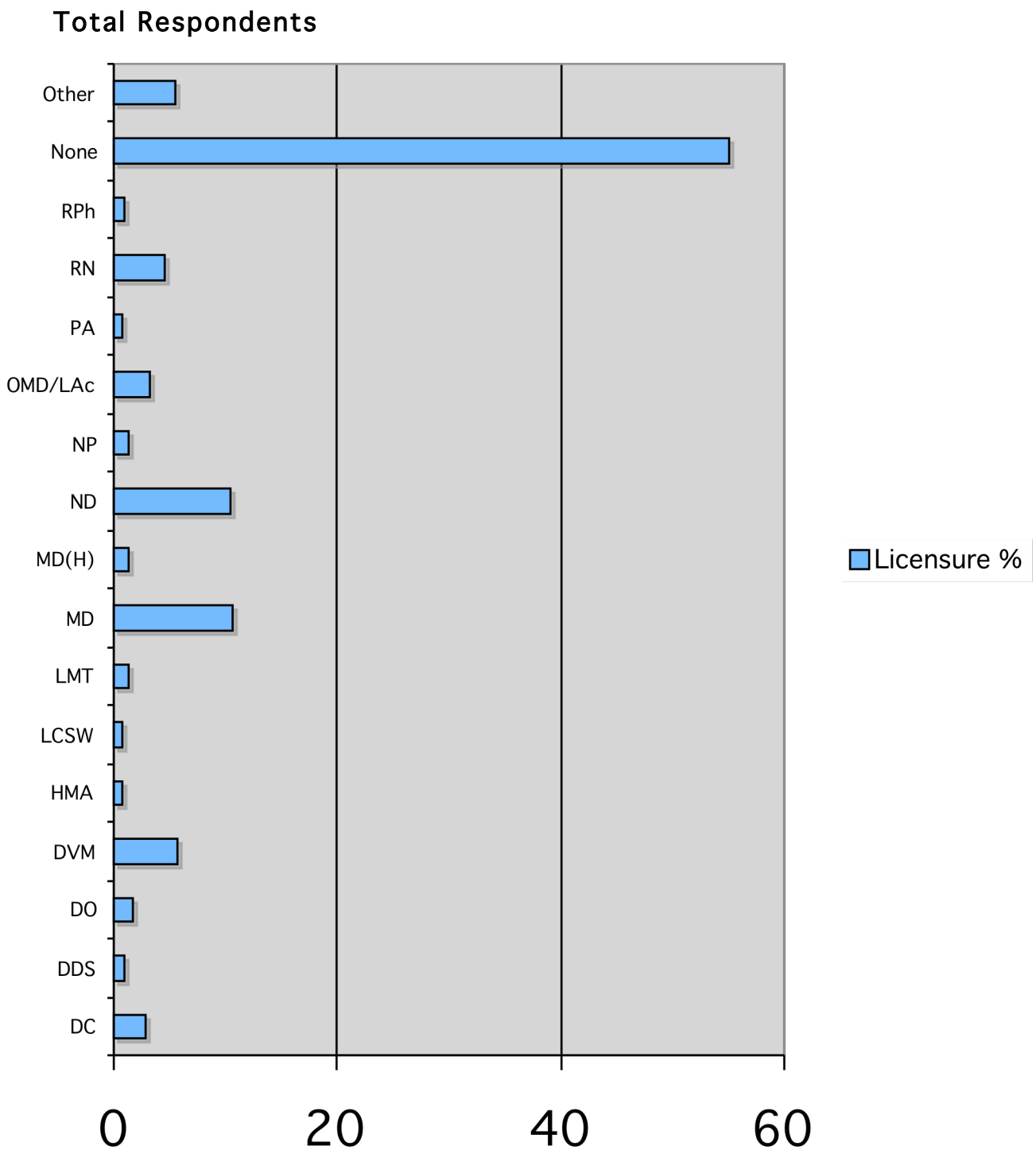


Question #18: Licensure

The majority of homeopathic practitioner respondents were unlicensed. Naturopathic Doctor (10.7%) and Medical Doctor (10.4%) were the most common licensure categories. See the tabulation of results below. There was a 71% response rate to this question.

DC:	2.6%
DDS:	.7%
DO:	1.6%
DVM:	5.6%
HMA:	.6%
LCSW:	.6%
LMT:	1.1%
MD:	10.4%
MD(H):	1.2%
ND:	10.2%
NP:	1.2%
OMD/LAc:	3.1%
PA:	.5%
PT:	.1%
RN:	4.4%
RPh:	.8%
None:	54.9%
Other:	5.4%




Total Respondents
Other
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RN
PA
OMD/LAc
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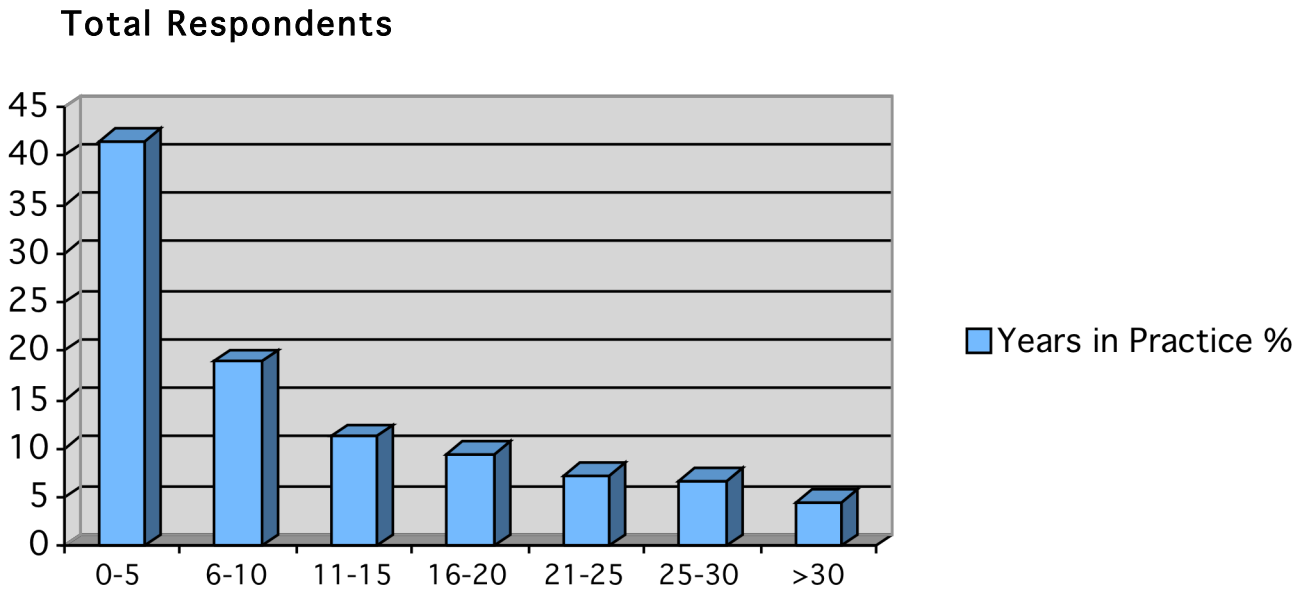
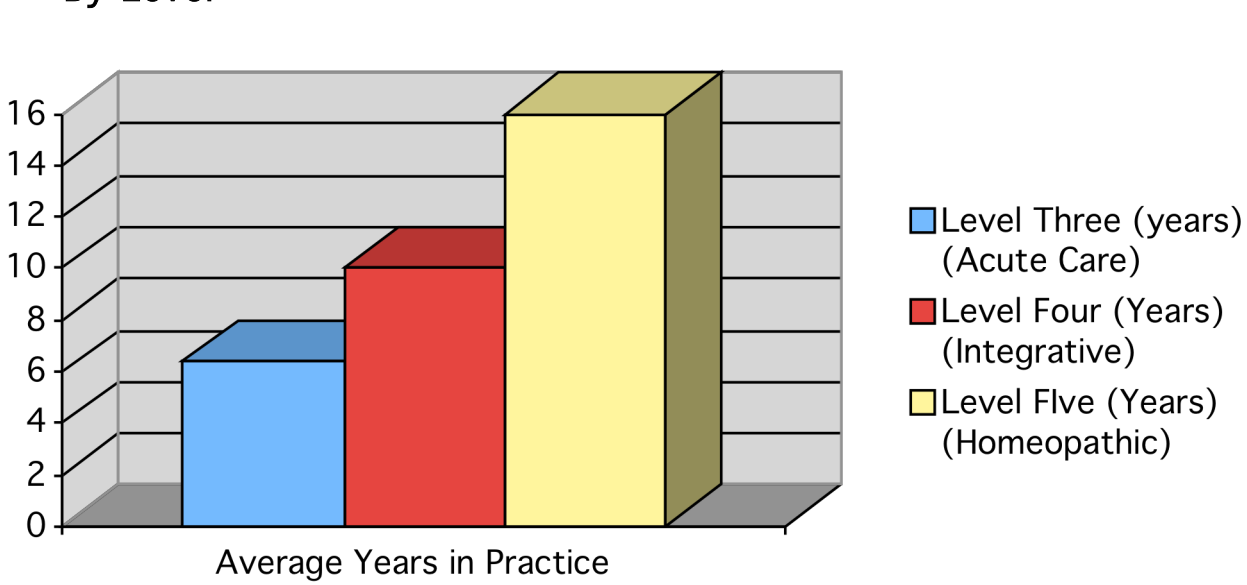
ND
MD(H)
MD
LMT
LCSW
HMA
DVM
DO
DDS
DC
0
20
40
60
Licensure %

Section Three: Nature of Practice

Question #19: Total Years in Practice

The majority of homeopathic practitioner respondents were practicing for less than 7 years. The longest duration of practice for any homeopathic practitioner respondents was 53 years. The average length of practice for all homeopathic practitioner respondents was 11.5 years. There was a 62% response rate to this question.





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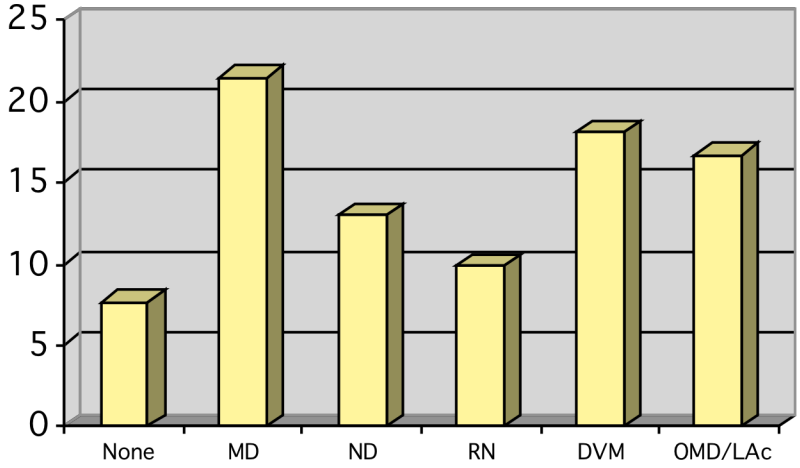
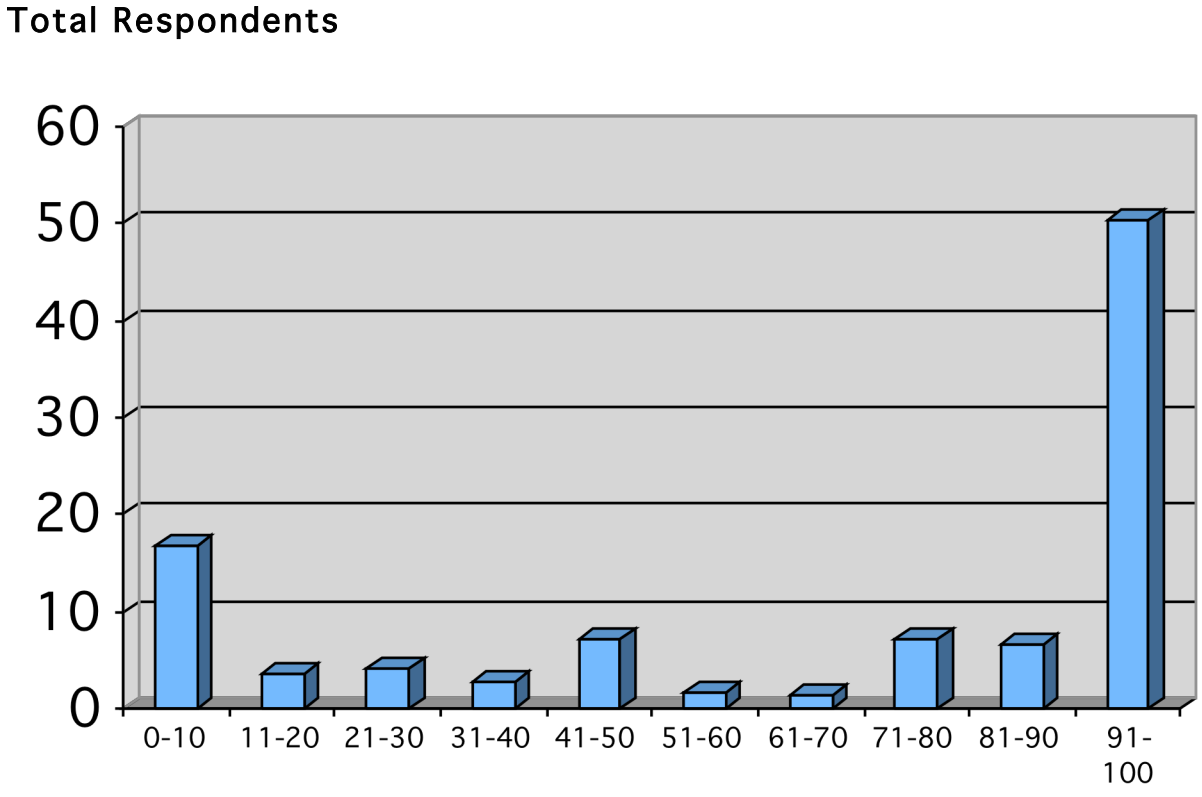


Question #20: Percentage of Practice That is Homeopathic

The majority of Homeopathic Practitioner Respondents practiced full time. The average was 72.9%. The response rate to this question was 59%.

Percentage Range	% of Total Respondents
0-10%	6.9%
11-20%	3.6%
21-30%	4.1%
31-40%	2.8%
41-50%	7.1%
51-60%	1.6%
61-70%	1.4%
71-80%	7.1%
81-90%	6.6%
91-100%	50.5%



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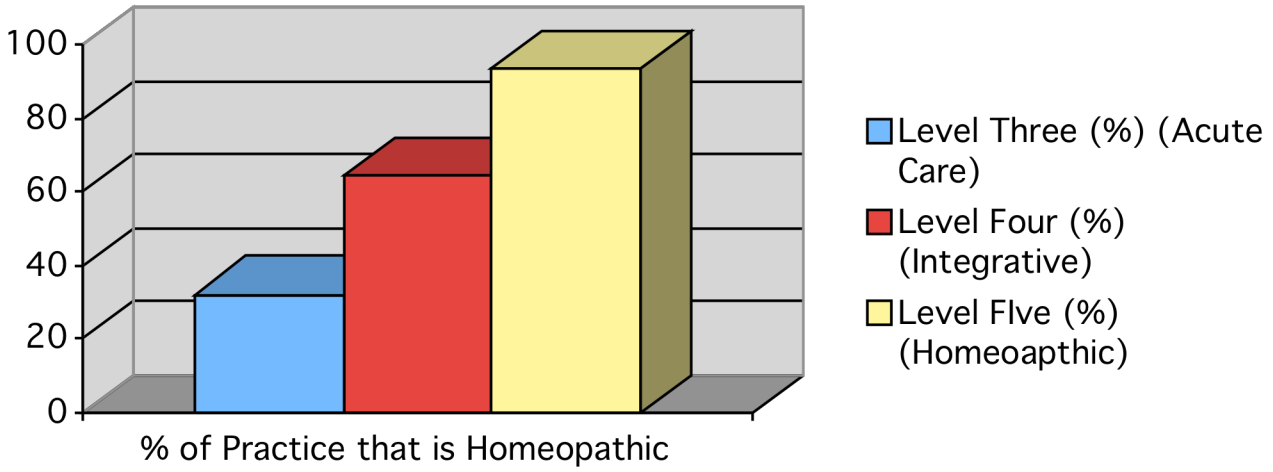

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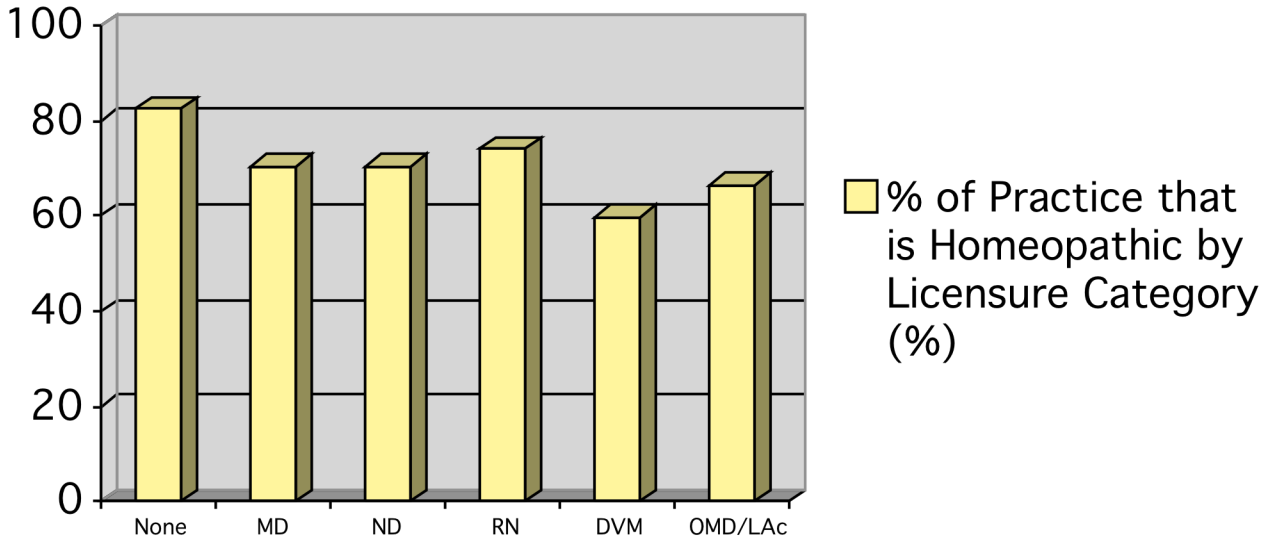
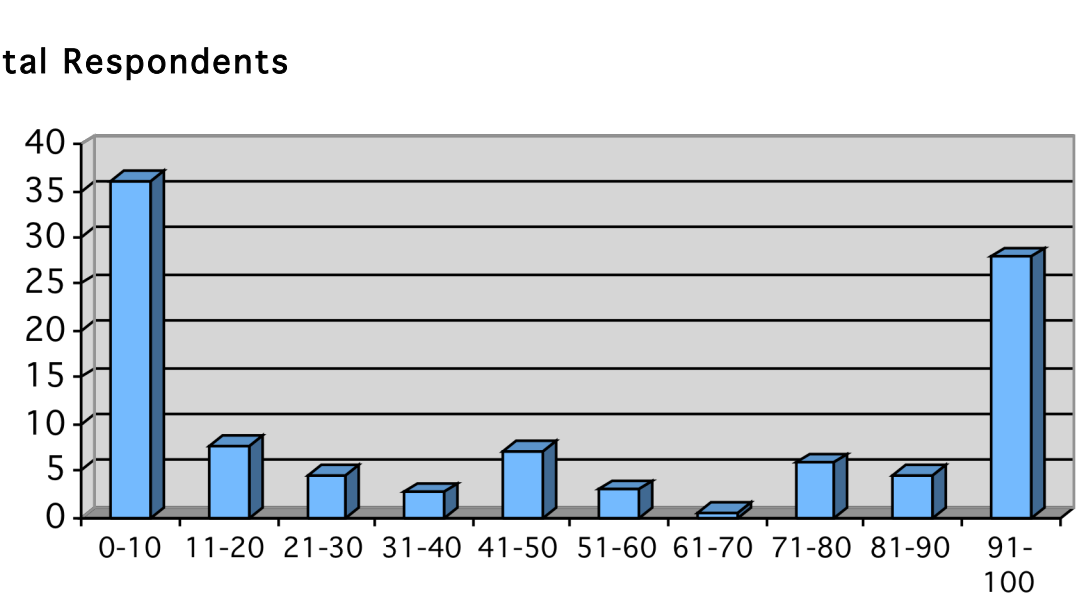


Question #21: Percentage of Income that is Homeopathic

The majority of homeopathic practitioner respondents either derived no income from their homeopathic practice (36.2%) or all of their income from their homeopathic practice (27.9%). The average was 52.4%. In addition to income, several respondents noted that they used a barter system. There was a 52% response rate to this question.

Percentage Range	% of Total Respondents
0-10%	36.2%
11-20%	7.6%
21-30%	4.5%
31-40%	2.6%
41-50%	7.1%
51-60%	2.9%
61-70%	.5%
71-80%	5.8%
81-90%	4.5%
91-100%	27.9%



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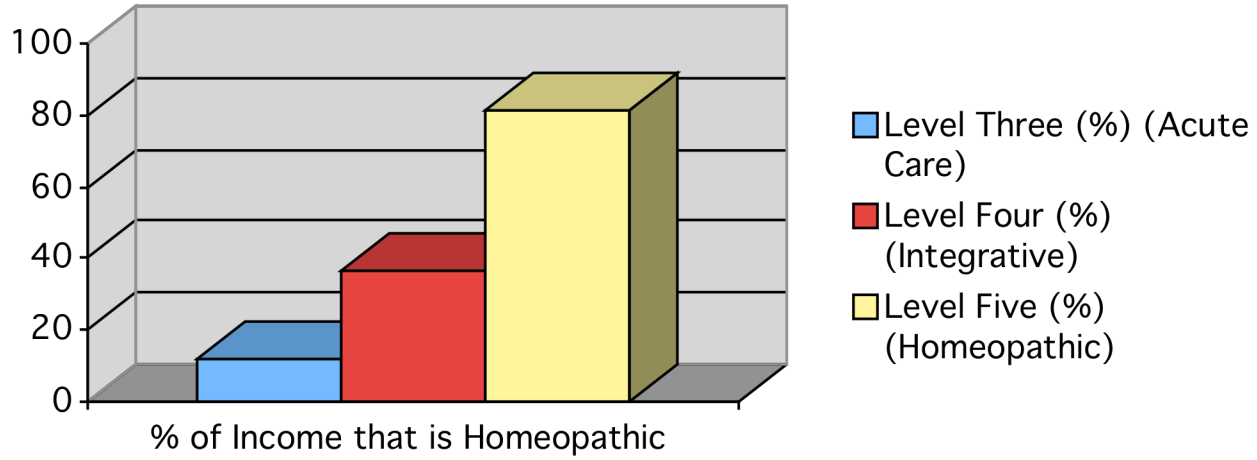

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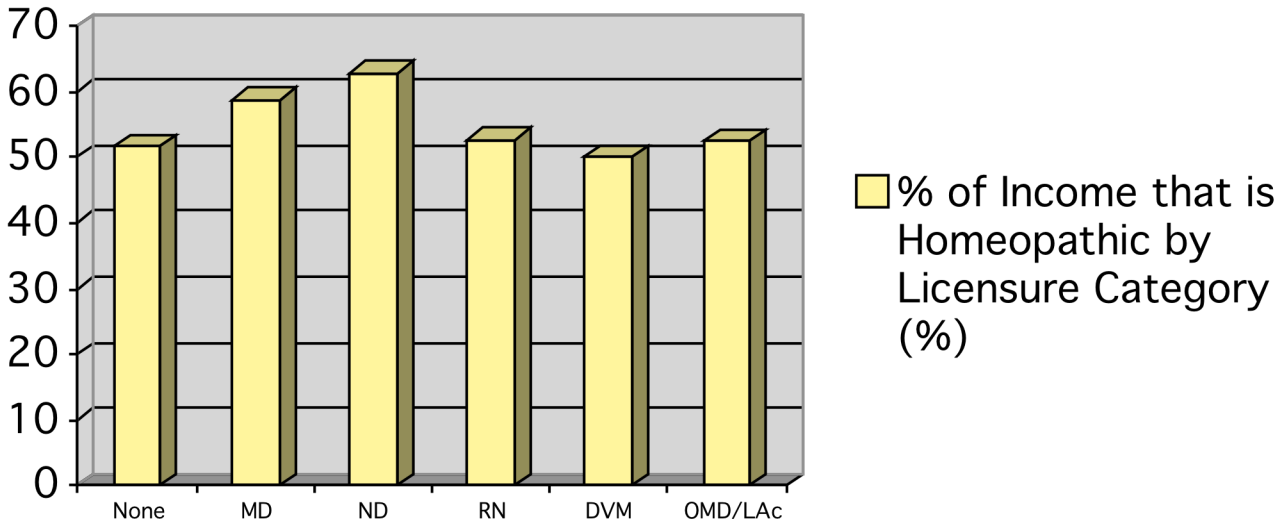
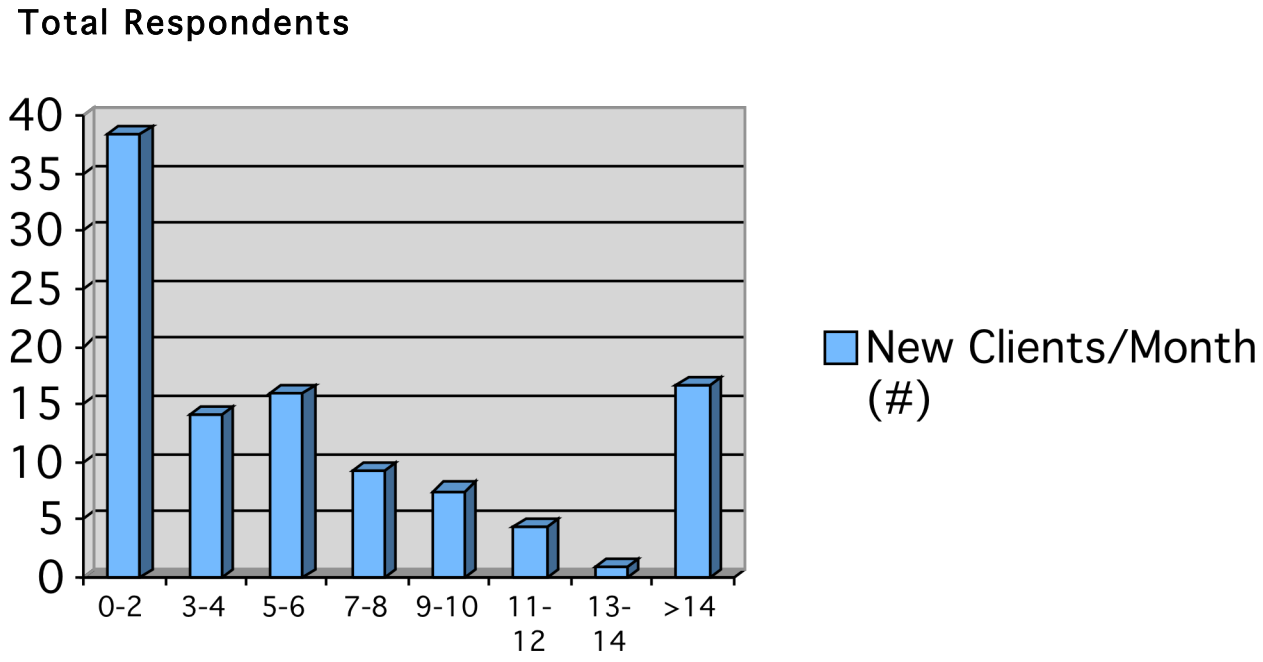


Question #22: Average Number of New Patient Visits Per Month

The average of all Homeopathic Practitioner Respondents was 10.4 new clients per month. There was a distribution around low and high response rates. The highest response was 450 new clients per month. The response rate to this question was 56%.

# New Visits	% of Total Respondents
0-2	38.4%
3-4	14.1%
5-6	15.9%
7-8	9.2%
9-10	7.5%
11-12	4.4%
13-14	1.0%
>15	16.6%



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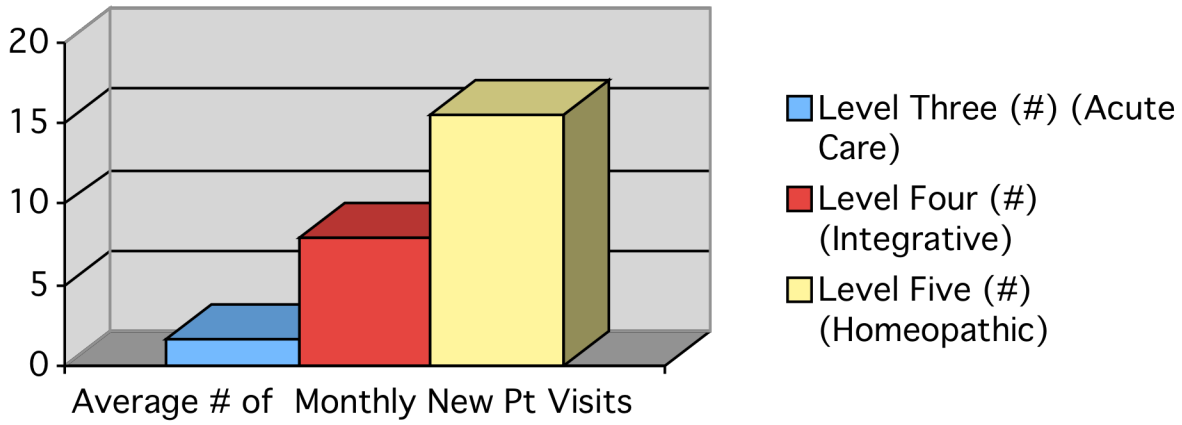

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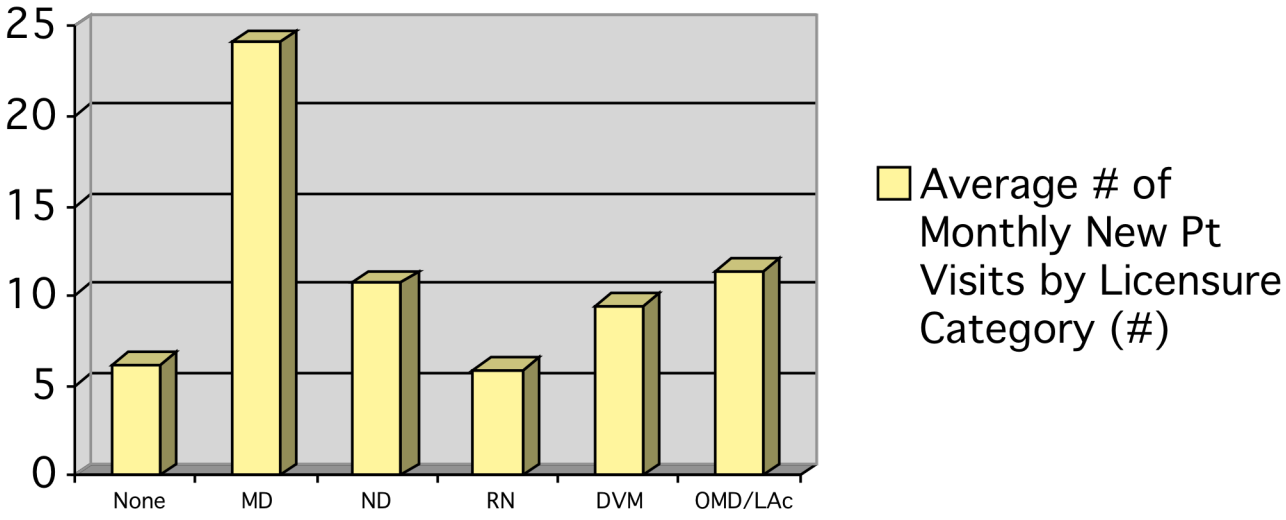

Question #23: Average Number of Follow Up Visits Per Month

The average number of follow up visits per month was 36.0. There was a wide diversity in responses. Again, a bimodal distribution was seen with 0-5 representing 29% of the Homeopathic Practitioner Respondents and >50 representing 20% of all Homeopathic Practitioner Respondents. The response rate for this question was 56%.

# Follow Up Visits	% of Total Respondents
0-5	29.4%
6-10	14.6%
11-15	5.6%
16-20	8.8%
21-25	4.7%
26-30	5.6%
31-35	2.7%
36-40	2.5%
41-45	1.0%
46-50	3.2%
>50	19.1%

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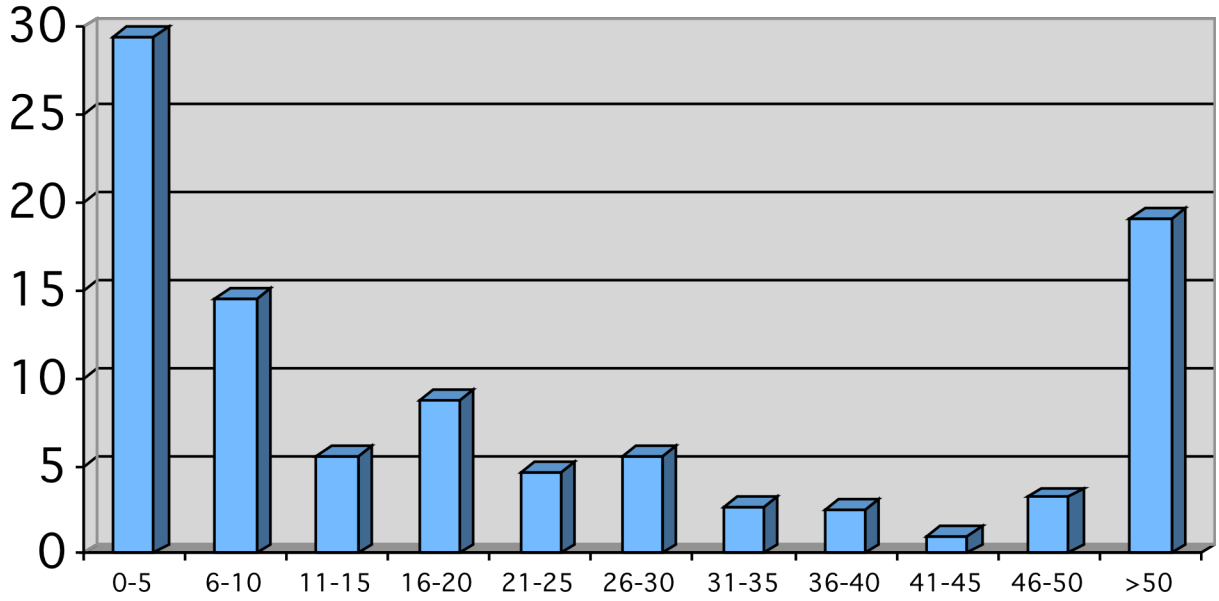

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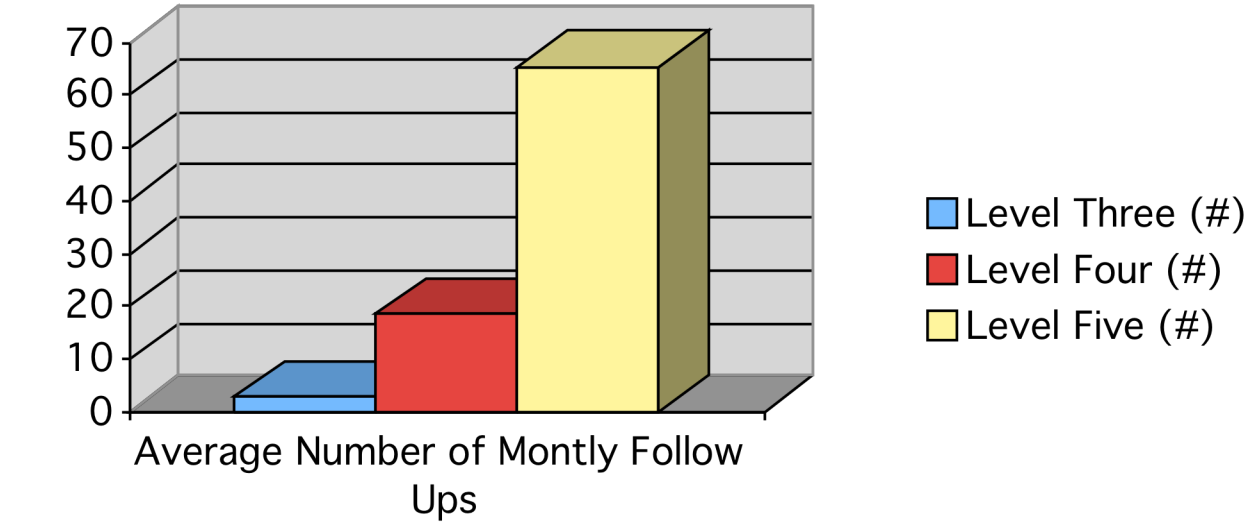

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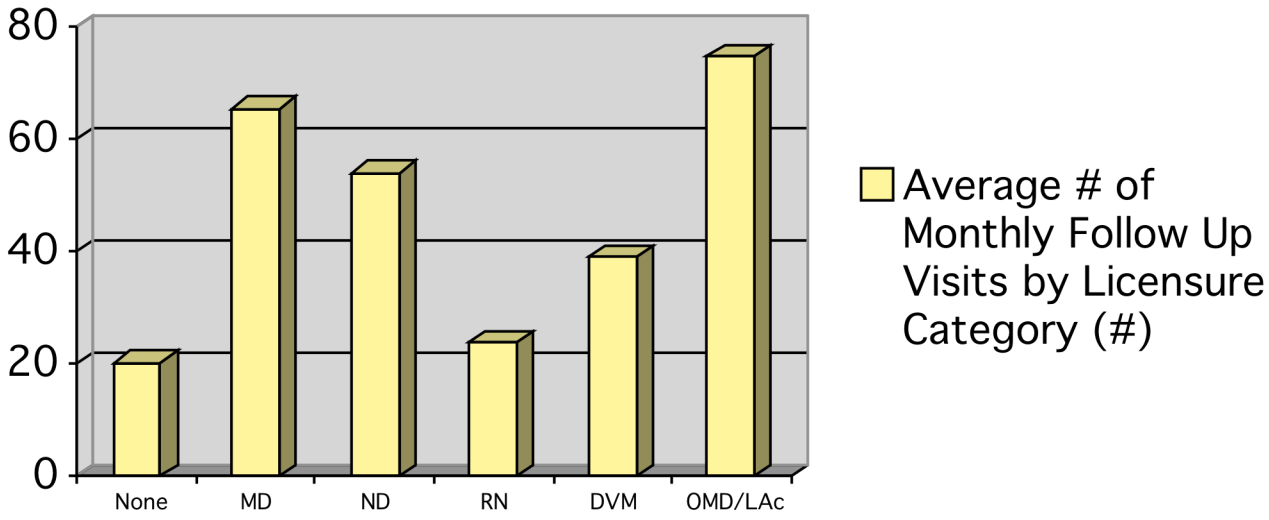
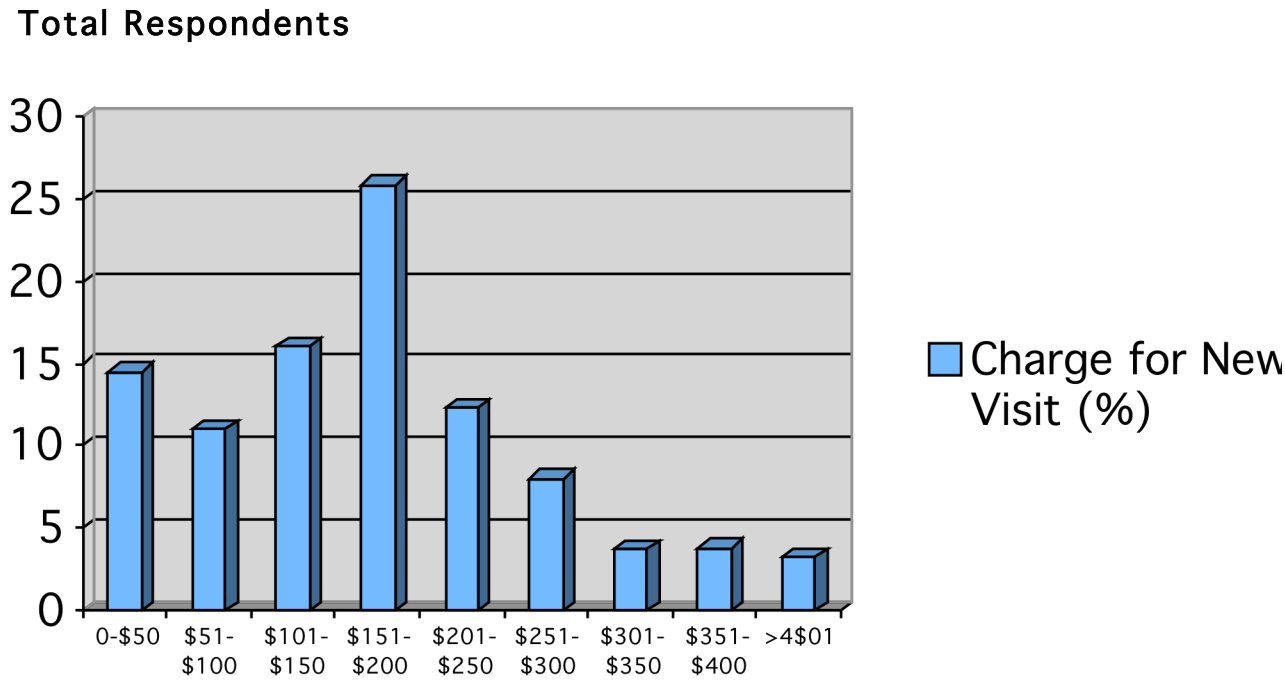


Question #24: Charge for a New Visit

The average charge for a new visit was $187. The range was from zero to 750. Many Homeopathic Practitioner Respondents described different rates for adults and children. These were averaged in the compilation of these results. Some practitioners charge by the hour rather than for a single visit. Several noted that they used a sliding fee scale. Two described a barter system that was used, rather than a fee. The response rate for this question was 56%.

New Visit Charge	% of Total Respondents
0-$50	14.5%
$51-$100	11.0%
$101-$150	16.0%
$151-$200	25.9%
$201-$250	12.3%
$251-$300	8.0%
$301-$350	3.7%
$351-$400	3.8%
>$401	3.2%



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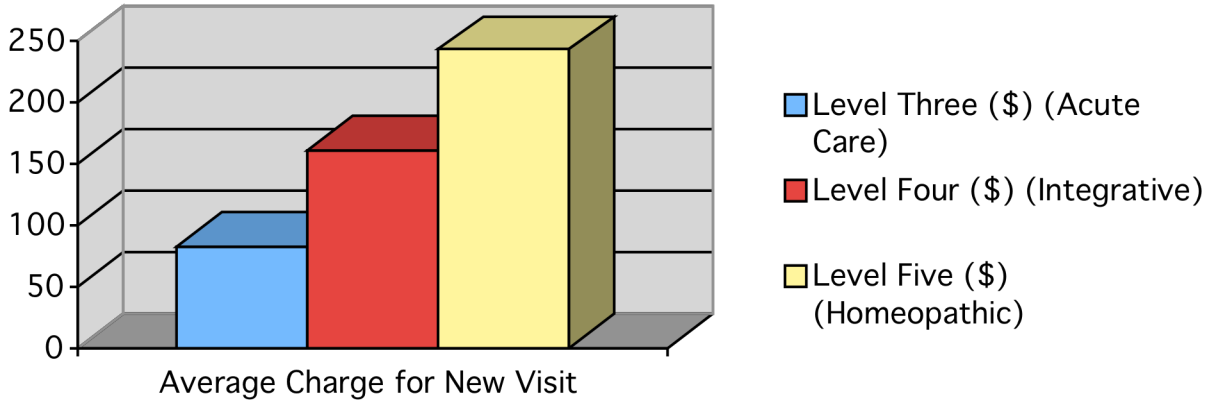

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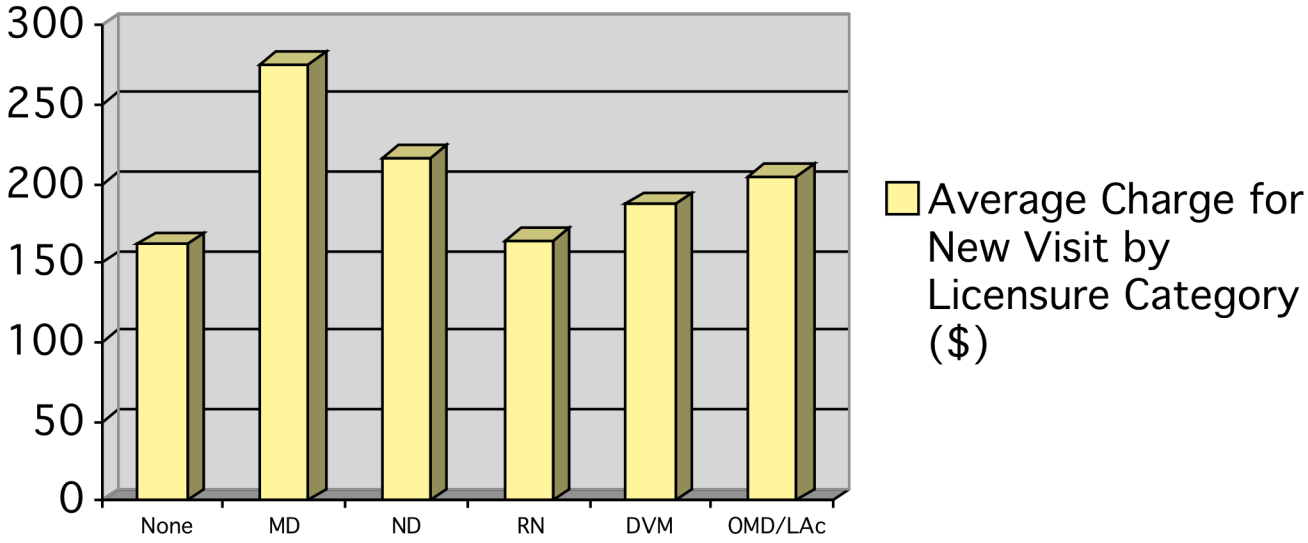
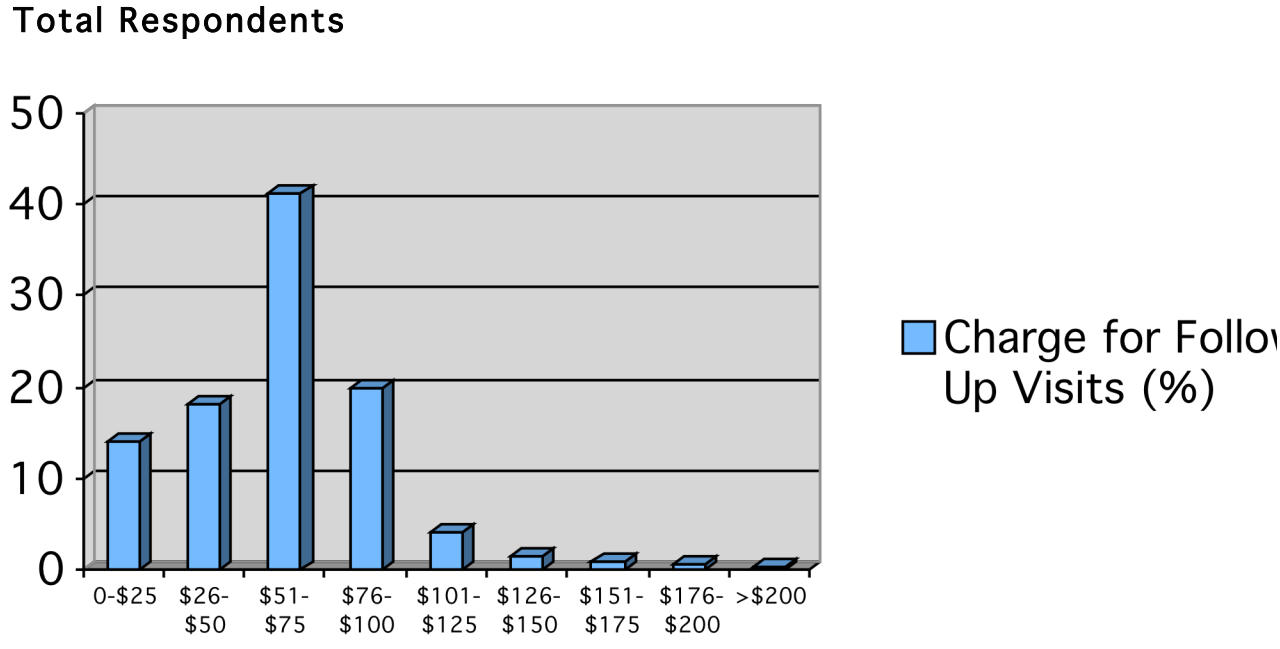


Question #25: Charge for a Follow Up Visit

The average charge for a follow up visit was $71.00. The range was from zero to $430. Many Homeopathic Practitioner Respondents described different rates for adults and children. These were averaged in the compilation of these results. Some practitioners charge by the hour rather than for a single visit. Several noted that they used a sliding fee scale. Two described a barter system that was used, rather than a fee. Based on these charges an average annual income can be calculated of $49,508.80. There was a 56% response rate to this question.

Follow Up Visit Charge	% of Total Respondents
0-$25	14.0%
$25-$50	18.2%
$51-$75	41.1%
$76-$100	20.0%
$101-$125	4.2%
$126-$150	1.7%
$151-$175	1.0%
$176-$200	.7%
>$200	.5%



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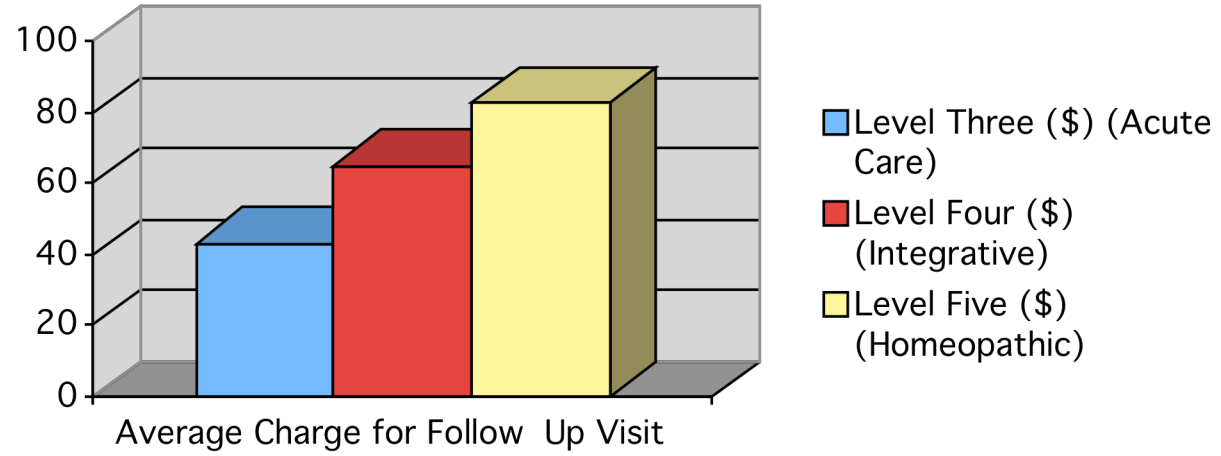

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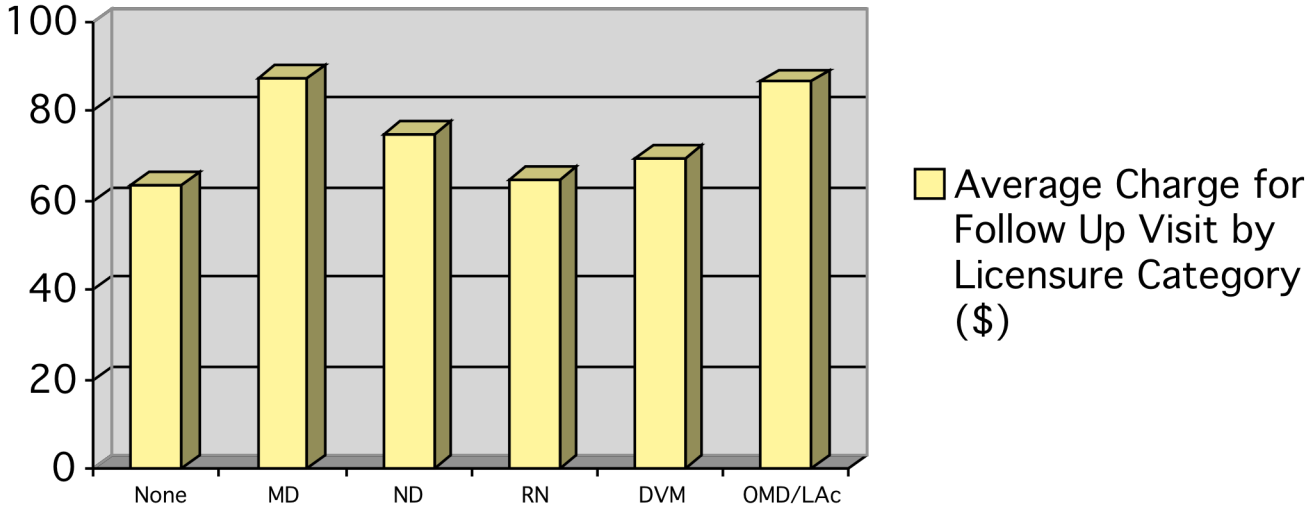
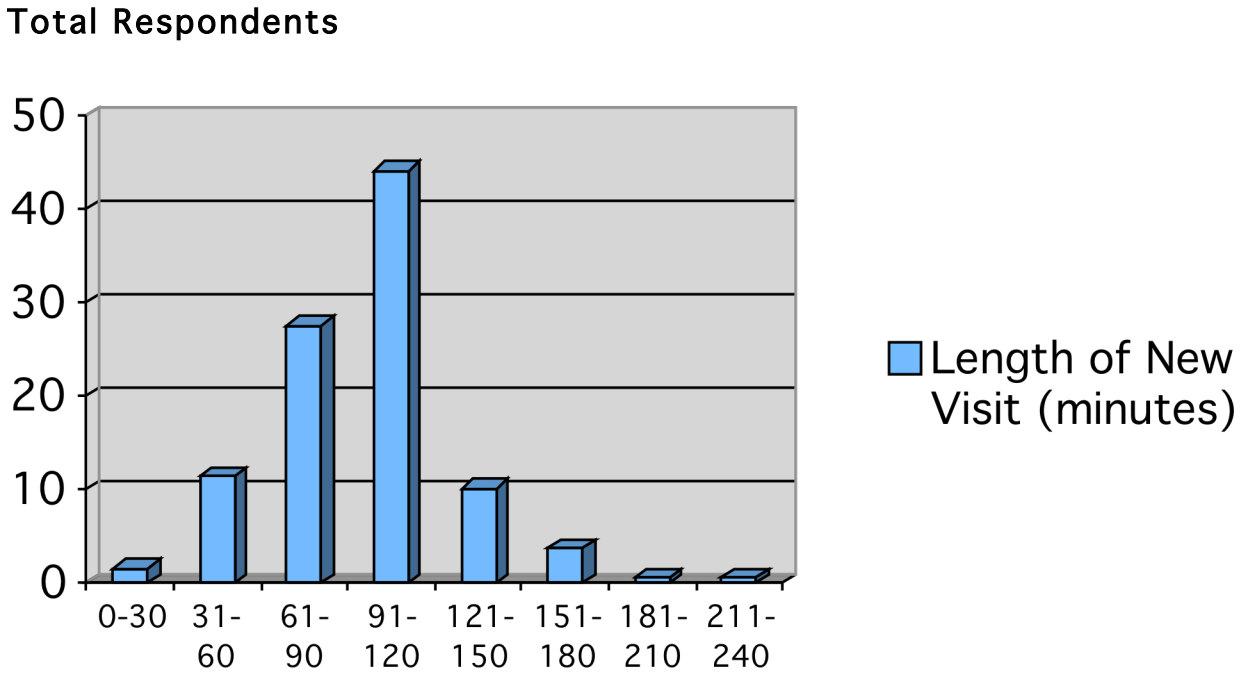


Question #26: Average Length of New Visit (minutes)

The average length of a new visit was 106.4 minutes. The longest reported was 360 minutes and the shortest was 10 minutes. There was a 56% Response Rate to this question.

Length of New Visit	% of Total Respondents
0-30 min	1.5%
31-60 min	11.4%
61-90 min	27.6%
91-120 min	44.2%
121-150 min	10.1%
151-180 min	3.6%
181-210 min	.5%
211-240 min	.6%



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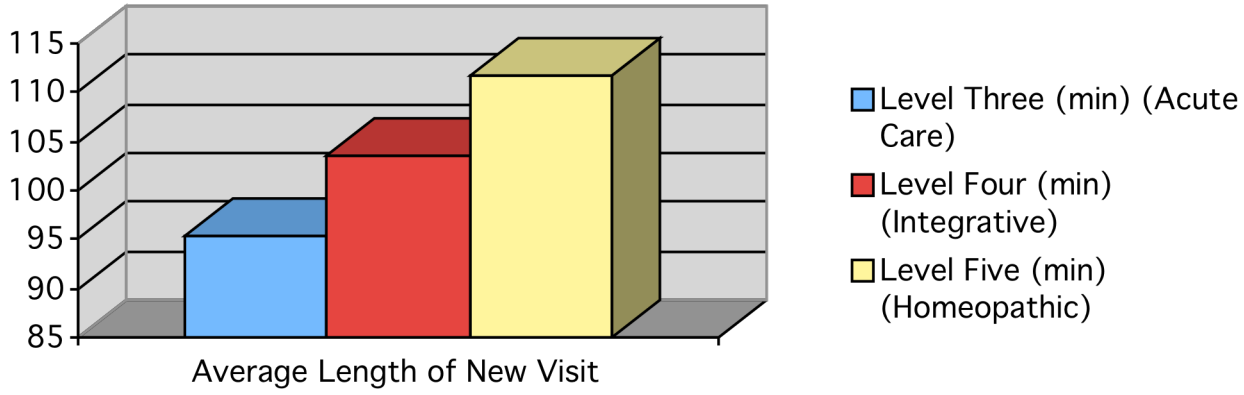

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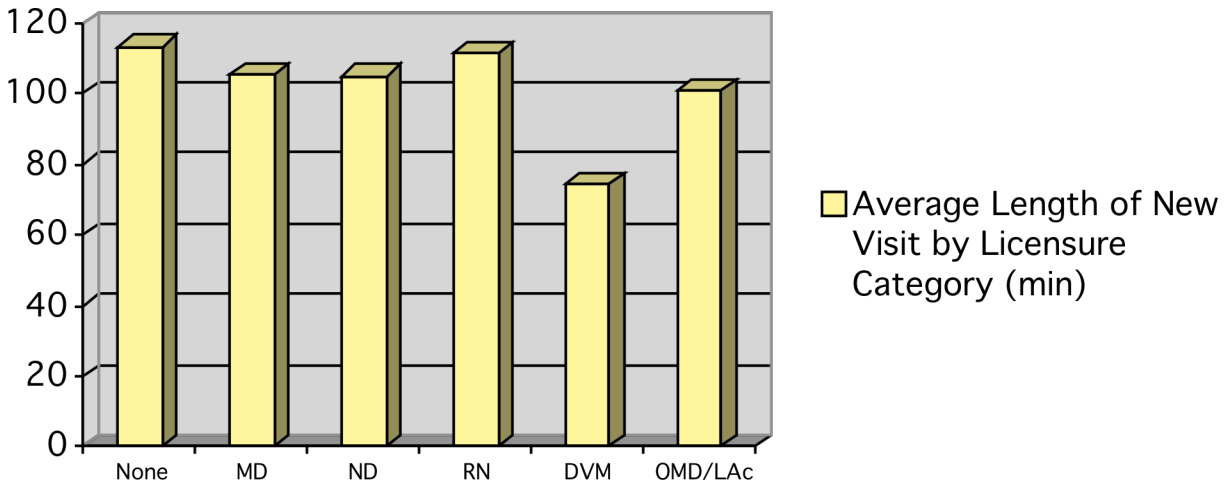

Question #27: Average Length of Follow Up (minutes)

The average length of a follow up was 42.2 minutes. The longest response was 180 minutes and the shortest was 1 minutes. The Response Rate for this question was 56%.

Length of Follow Up	% of Total Respondents
0-10 min	.7%
11-20 min	8.7%
21-30 min	25.7%
31-40 min	10.9%
41-50 min	24.1%
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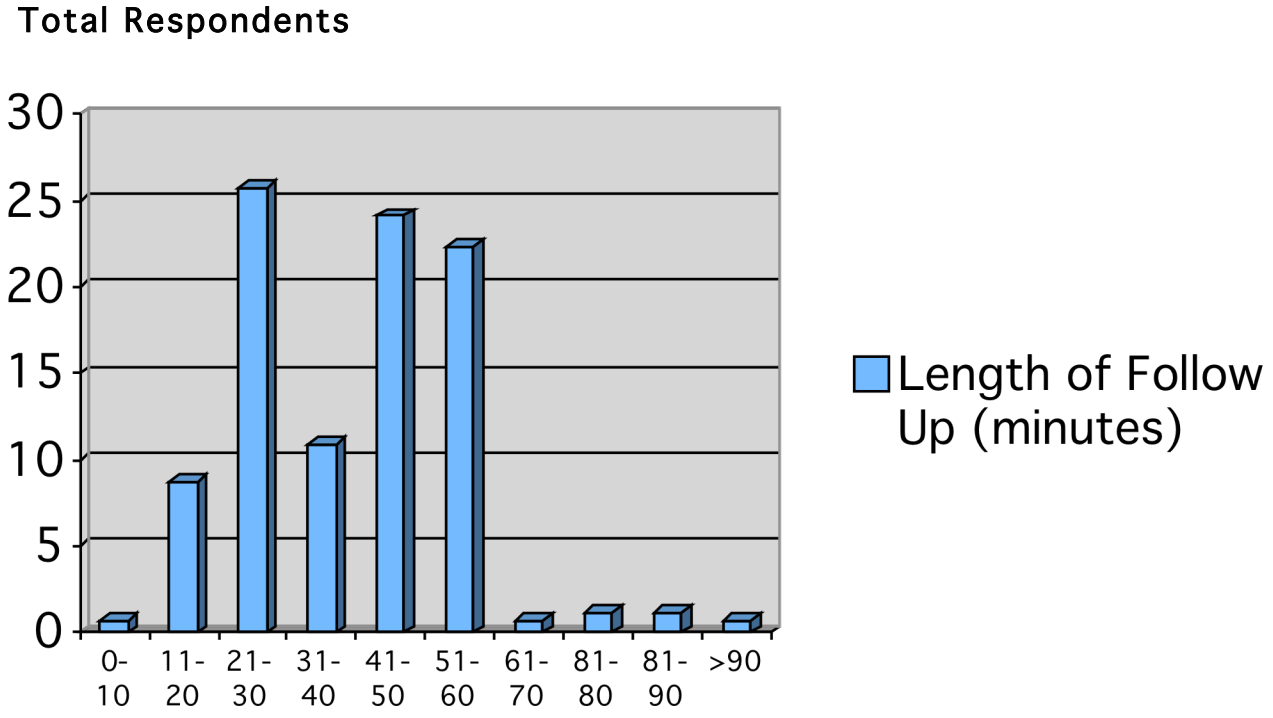
81-90 min	1.2%
>90 min	.7%



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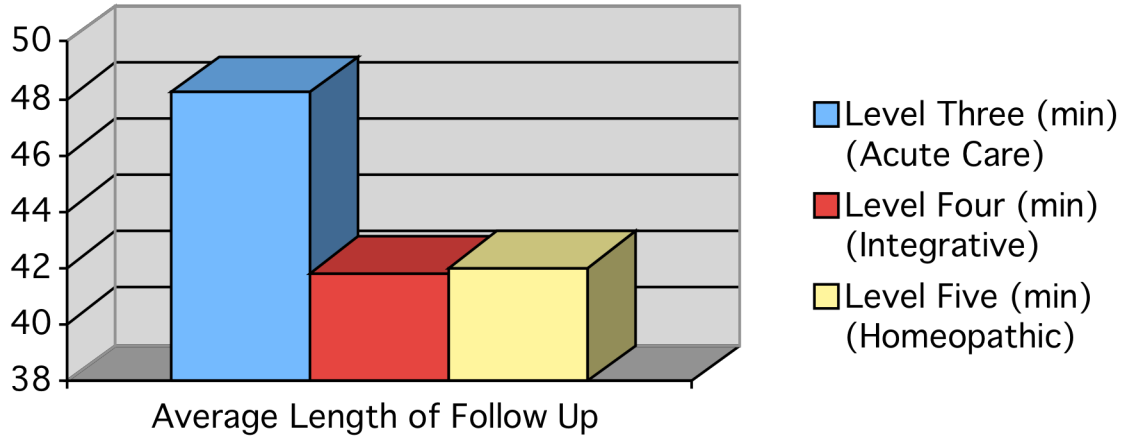

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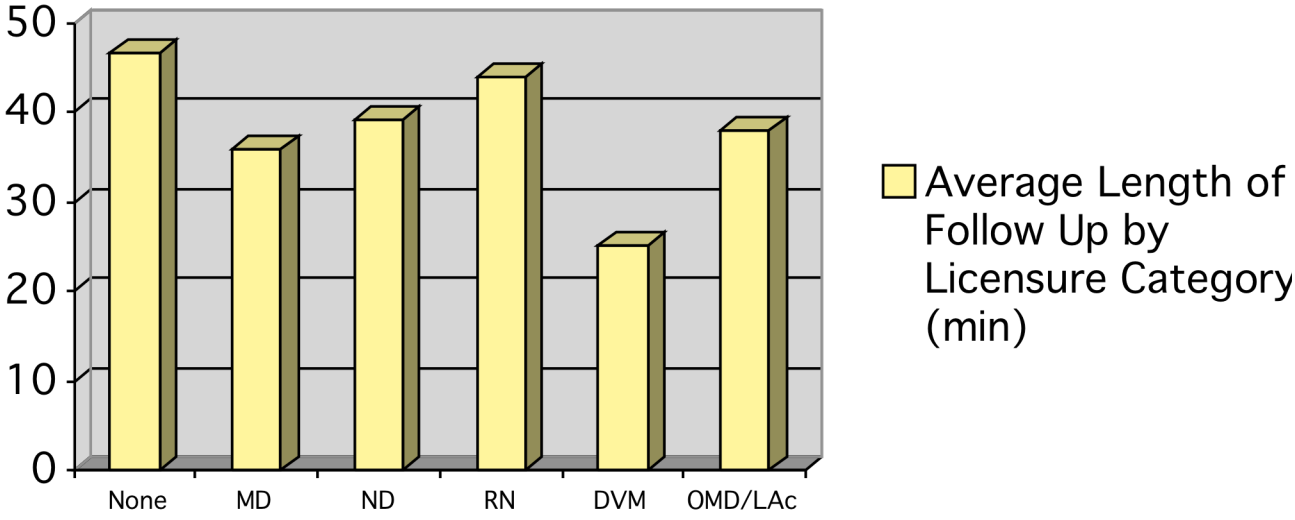
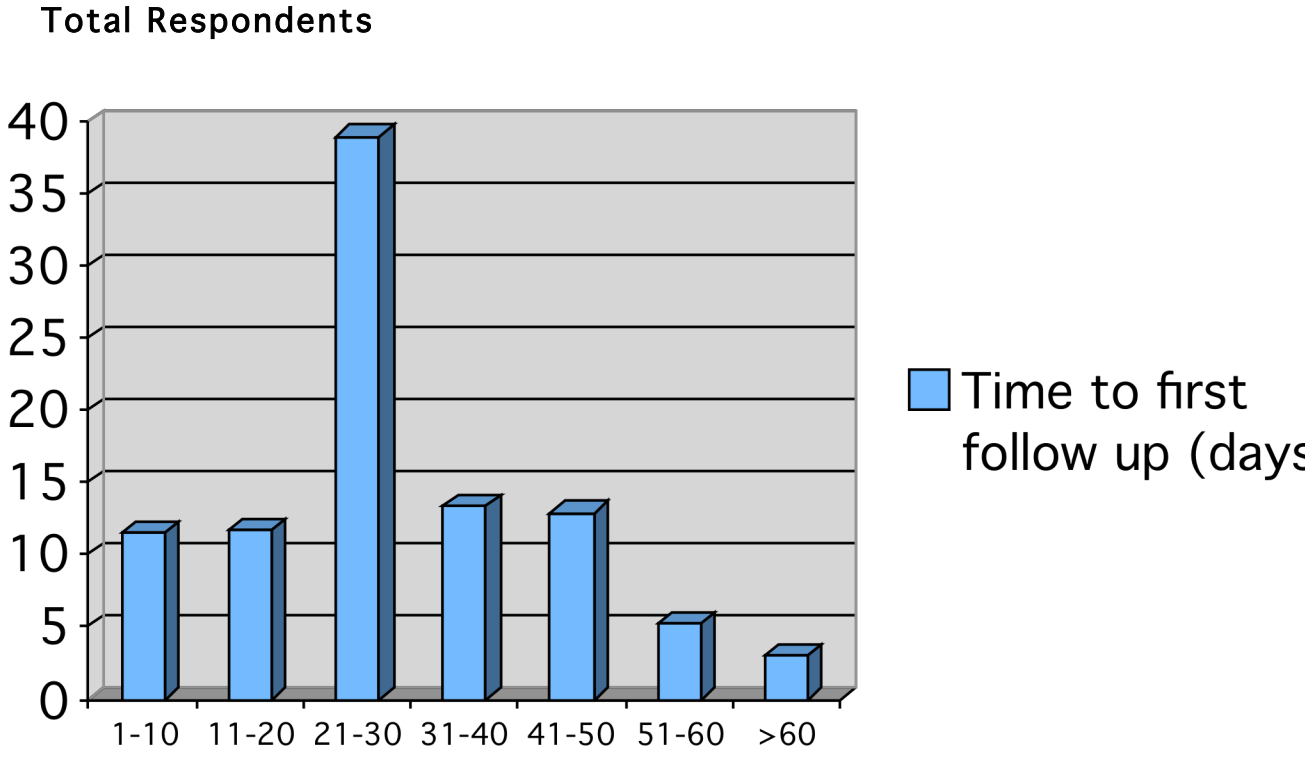


Question #28: Average Time to First Follow Up (Days)

The average length of time from the initial case taking to the first follow up was 29.7 days. There was a wide variation and many people said that it varies greatly depending on the case. Some respondents also followed up by phone quickly after the initial consult and then saw their patient back much later. The longest response was 120 days and the shortest was 1 day. The Response Rate for this question was 56%.

Time to First Follow Up	% of Total Respondents
0-10 days	11.5%
11-20 days	11.7%
21-30 days	38.9%
31-40 days	13.4%
41-50 days	12.9%
51-60 days	5.3%
>60 days	3.0%



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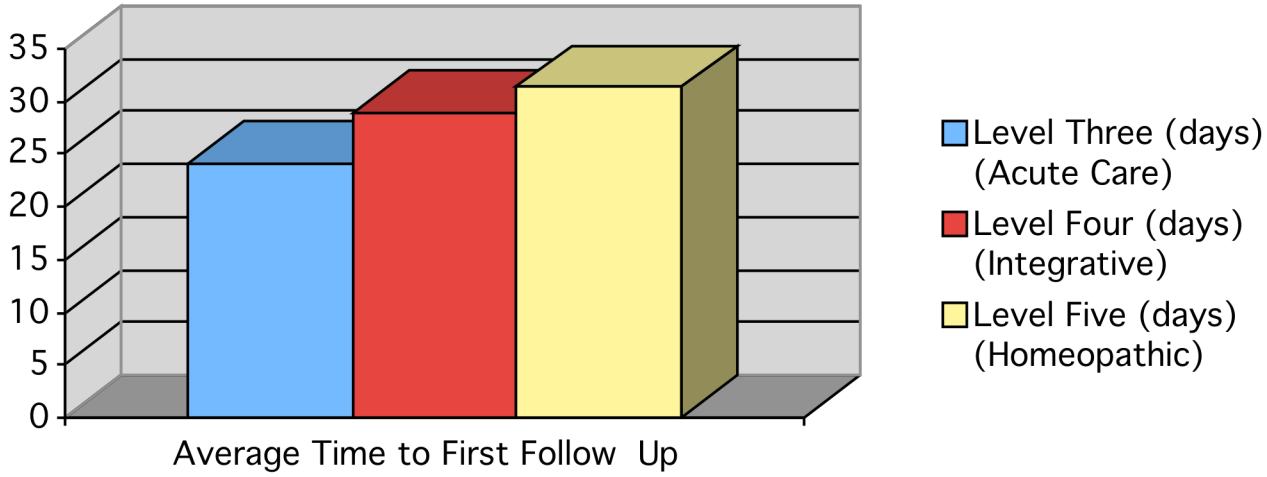

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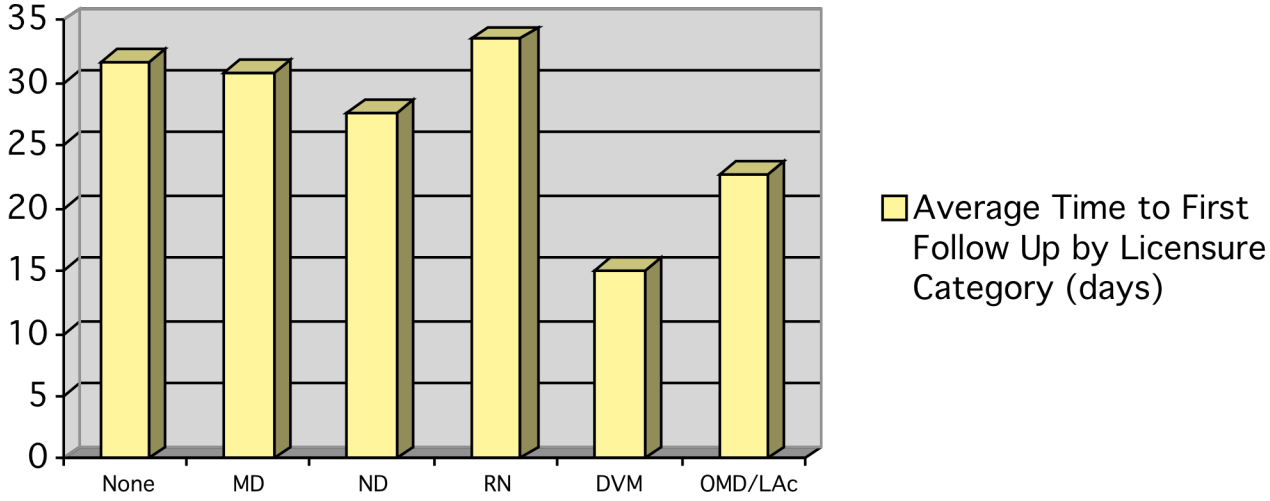
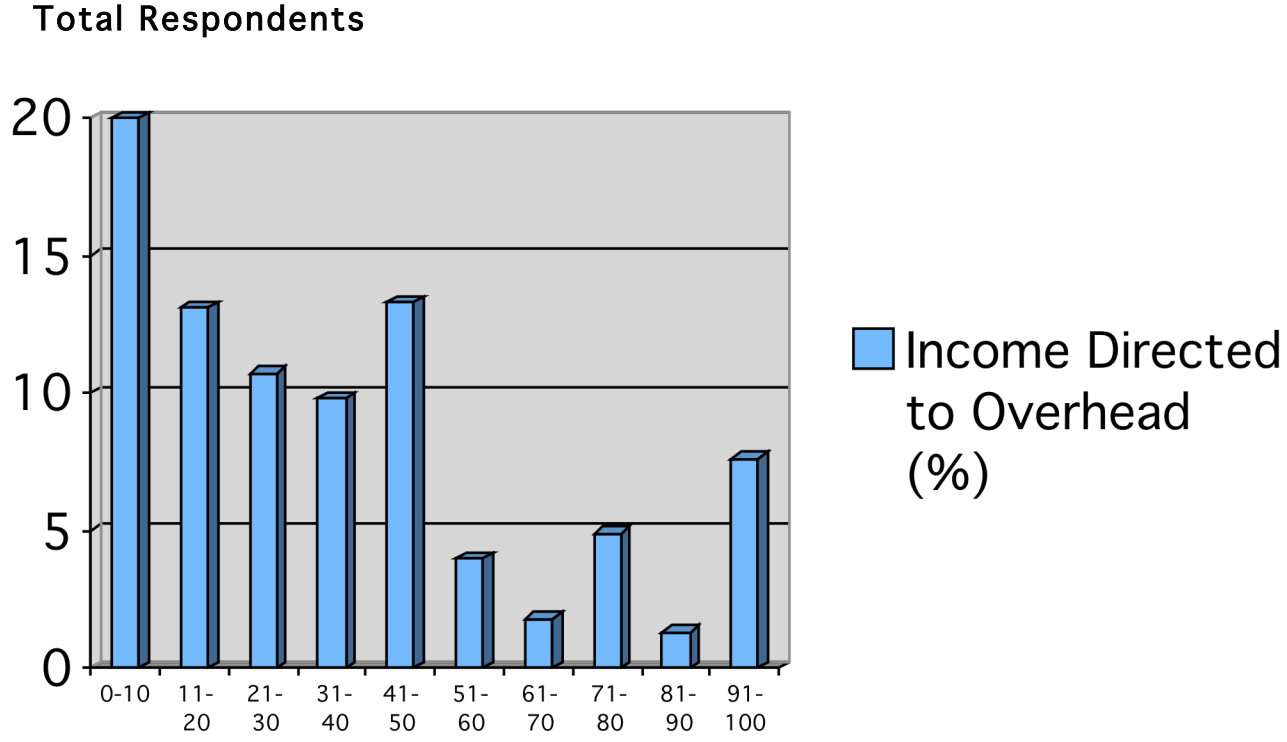


Question #29: Percentage of Income Directed to Overhead

The average percentage of income devoted to overhead is 36.9%. The lowest response was zero and the highest response was 100%. A number of respondents described home offices. The Response Rate for this question was 51%.

Time to First Follow Up	% of Total Respondents
0-10%	20%
11-20%	13.1%
21-30%	10-7%
31-40%	9.8%
41-50%	13.3%
51-60%	4.0%
61-70%	1.8%
71-80%	4.9%
81-90%	1.3%
91-100%	7.6%



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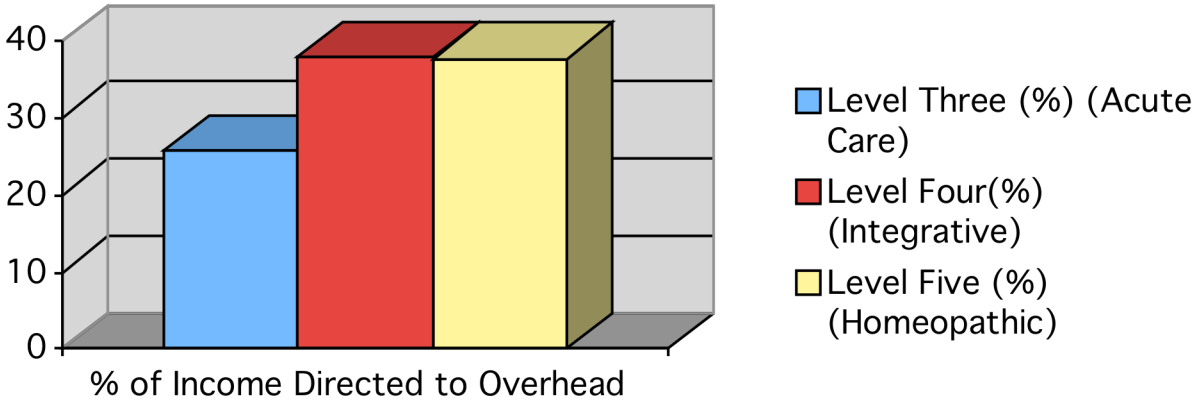

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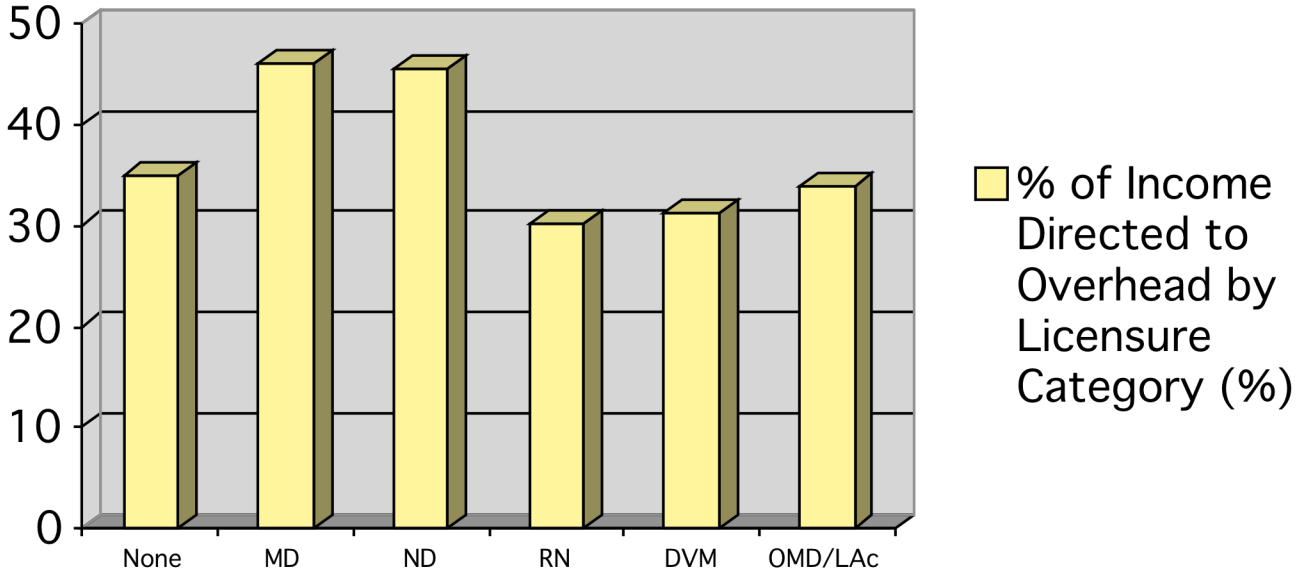
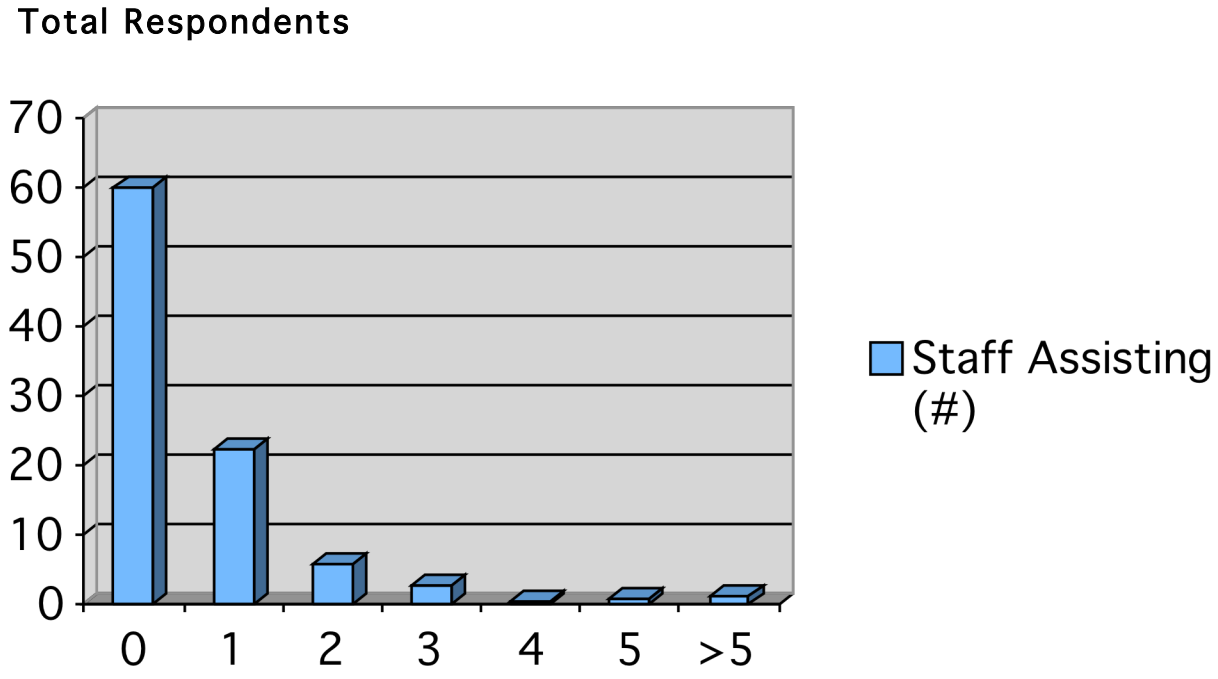


Question #30: Number of Staff Assisting You

The average number of staff assisting the Homeopathic Practitioner Respondent was .7. A significant majority of the Respondents had no staff assisting (60.1%). The lowest response was zero and the highest was 20. The Response Rate for this question was 55%.

# of Staff	% of Total Respondents
0	60.1%
1	22.4%
2	5.7%
3	2.7%
4	5%
5	7%
>5	1.3%



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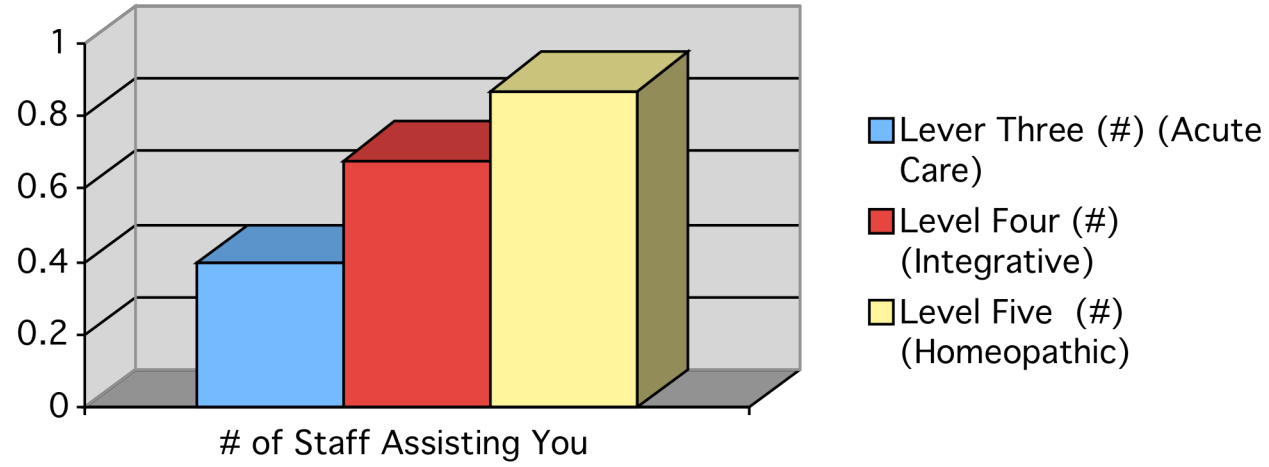

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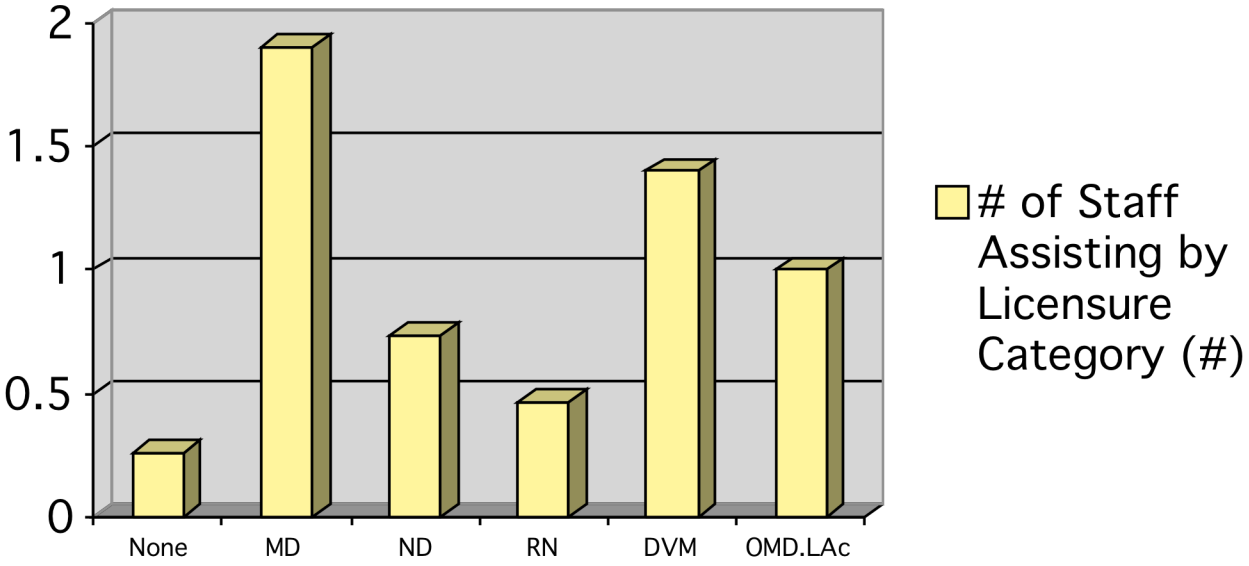

Question #31: Percentage of Practice That is Sliding Fee Scale

The average percentage of the Homeopathic Practitioner Respondent's practice that is sliding fee scale is 13.7%. Over two thirds of the respondents described less than 10%. The range from 0-100%. The Response Rate for this question was 53%.

% Range	% of Total Respondents
0-10%	68.7%
11-20%	13.2%%
21-30%	6.9%
31-40%	1.8%
41-50%	4.2%
51-60%	.6%
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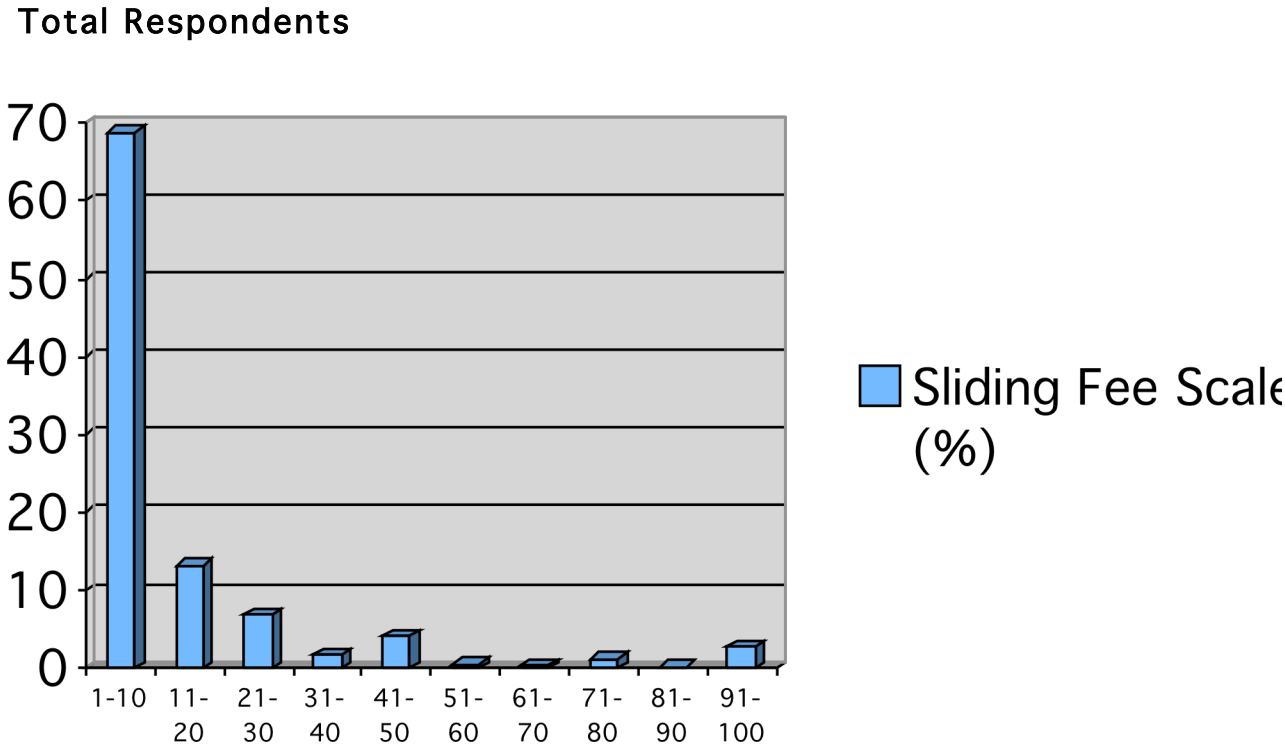
71-80%	1.2%
81-90%	.2%
91-100%	2.8%



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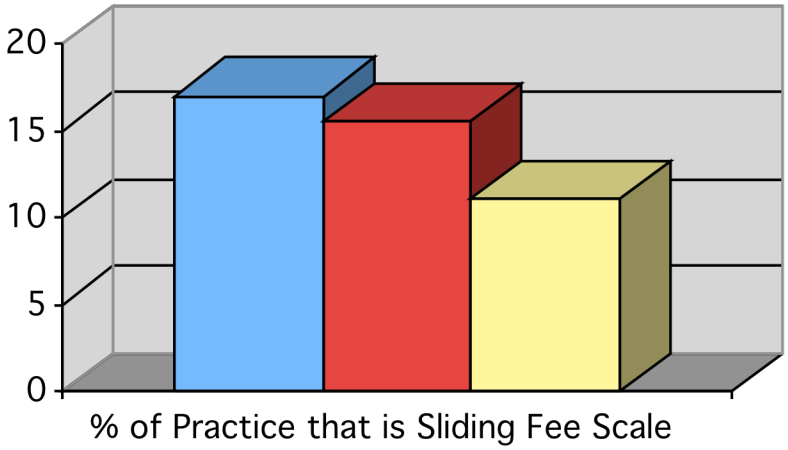

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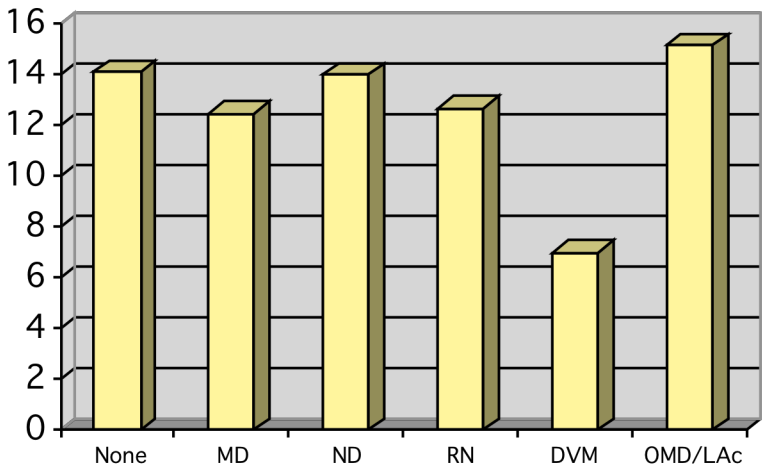

Question #32: Percentage of Practice that is Pro Bono

The average percentage of practice devoted to pro bono work was 15.5%. A significant majority of Homeopathic Practitioner Respondents described less than ten percent of their practice devoted to pro bono work (75.6%). The range was from 0-100%. The Response Rate for this question was 53%.

% Range	% of Total Respondents
0-10%	75.6%
11-20%	9.5%
21-30%	3.6%
31-40%	2%
41-50%	3.2%
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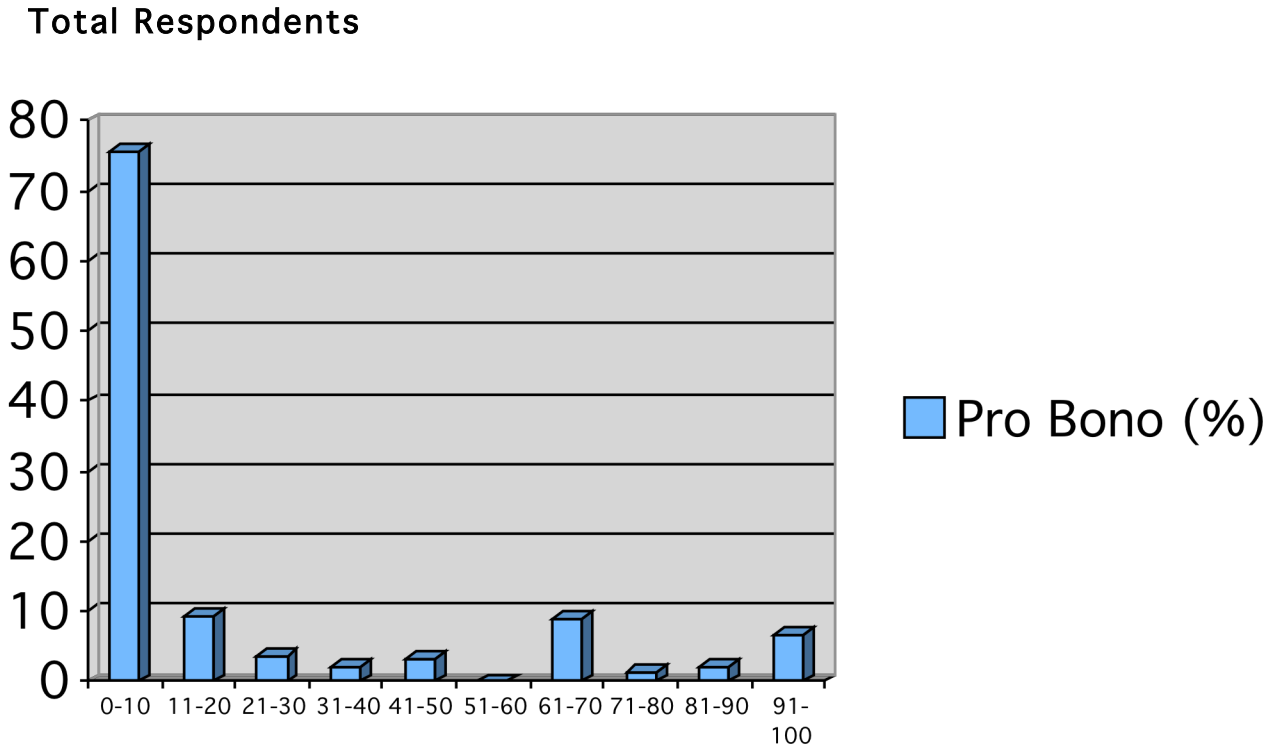
81-90%	2%
91-100%	6.6%



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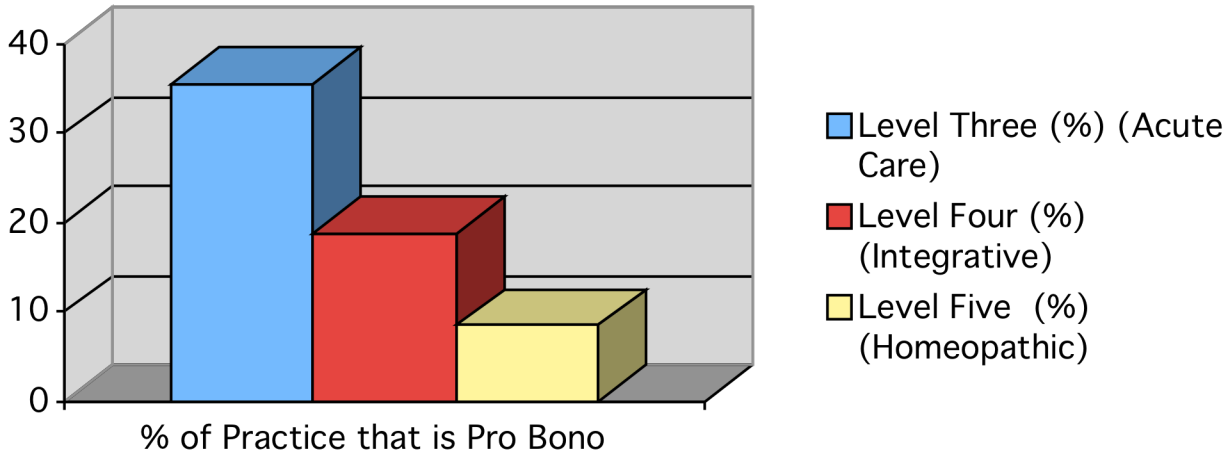

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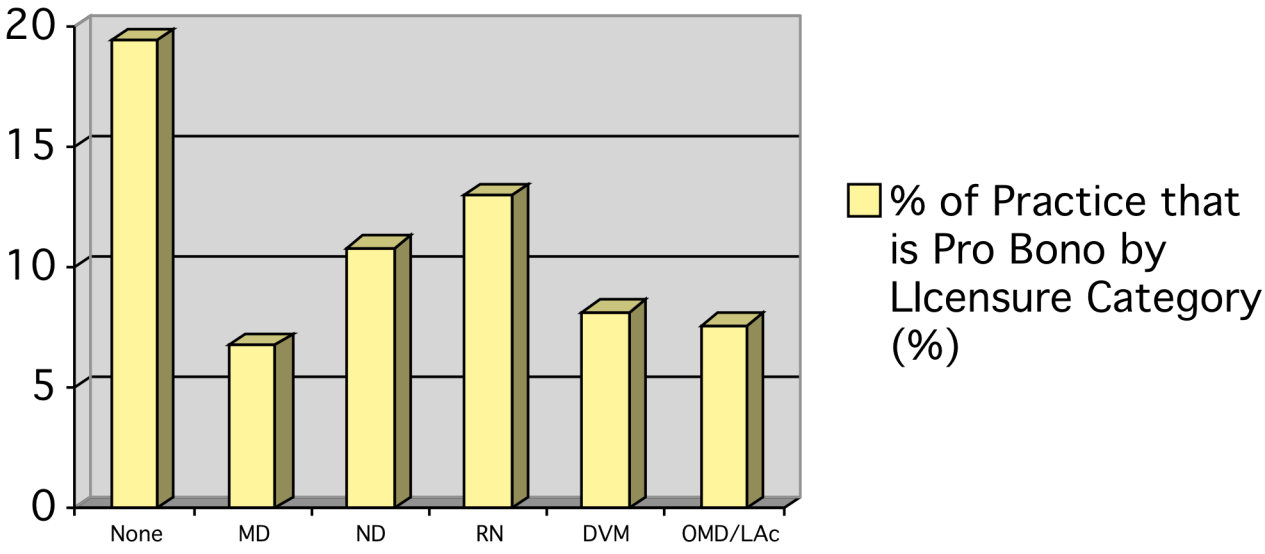

Question #33: Percentage of Practice That Receives Insurance Reimbursement

The average percentage of the Homeopathic Practitioner Respondents practice that receives insurance is 11.1%. Most respondents reported 0%. The range was from 0-100. The Response Rate for this question 53%.

% Range	% of Total Respondents
0-10%	79.4%
11-20%	3.7%
21-30%	2.8%
31-40%	1.7%
41-50%	3.5%
51-60%	1.8%
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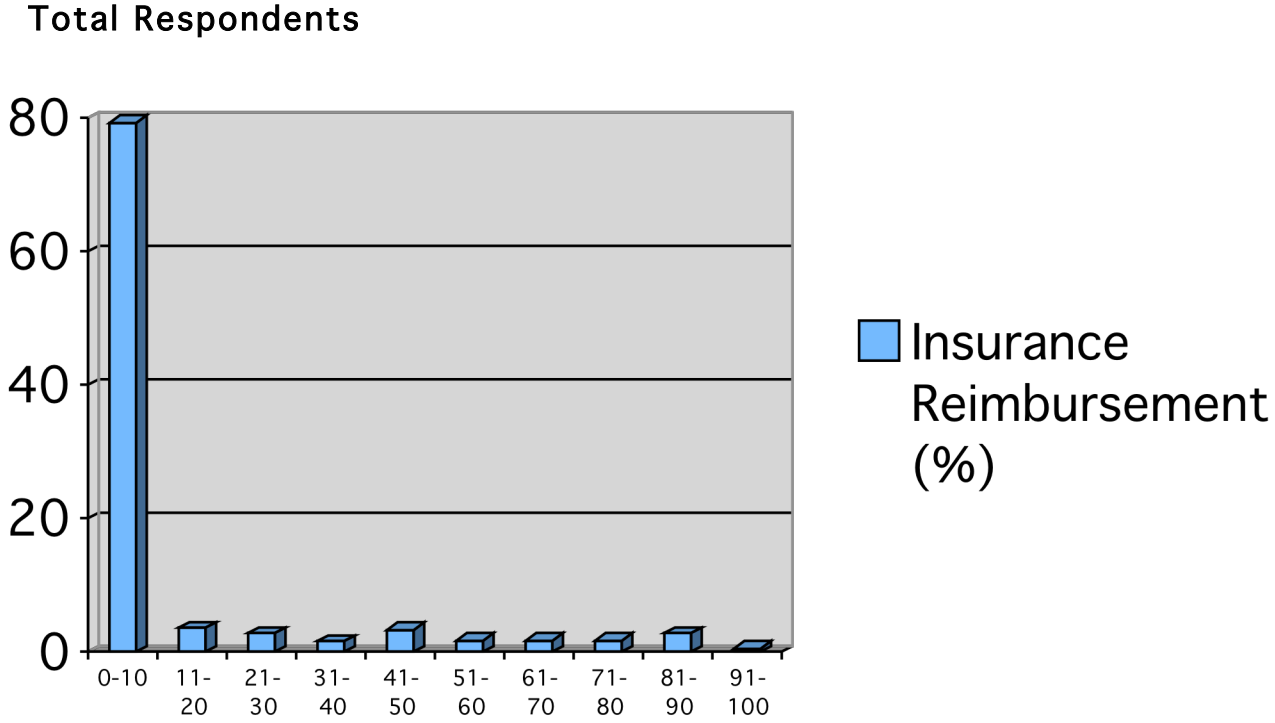
91-100%	.7%



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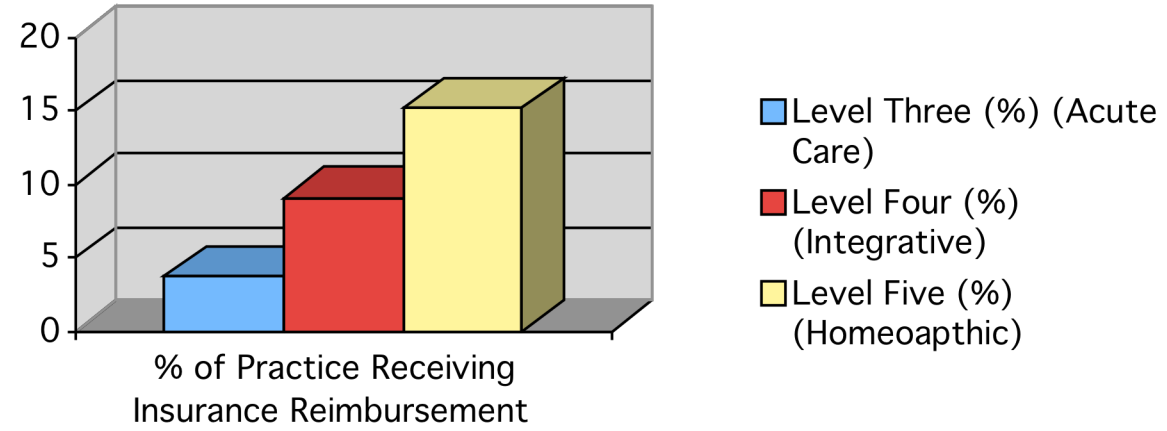

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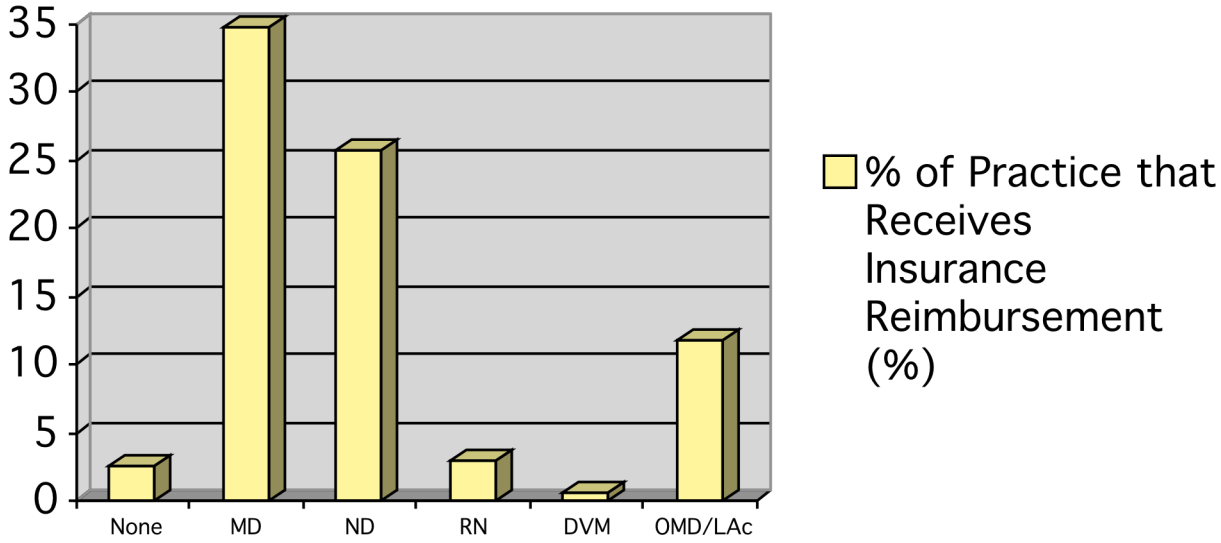

Question #34: Length of Time in Practice Before Financially Breaking Even (months)

The average length of time reported by Homeopathic Practitioner Respondents to financially break even was 18.8 months. There was a wide distribution of responses to this question. Some respondents (17.1%) reported that they had not yet broken even. There were also many respondents who did not know or remember. The range of responses was from 0-360 months. There was a 48% Response Rate to this question.

Length of Time	% of Total Respondents
Not Yet:	17.1%
0 months	15.8%
1-5 months	11.4%
6-10 months	12.4%
11-15 months	13.2%
16-20 months	2.3%
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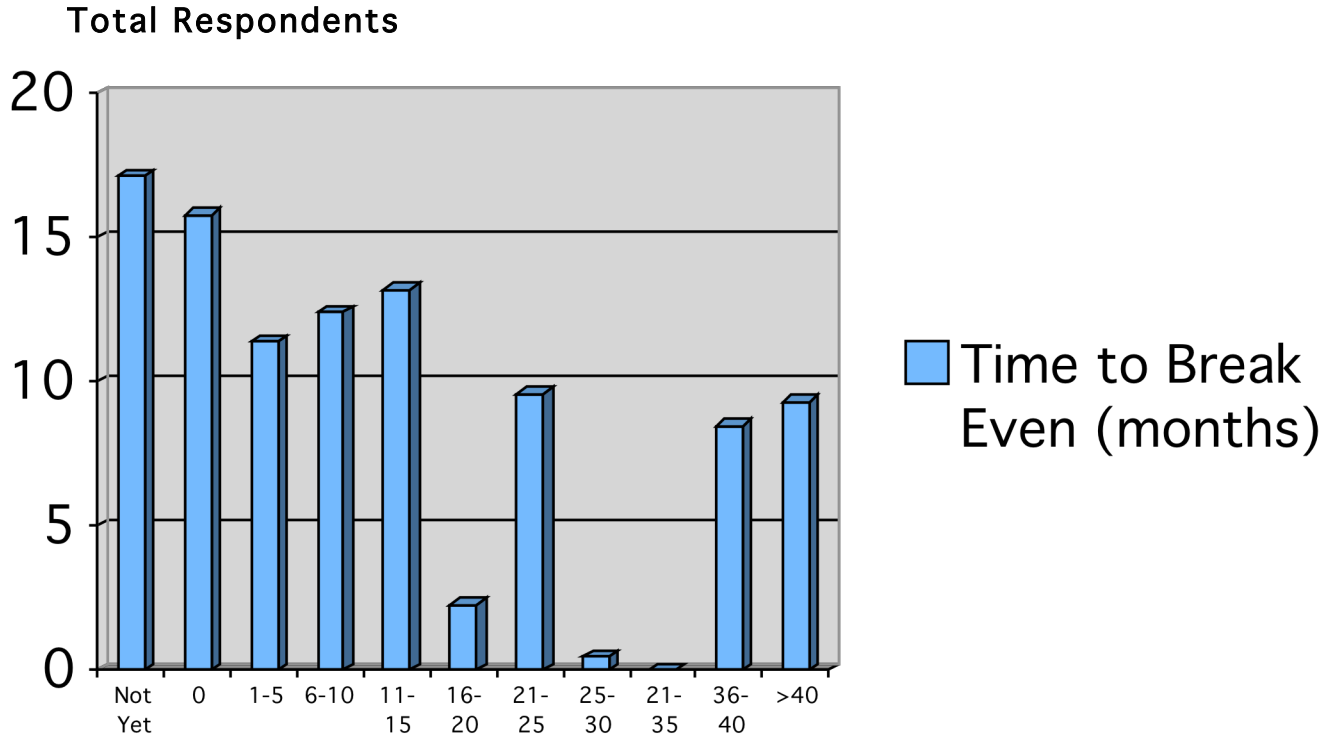
36-40 months	8.5%
>40 months	9.3%



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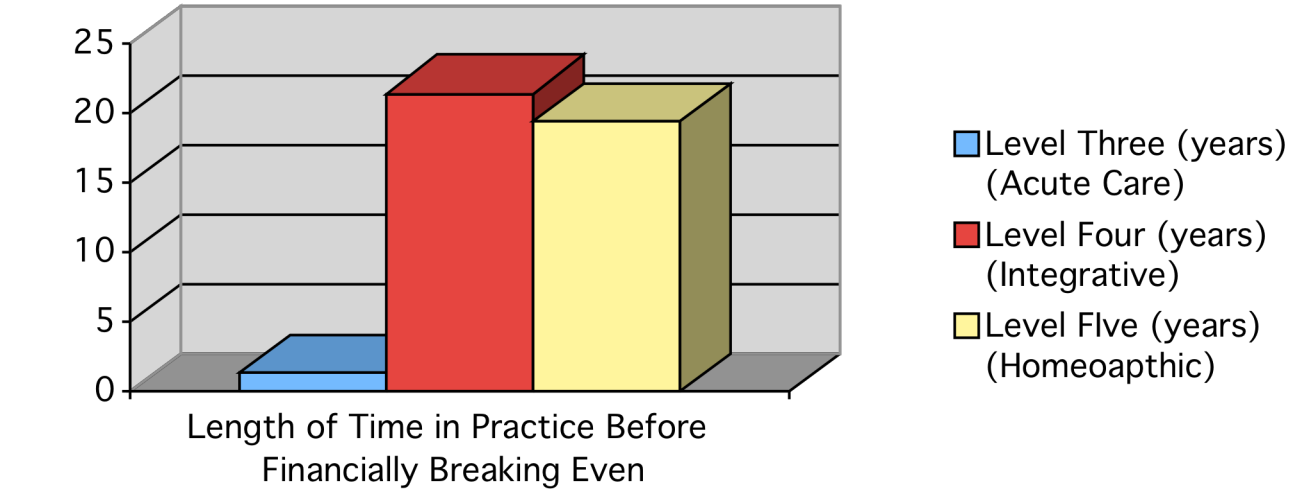

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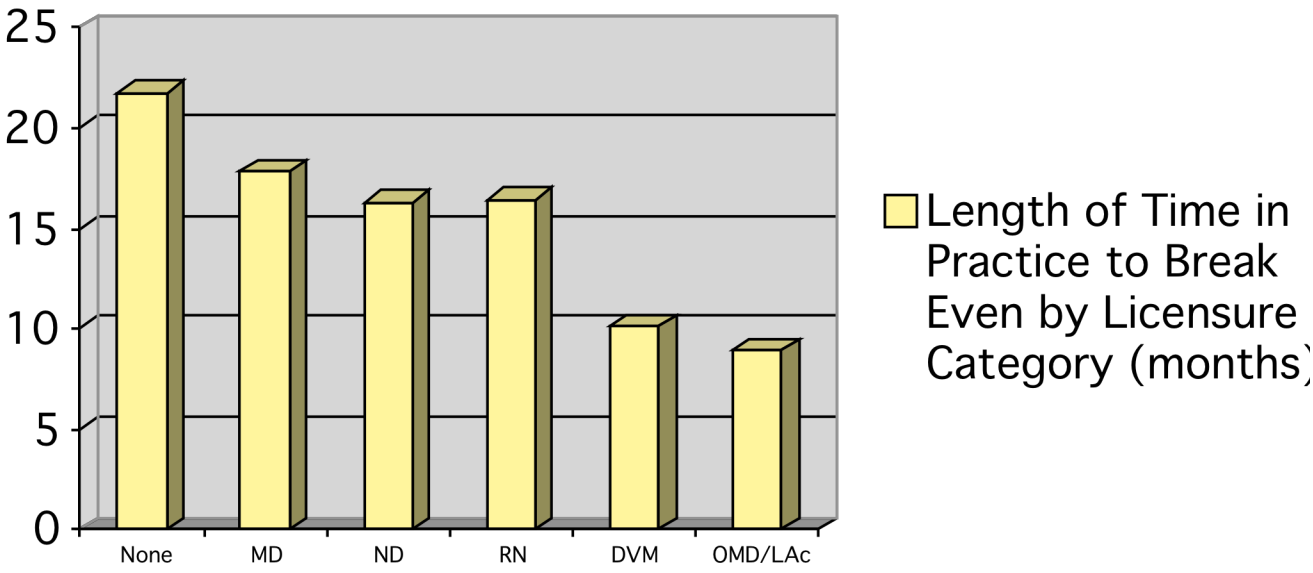
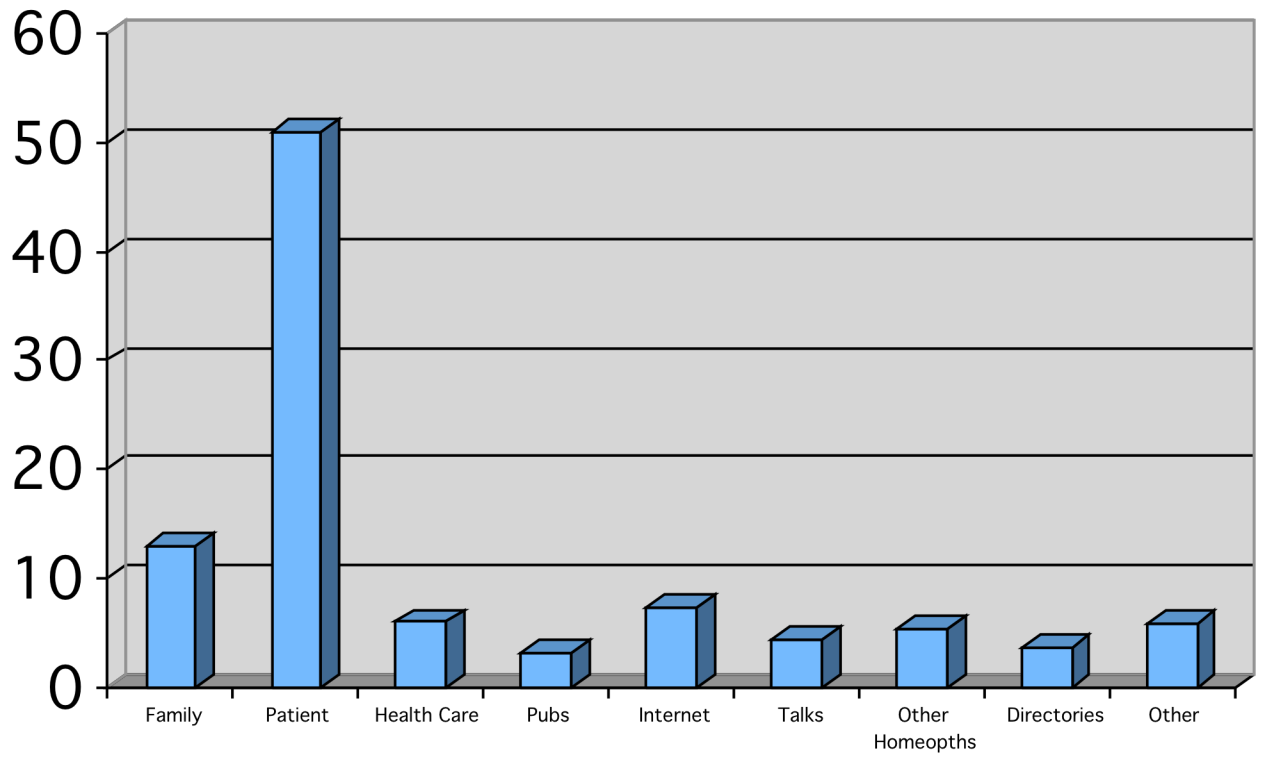


Question #35: Referral Sources

The most common source of referrals was from patients (51.0%). For those who chose other, health food stores and yellow pages were the most common responses. The Response Rate for this question was 53%.

Referral Source	% of Total Respondents
Family Members and Friends:	12.9%
Patient Referrals:	51.0
Health Care:	6.0
Publications:	3.2%
Internet:	7.4%
Public talks:	4.5%
Other Practitioners:	5.5%
Directories:	3.7%
Other:	5.9%



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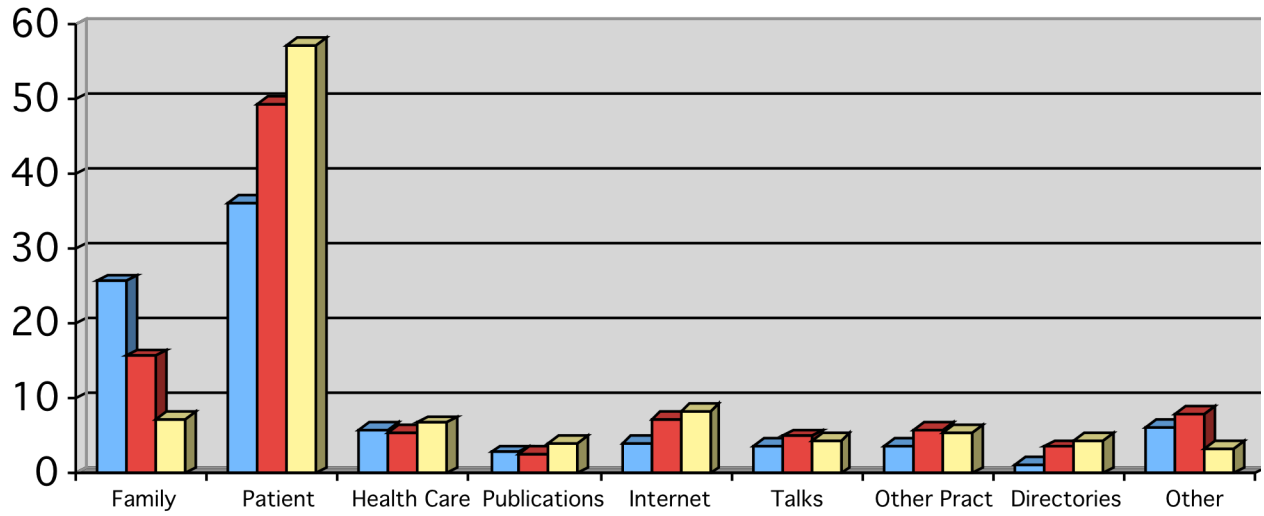
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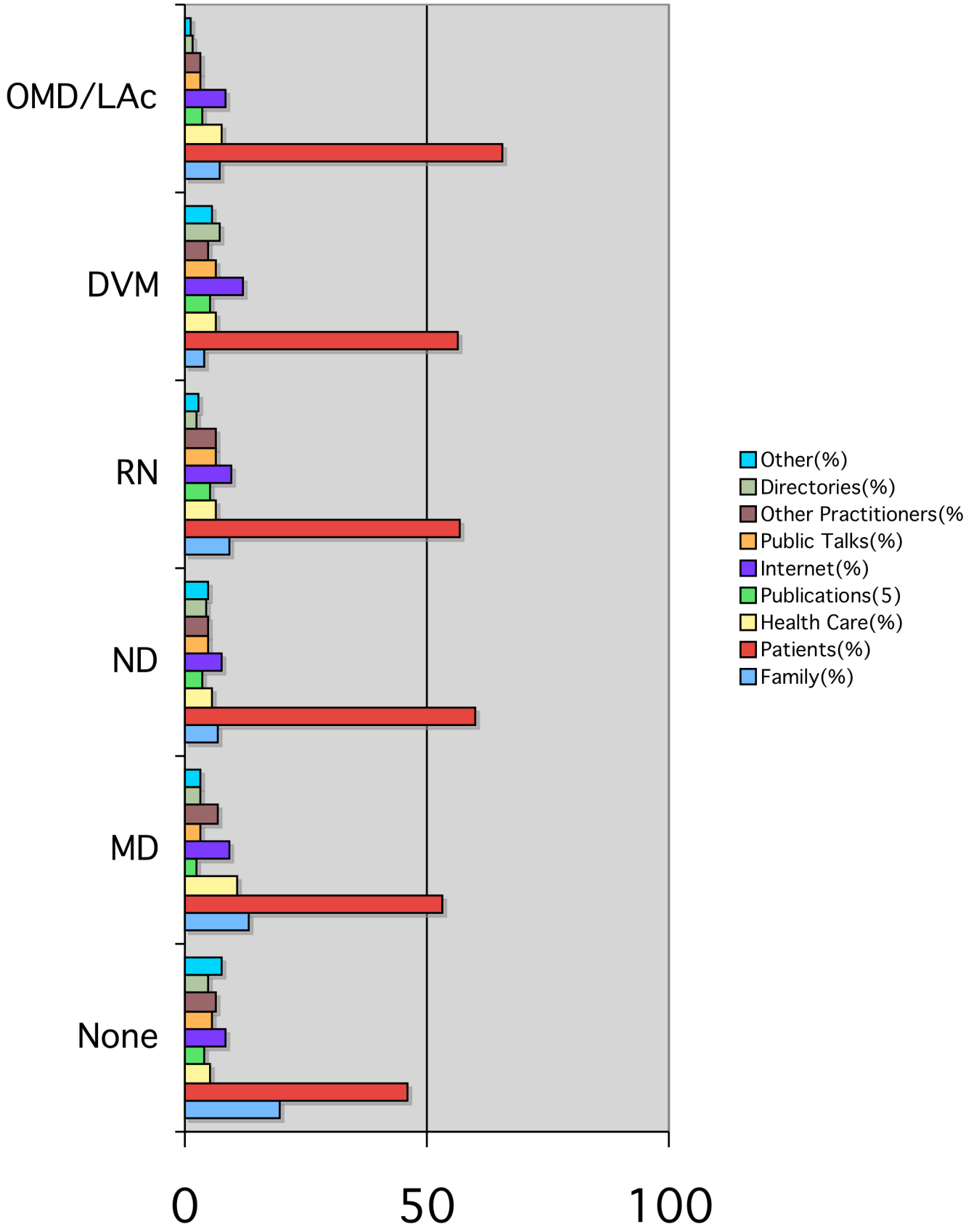
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Public Talks(%)
Internet(%)
Publications(5)
Health Care(%)
Patients(%)
Family(%)

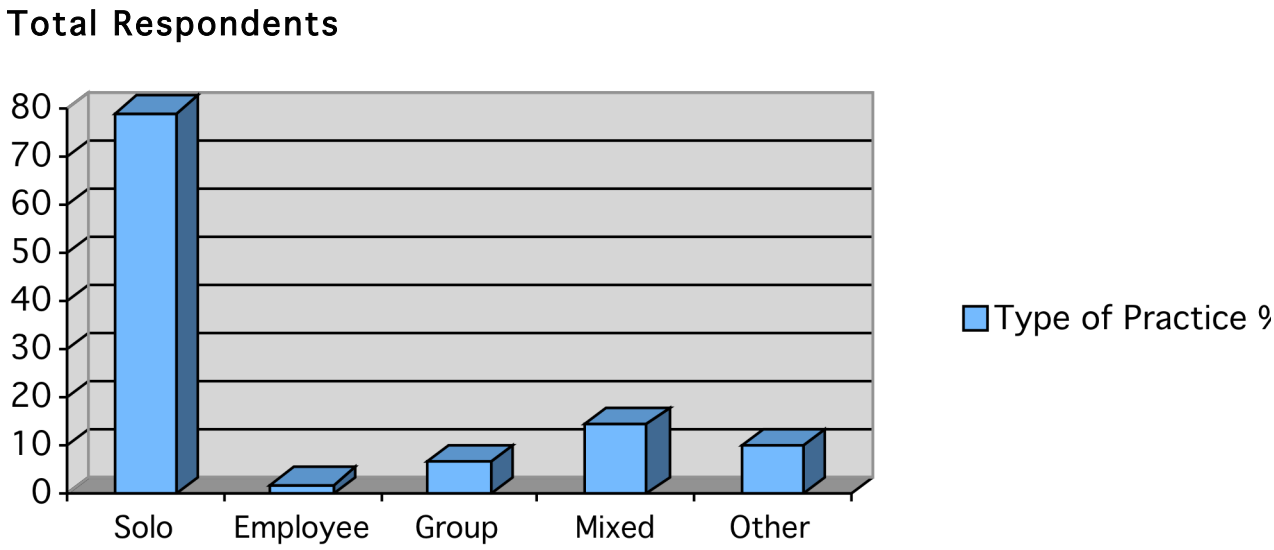
Section Four: Style of Practice

Question #36: Type of Practice

The majority of Homeopathic Practitioner Respondents are in solo practice (79.2%). The response rate to this question was 58%.

Type of Practice	% of Total Respondents
Solo Practice	79.2%
Employee	1.9%
Group Practice	6.5%
Group with Mixed Heal Mod	14.2%
Other	9.9%

(Responders could choose more than one response).



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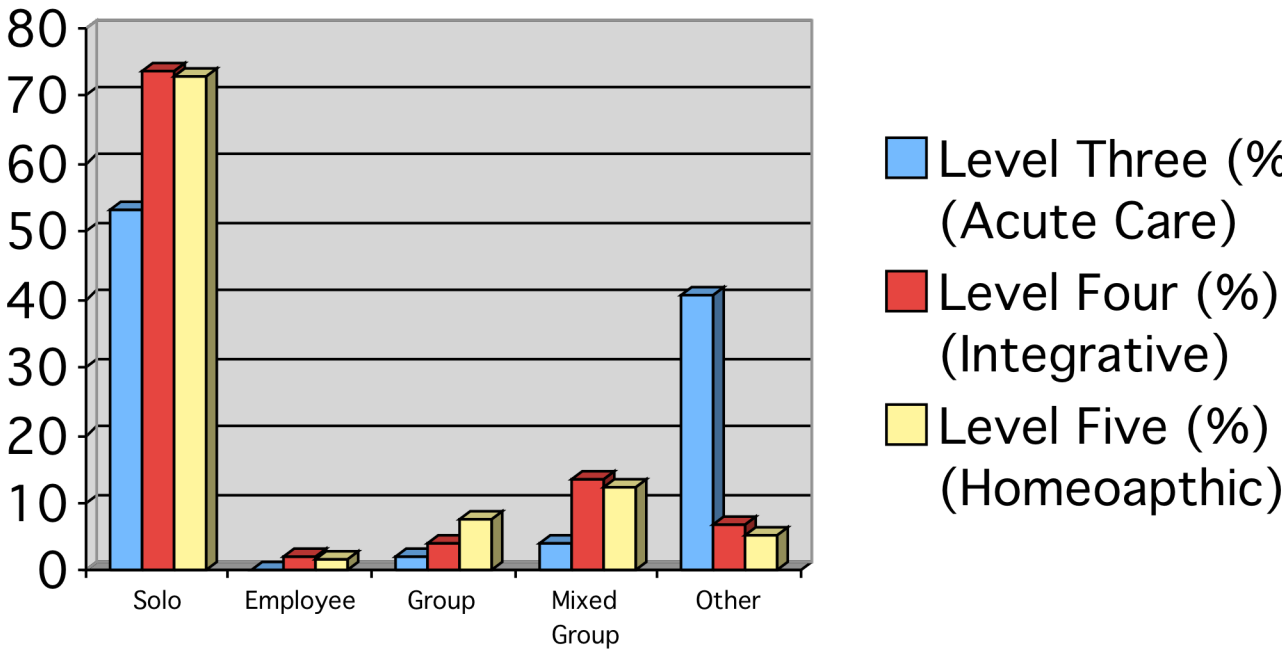

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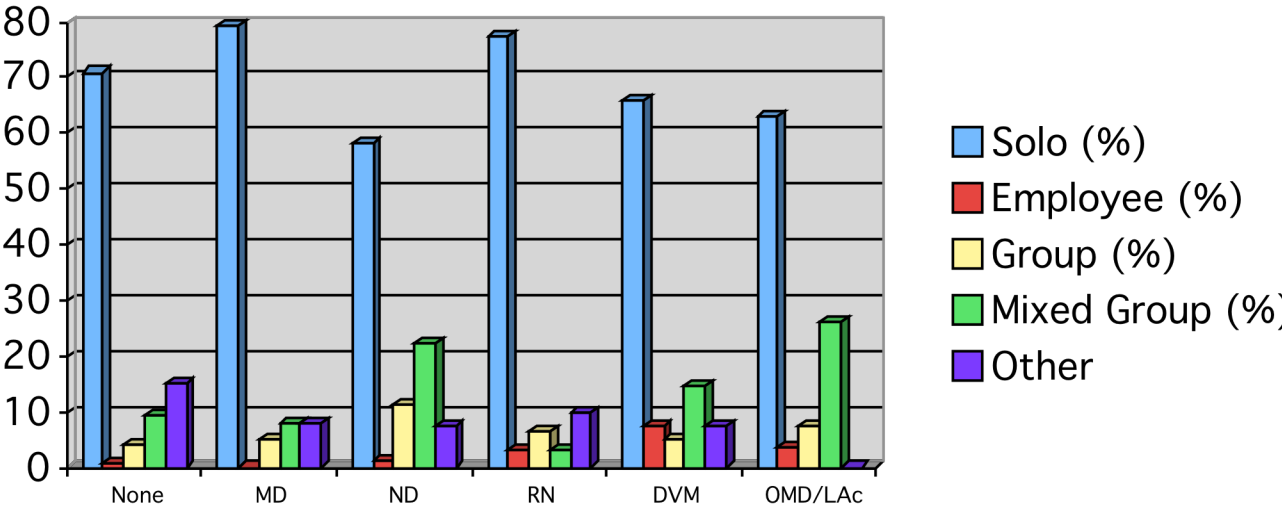
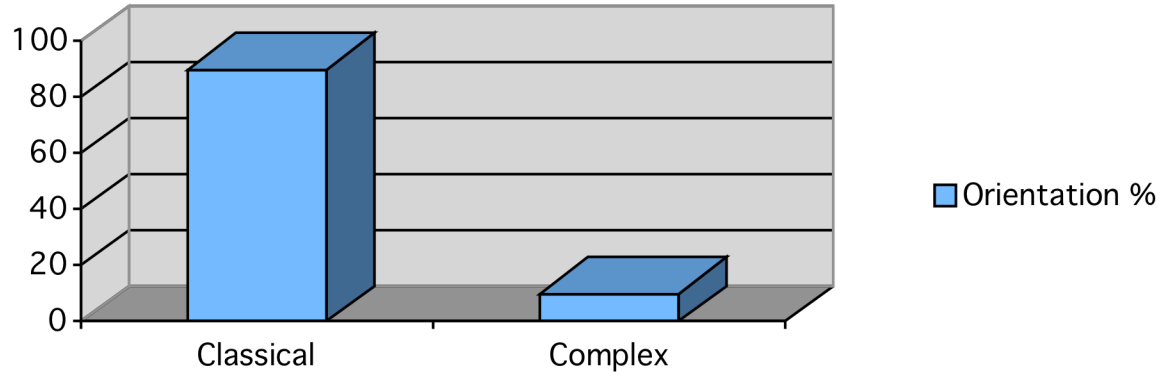


Question #37: Orientation

Most Homeopathic Practitioner Respondents practice classical homeopathy (89.2%). The Response Rate for this question was 59%.

Orientation	% of Total Respondents
Classical	89.6%
Complex	10.4%

Total Respondents



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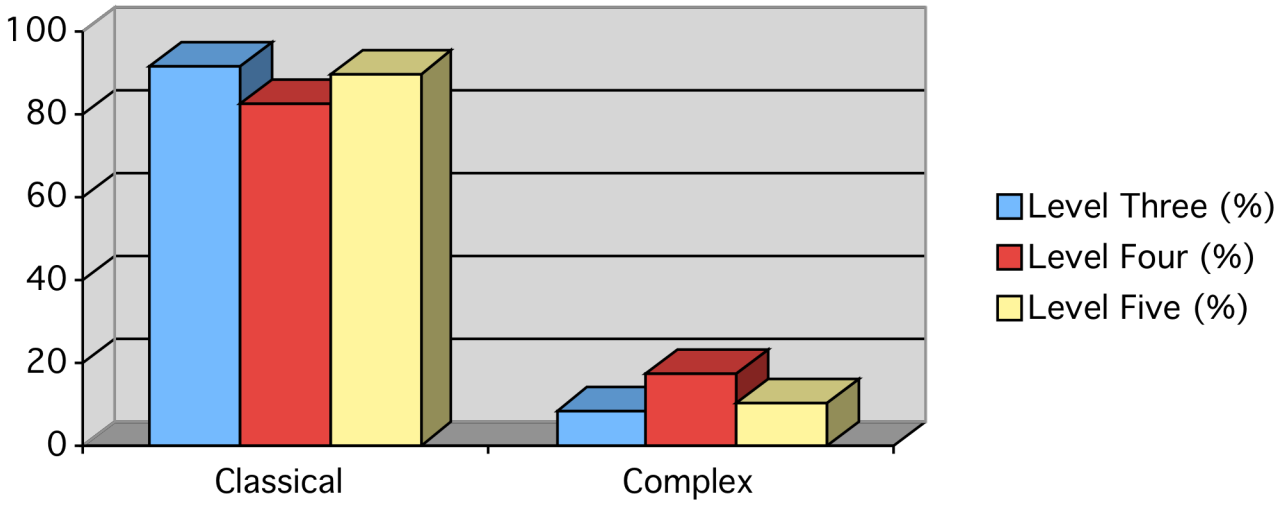

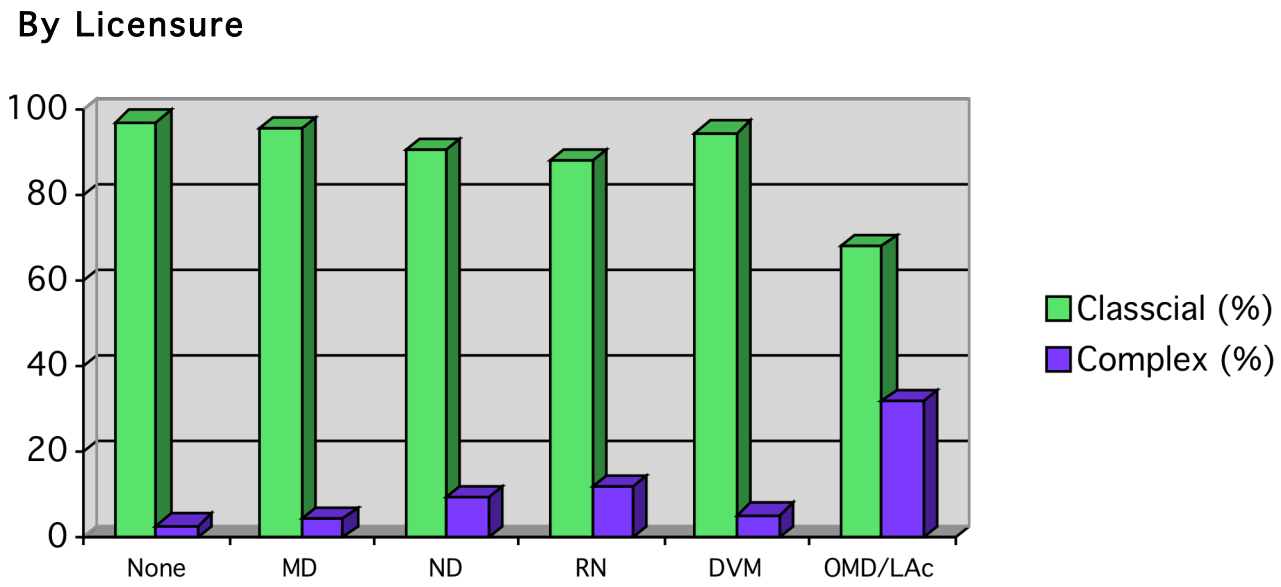
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Complex (%)

Question #38: Methodology

This question was difficult. We debated to include this or not. Originally, this was a checklist question but we determined that there were too many potential responses and eventually we elected to make it fill in the blank. In reporting the responses, I have tried to be overly inclusive rather than underly inclusive.

The three most common responses were Repertorization (14.4%), Sankaran Vital Sensation (7.2%) and Materia Medica Research (6.06%). Most of the Respondents described multiple methods. The Response Rate for this question was 49%. The average was 3.2 responses per respondent. "Classical" and "Hahnemannian" were answered somewhat broadly. A number of Homeopathic Practitioner Respondents said effectively "whatever works". On the graph, note that only the stronger responses are listed.

Listing Alphabetically

Astrology: .12%
Auricular: .06%
Boenninghausen: .52%
Case Taking: 4.14%
Chabra: .35%
Circle: .18%
Classical: 4.83%
Collins: .06%
Constitution: .52%
Consultation: .58%
Creasy: .06%
Diagnosis: .18%
Dowsing/Pendulum: .23%
Drainage: .29%
Dreams, Delusions: .58%
Eizyaga: .18%
Etiology: .46%
Family/Kingdom: 1.55%
General Symptoms: .18%
Gueniot: .06%
Hahnemannian: 1.50%
Heudens Mas: .06%
Heilkunst/Sequential Therapy: .46%
Herscu Cycles and Segments: .81%
Homotoxicology: .23%
Intuition: 1.18%
Kent: 1.73%
Keynotes: .84%
Klein: 1.09%
Kinesiology: .84%
Lab: 2=.12%
Layers: 3=.18%
Luc de Shepper: .18%
Machines: .63%
Mangialavori: .12%
Mappa Mundi: .12%
Materia Medica Research: 5.06%
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Pathology: .12%
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Provings: .29%
Questionnaire: .40%
Ramakrishna: .12%
Removing Obstacles to Cure: .18%

Repertorization; 14.4%
Saine: .06%
Sankaran Vital Sensation: 7.2%
Scholten: 1.27%
Sherr: .18%
Strange rare and peculiar: .52%
Themes/Essences: 1.7%
Tinus Smits: .06%
Totality: 1.6%
Vithoulkas: 1.0%%

Listing By Relative Strength

Repertorization; 14.4%
Sankaran Vital Sensation: 7.2%
Materia Medica Research: 5.06%
Classical: 4.83%
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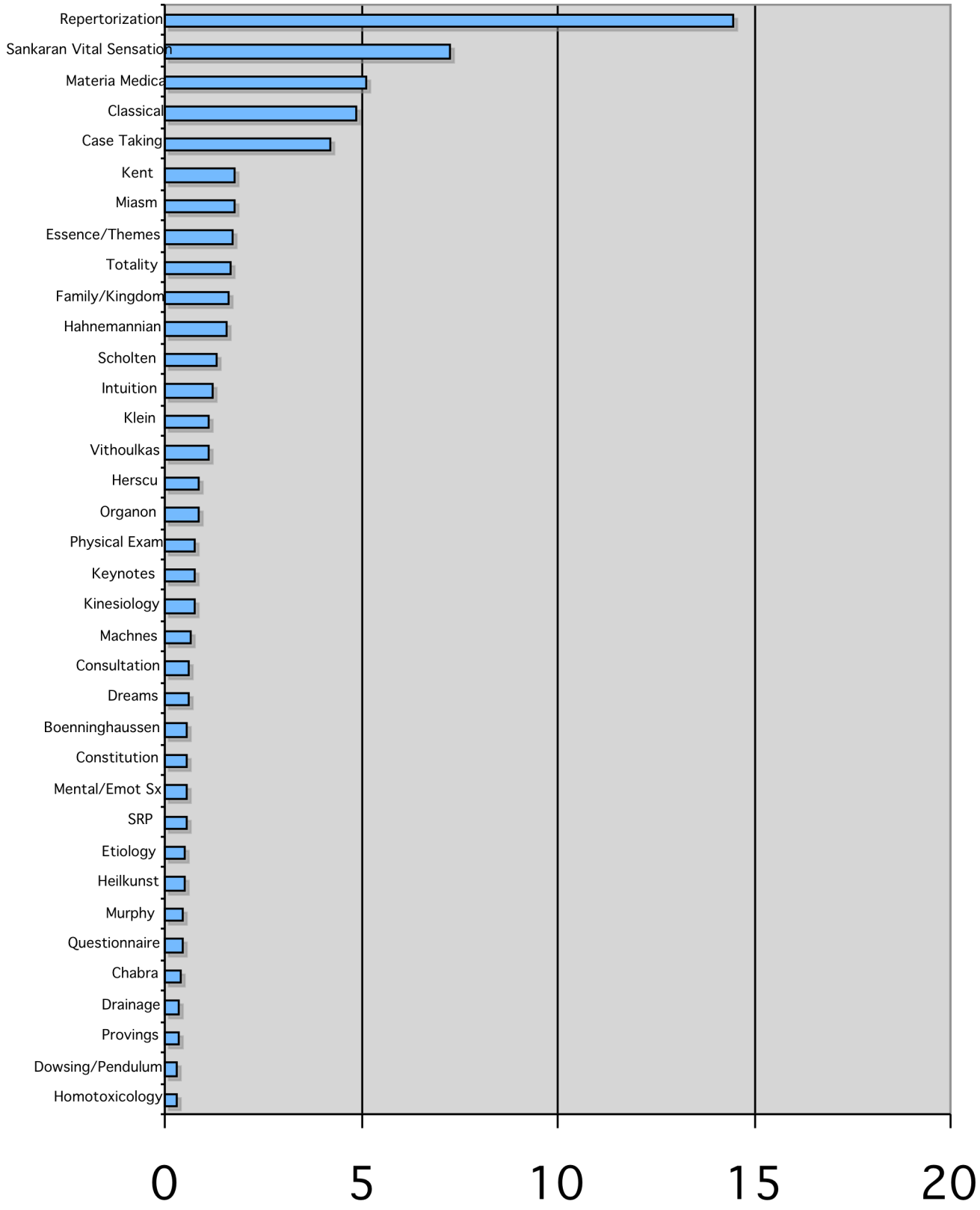
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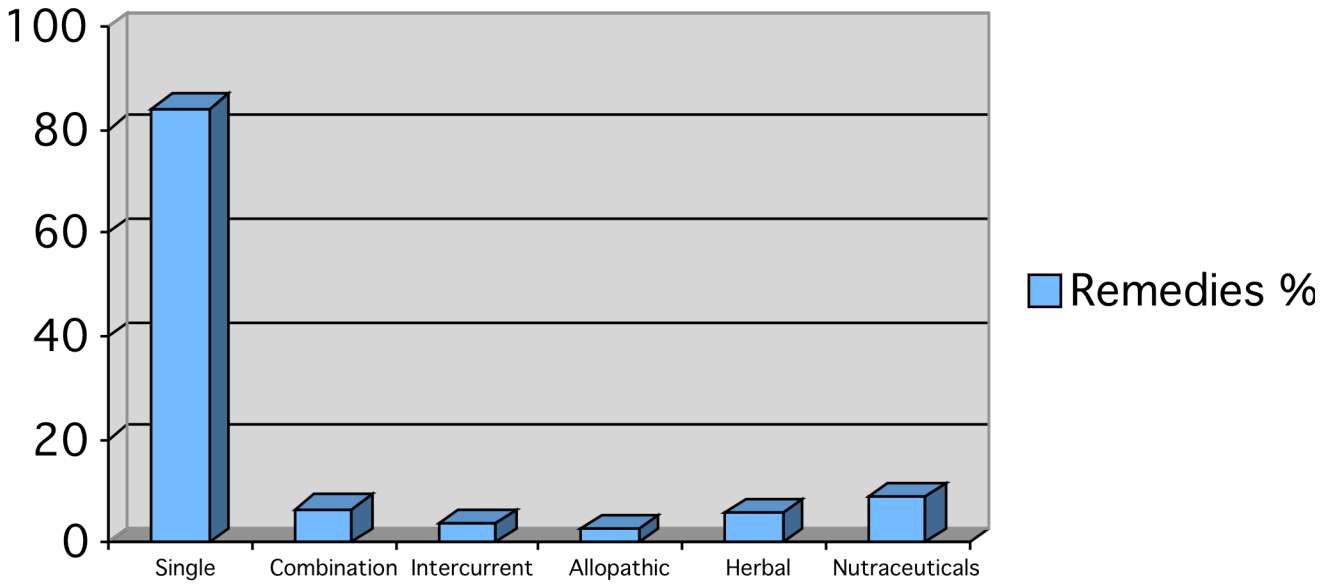
Question #39: Remedies (indicate percentage)

Nearly all practitioners use single remedies in their practice. Some also use combination remedies, intercurrent remedies, conventional medications, herbal medicines and nutraceuticals. The most common supplements to remedies reported were cell salts and flower essences. The response rate for this question was 56%.

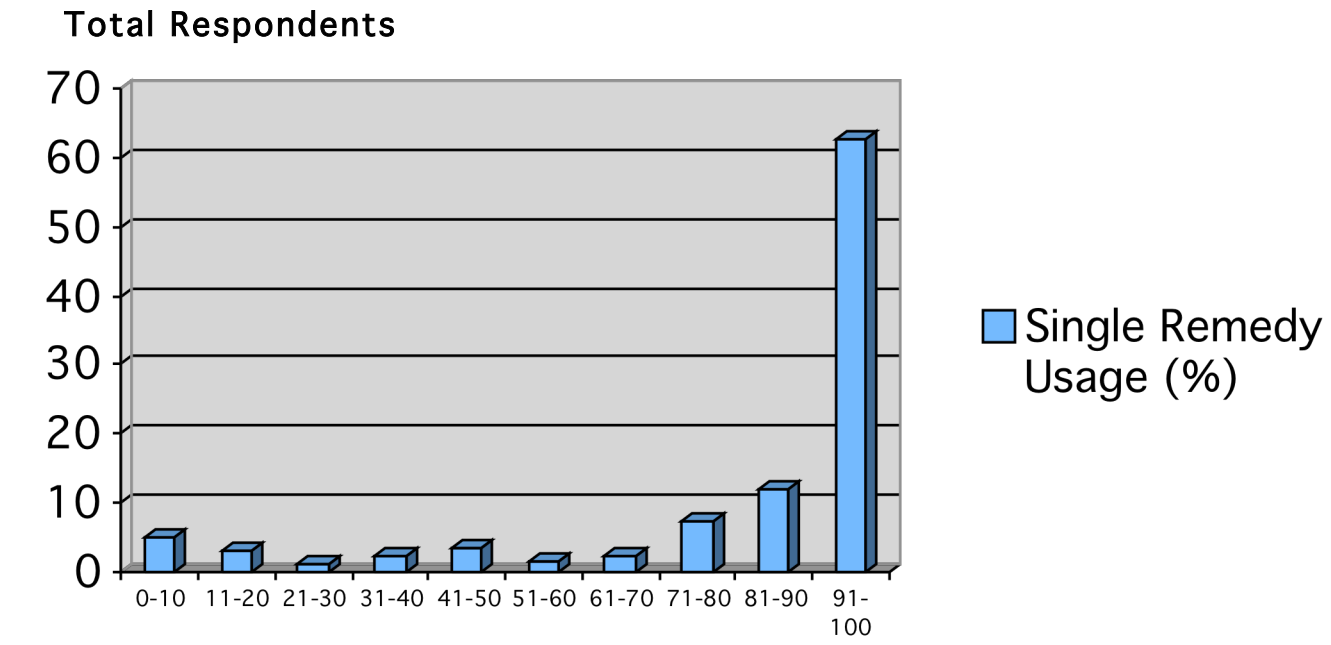
Remedy Type	% of Total Respondents
Single Remedy Average Usage	84.1%
Combination Remedy Usage	6.7%
Intercurrent Remedy Usage	3.8%
Conventional Medication Usage	2.6%
Herbal Medicine Usage	5.8%
Nutraceutical Usage	8.9%

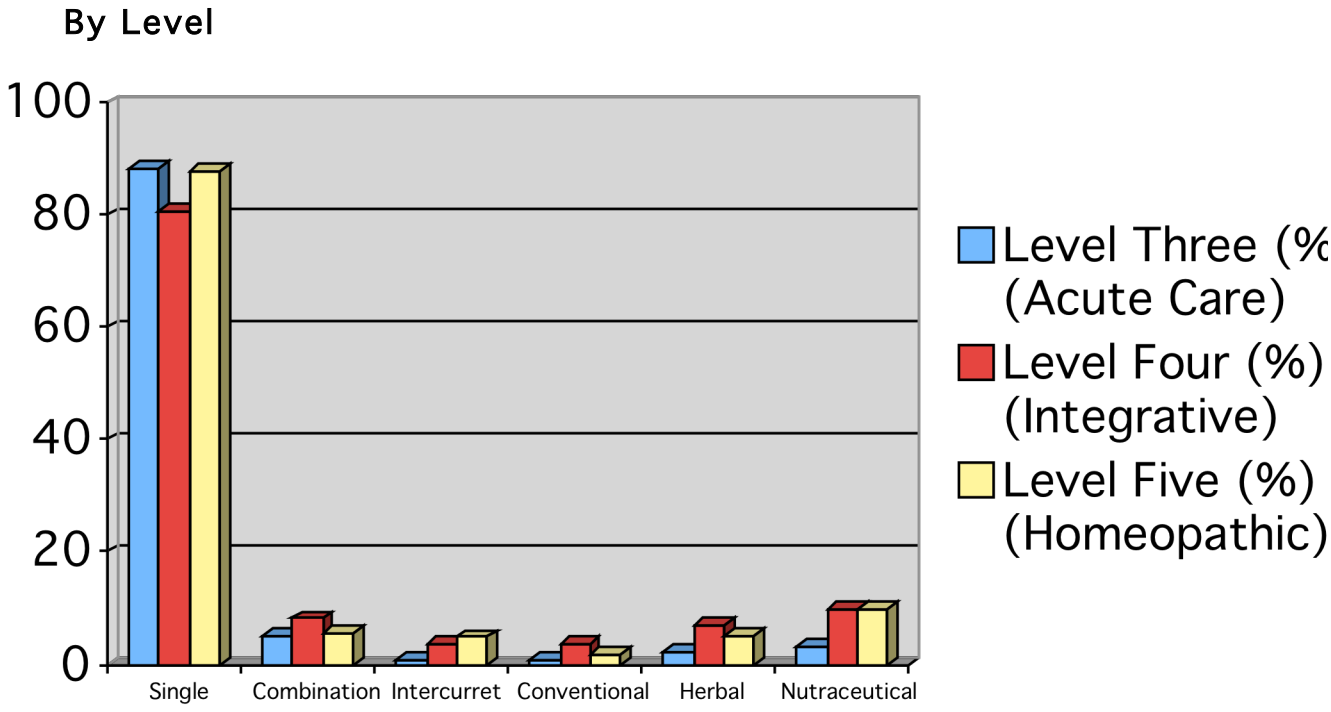
Total Respondents

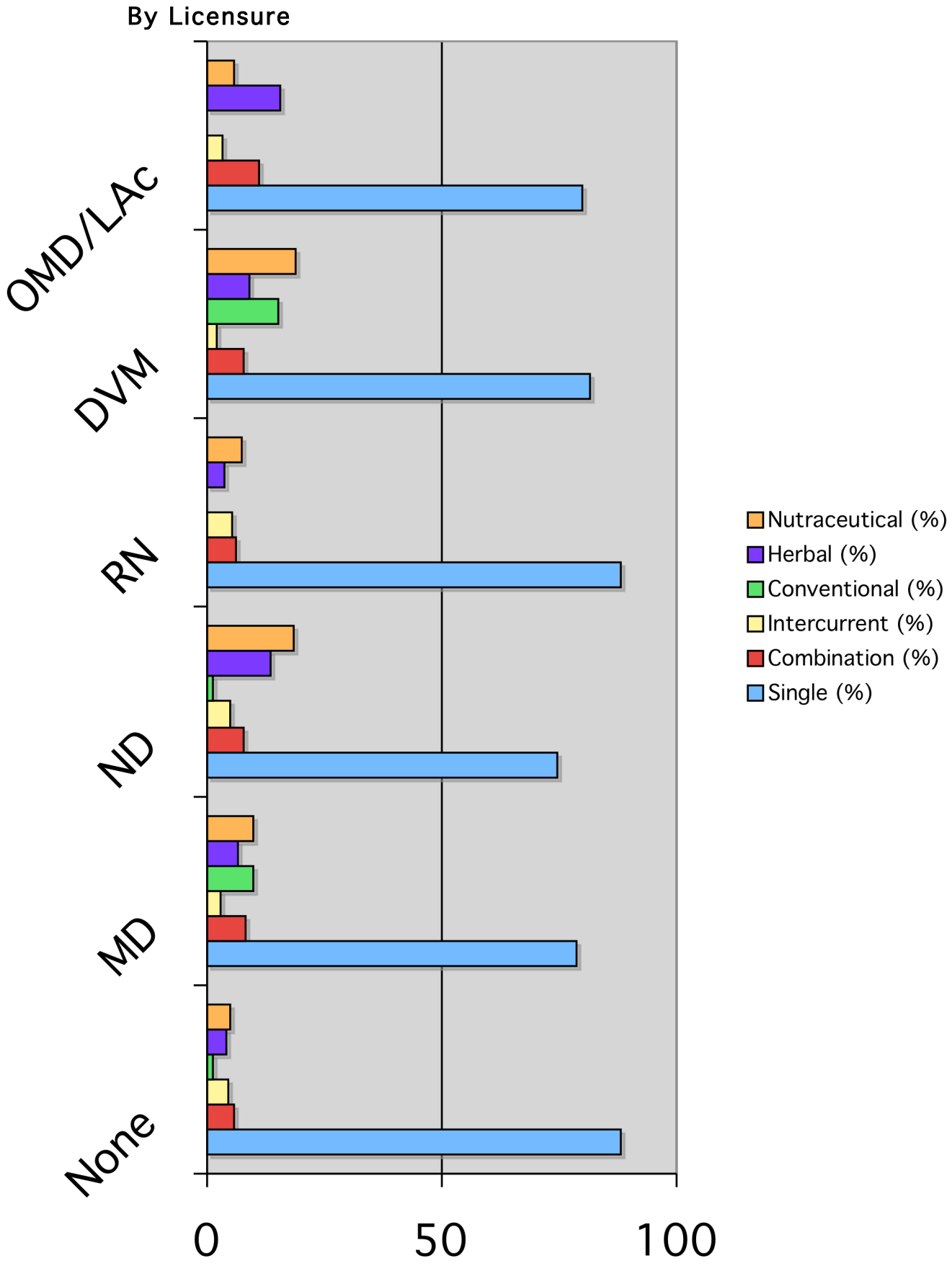


% Level	Single Remedy Usage (% of practice)
1-10%	4.9%
11-20%	3.0%
21-30%	1.2%
31-40%	2.3%

41-50%	3.4%
51-60%	1.7%
61-70%	2.3%
71-80%	7.4%
81-90%	11.9%
91-100%	62.5%



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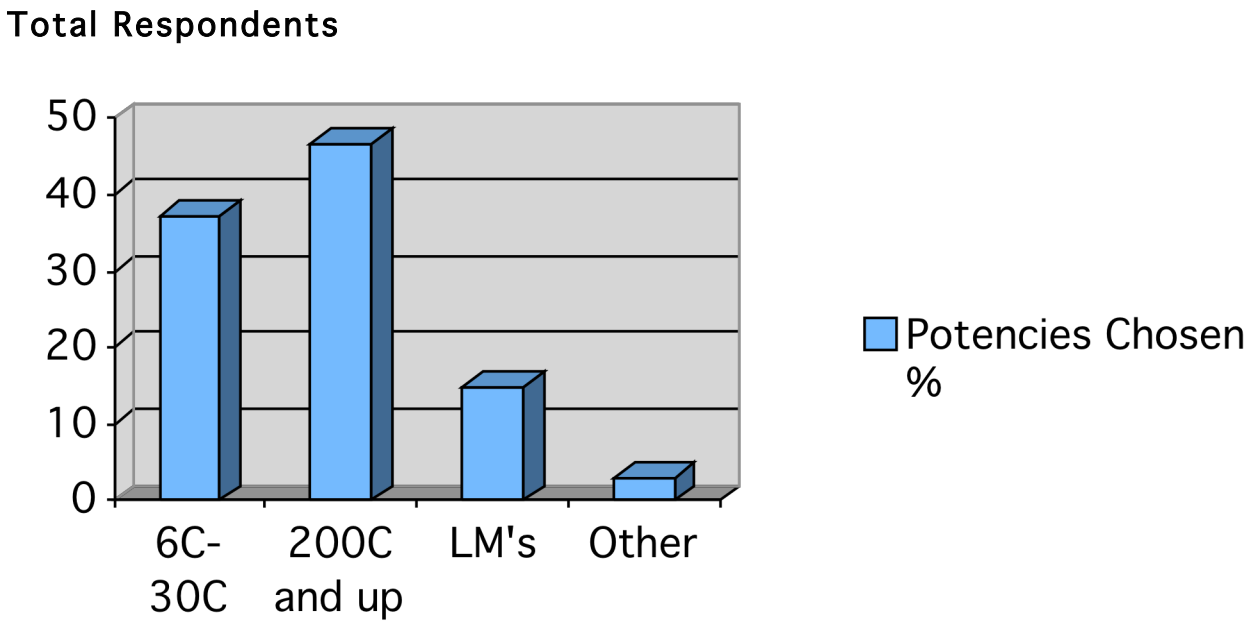
Nutraceutical (%)
Herbal (%)
Conventional (%)
Intercurrent (%)
Combination (%)
Single (%)

Question #40: Potencies Chosen

Nearly all Homeopathic Practitioner Respondents utilize C potencies. The most common potency grouping was 200C and higher (46.6%). In the "Other" category, the most common responses were whatever is needed, X potencies and cell salts. There was a 55% response rate to this question.

Potencies Chosen	% of Total Respondents
30C and Below	37.2%
200C and Above	46.6%
LM Potencies	14.9%
Other	2.9%



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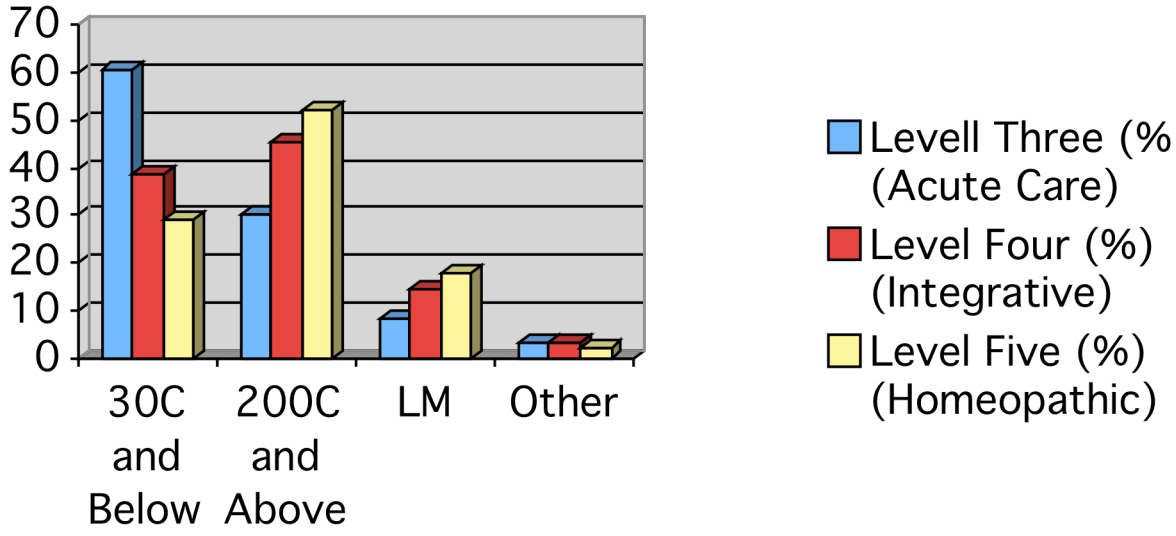

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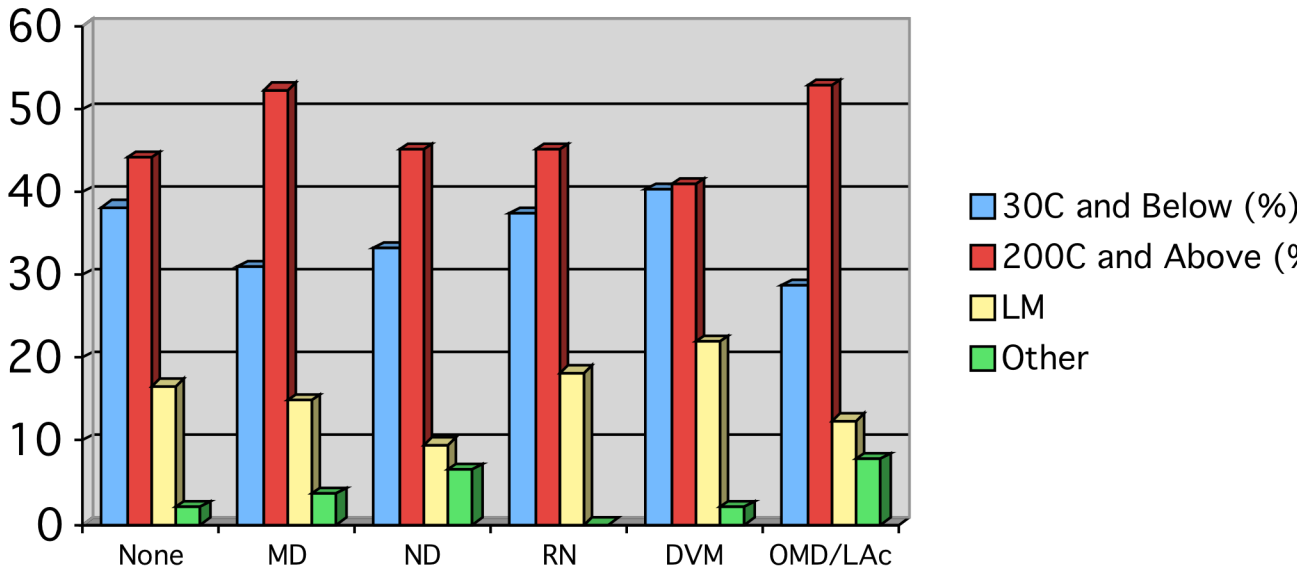
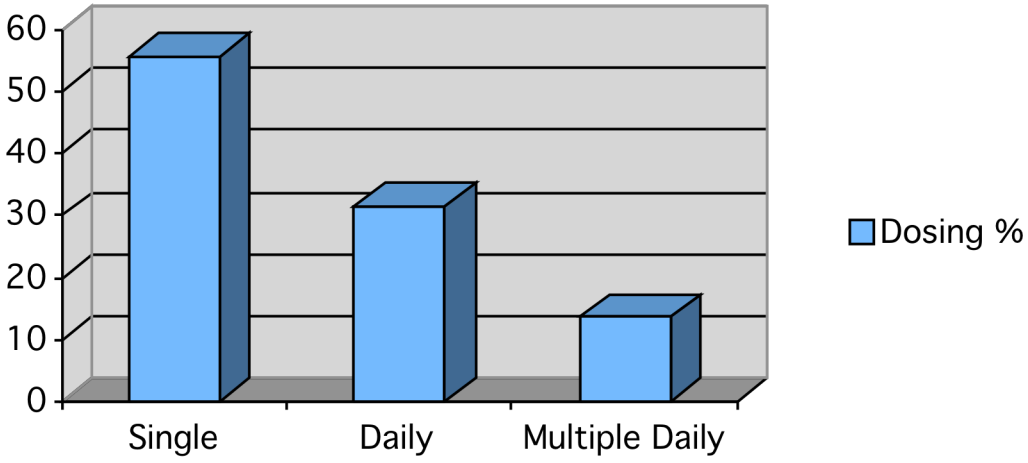


Question #41: Dosing

The most common method of dosing was the single dose (55.7%). There was a 54% response rate to this question.

Dosing	% of Total Respondents
Single	55.6%
Daily or fixed	31.4%
Multiple Daily	13.6%

Total Respondents



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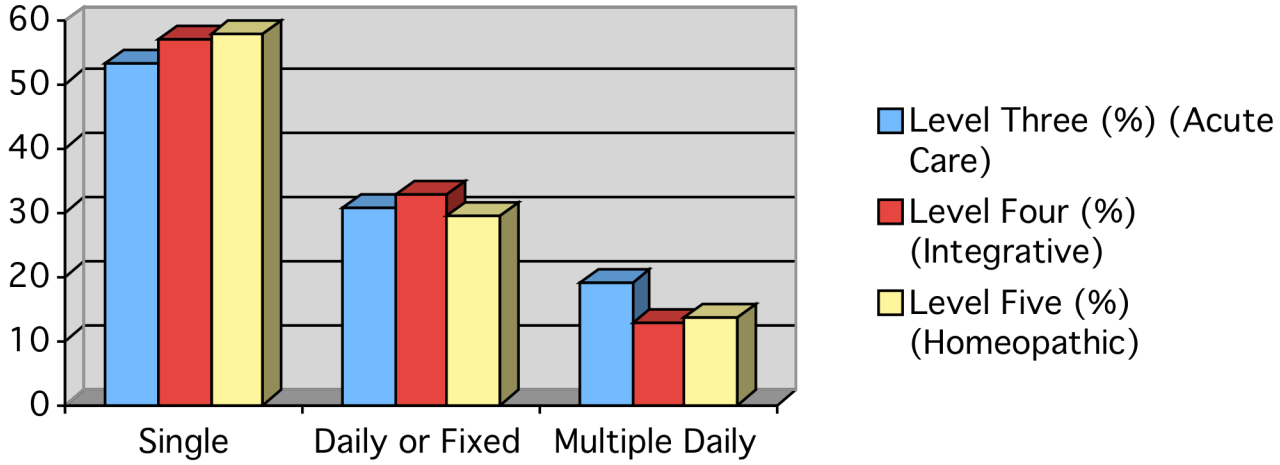

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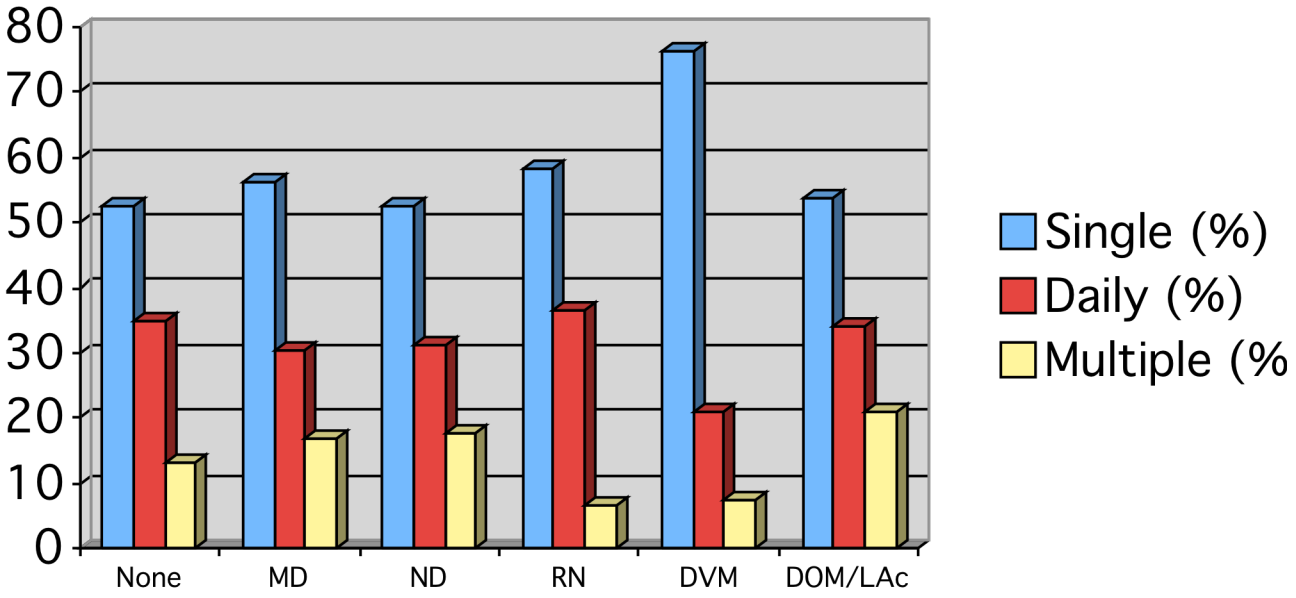
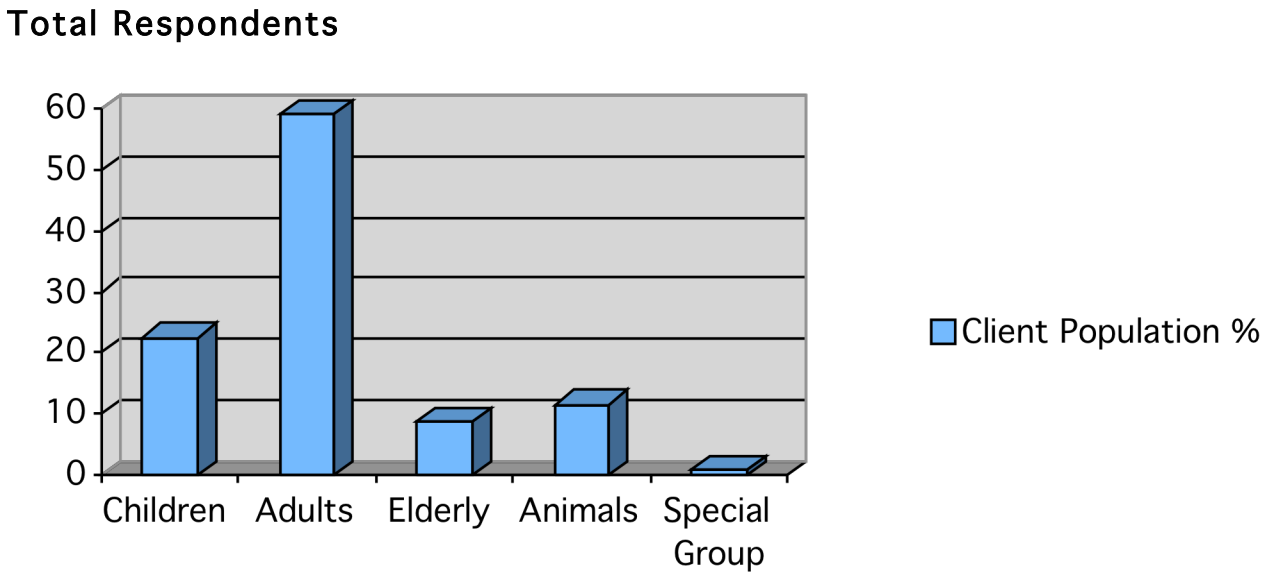


Question #42: Client Population

The most common patient population was adults (59.2%). A significant number of Homeopathic Practitioner Respondents saw some animals. The elderly client population was low-several practitioners commented on the higher liability (8.7%). The most common special population was women's health. There was a 53% response to this question.

Client Population	% of Total Respondents
Children	22.5%
Adults	59.2%
Elderly	8.7%
Animals	11.6%
Special Group	.90%



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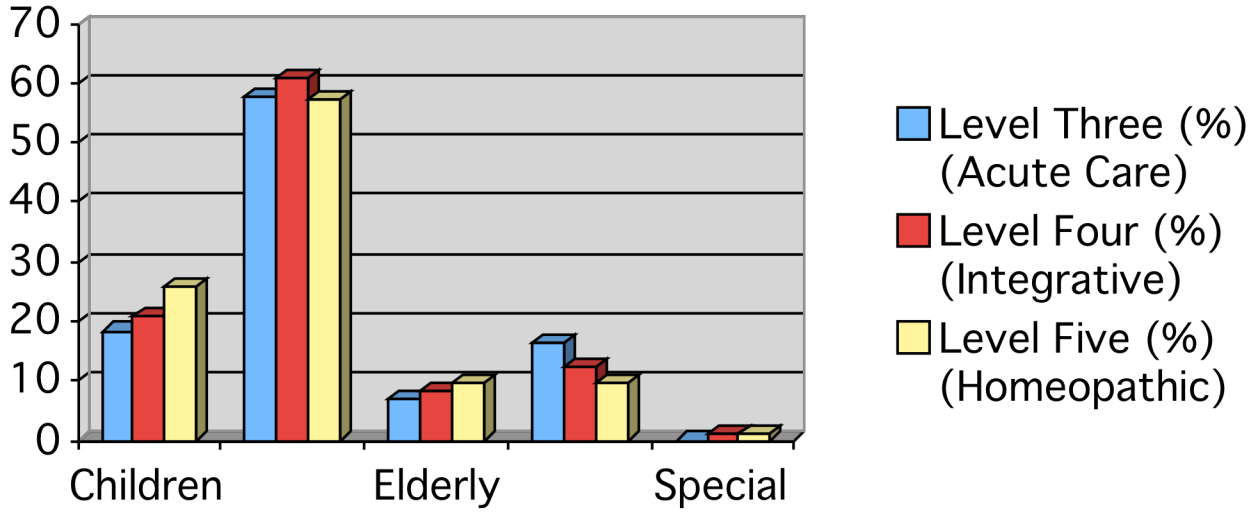

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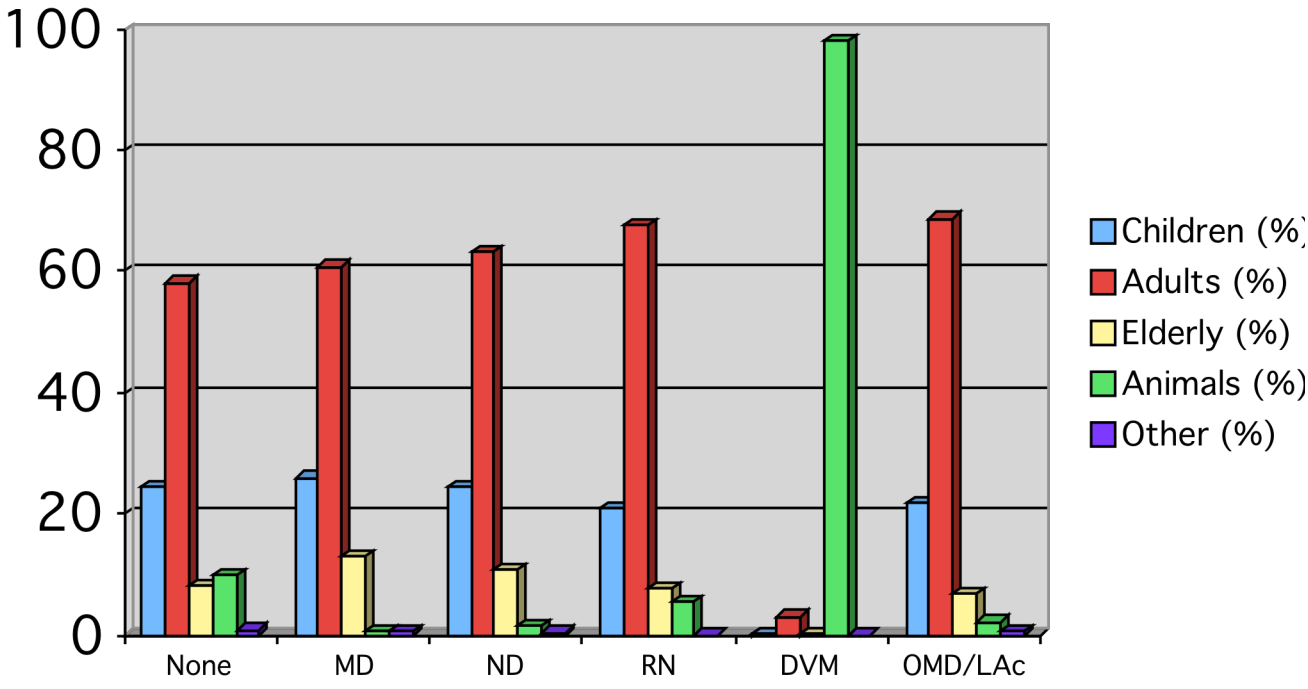
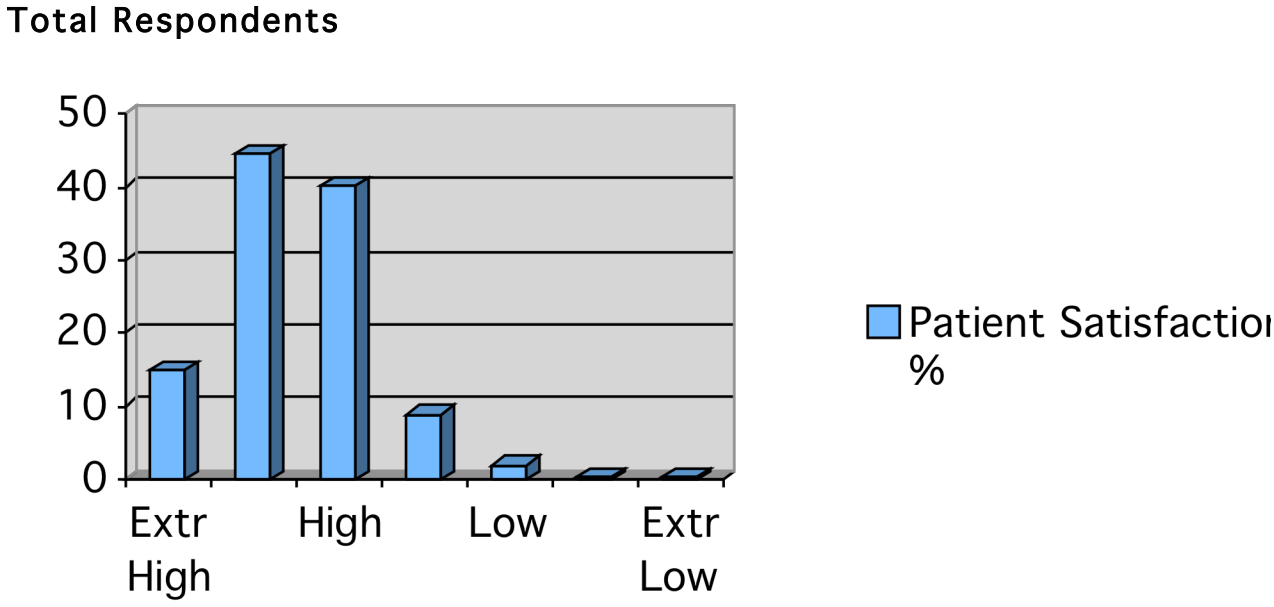


Section Five: Success in Practice

Question #43: Patient Satisfaction With Your Practice

The patient satisfaction for the Homeopathic Practitioner Respondent's homeopathic practice was described as very high (43.8%). Only 15 of the Homeopathic Practitioner Respondents described patient satisfaction as low, very low or extremely low. The Response Rate for this question was 53%.

Patient Satisfaction	% of Total Respondents
Extremely High	14.9%
Very High	44,5%
High	40.3%
Medium	8.9%
Low	1.9%
Very Low	.2%
Extremely Low	.3%



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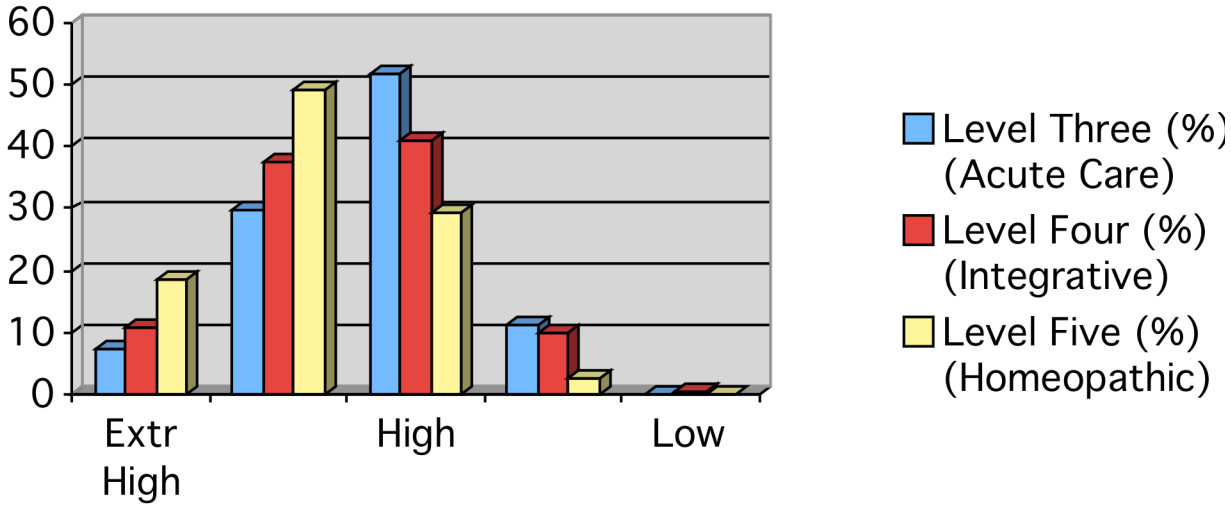

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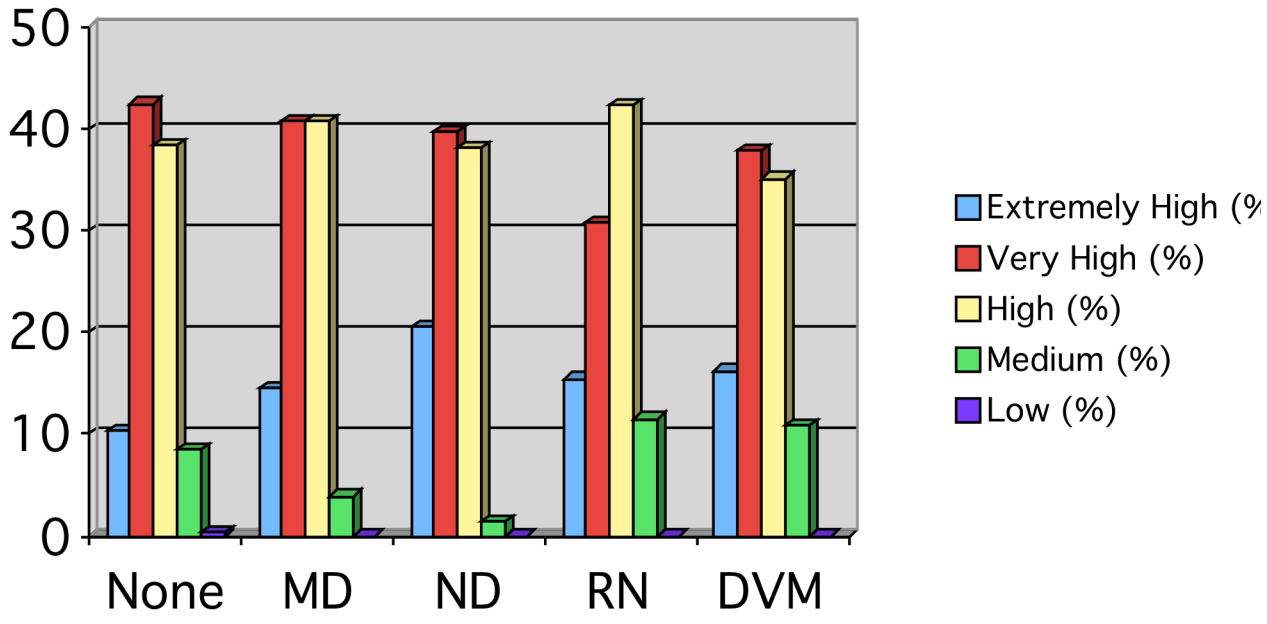
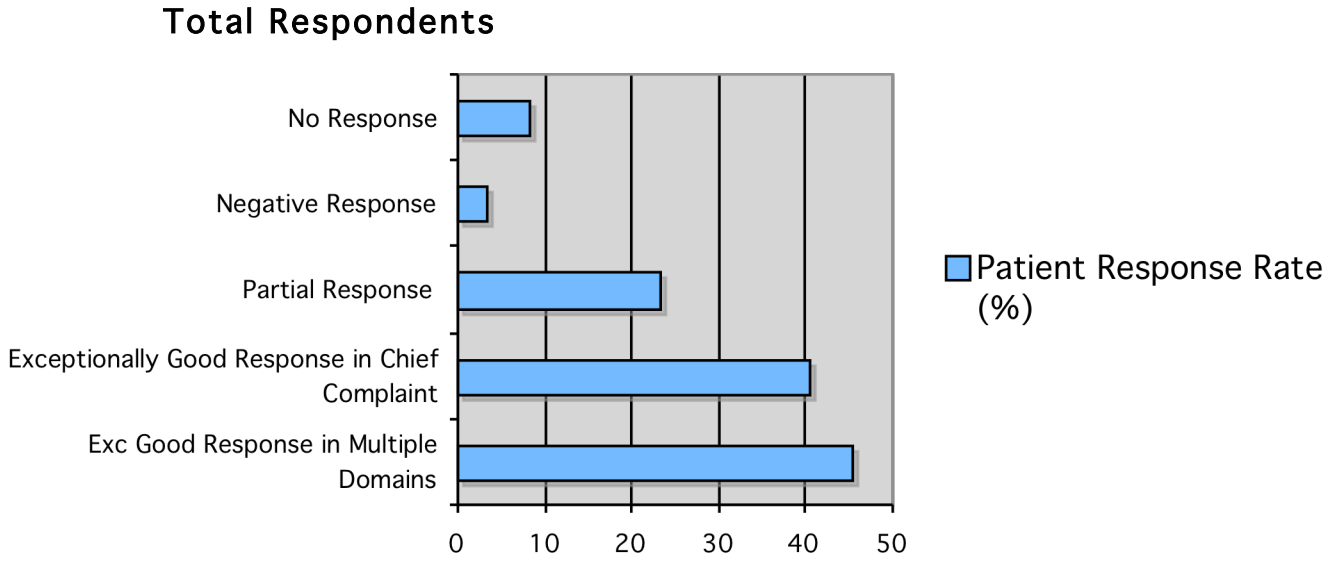


Question #44: Percentage of Patients Who Undergo the Following

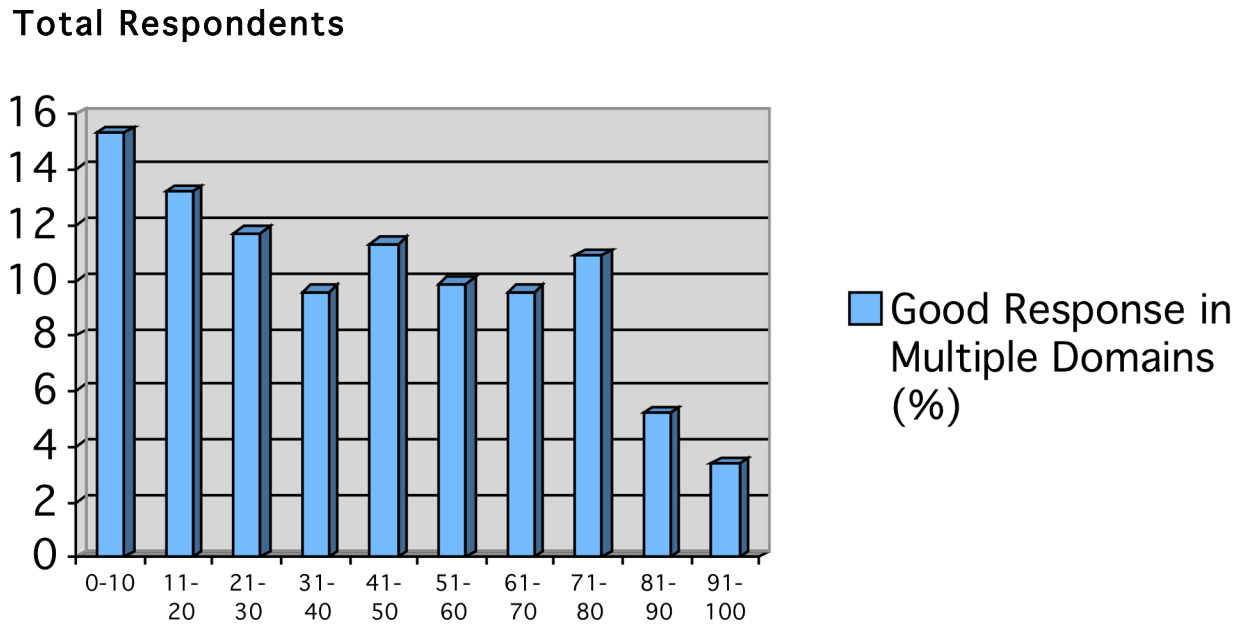
There was a 44% response rate to this question.

Response to Treatment	% of Total Respondents
Exc Good Responses in Multiple Domains	45%
Exc Good Responses in Chief Complaint	40.2%
Partial Response to Treatment	23.1%
Negative Response to Treatment	3.2%
No Response to Treatment	7.9%



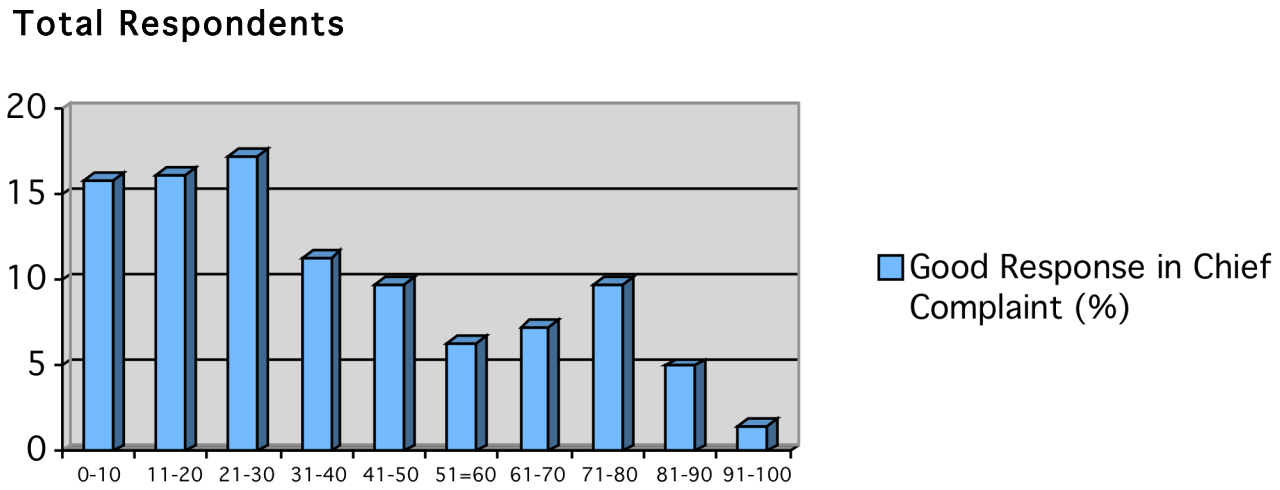
#44A: Exceptionally Good Response in Multiple Domains (Breakdown)

% Level	% of Total Respondents
0-10%	15.3%
11-20%	13.2%
21-30%	11.7%
31-40%	9.6%
41-50%	11.3%
51-60%	9.9%
61-70%	9.6%
71-80%	10.9%
81-90%	5.2%
91-100%	3.4%



#44B: Exceptionally Good Response in Chief Complaint (Breakdown)

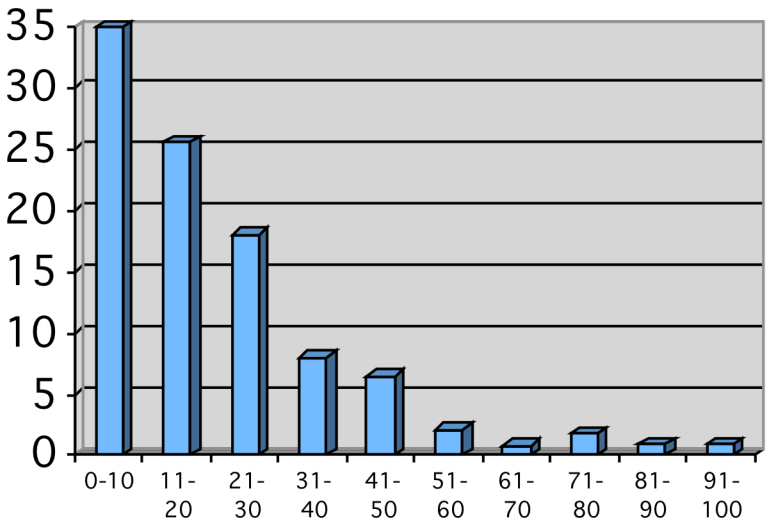
% Level	% of Total Respondents
0-10%	15.9%
11-20%	16.1%
21-30%	17.2%
31-40%	11.3%
41-50%	9.8%
51-60%	6.3%
61-70%	7.3%
71-80%	9.8%
81-90%	5.0%
91-100%	1.5%



#44C: Partial Response to Treatment (Breakdown)

% Level	% of Total Respondents
0-10%	35.0%
11-20%	25.6%
21-30%	18.0%
31-40%	8.0%
41-50%	6.5%
51-60%	2.1%
61-70%	.8%
71-80%	1.8%
81-90%	.9%
91-100%	.9%

Total Respondents



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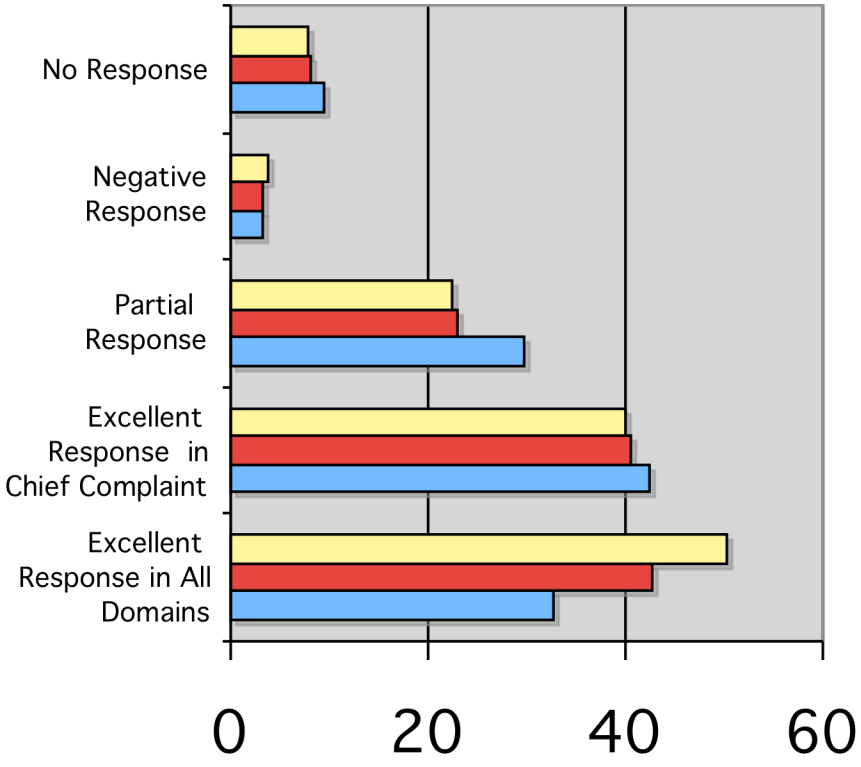

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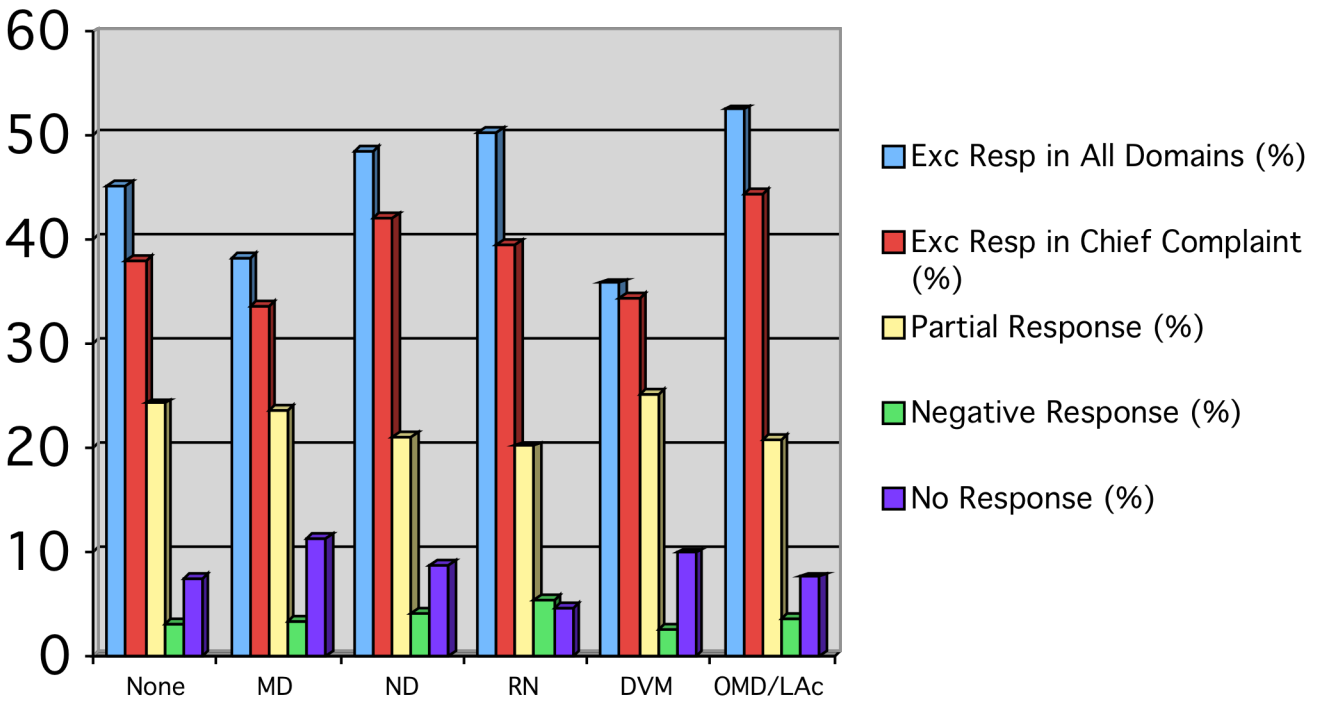


Question #45: Main Satisfactions in Your Practice

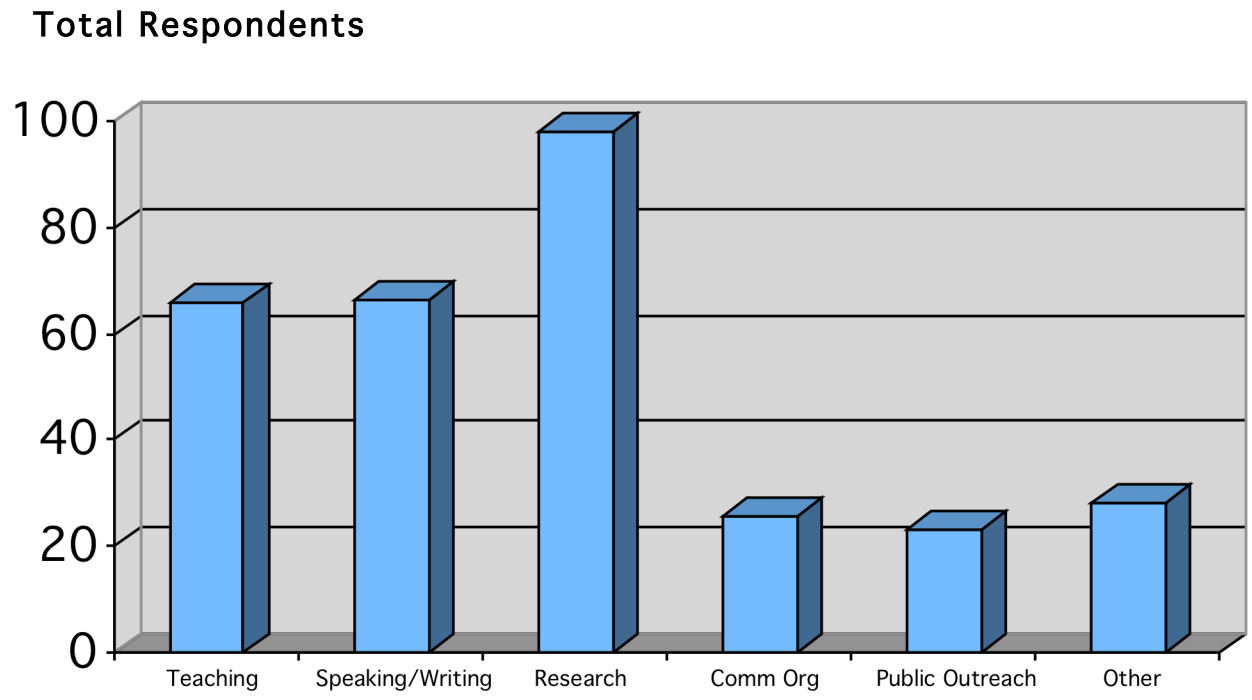
There was a 45% Response Rate to this question. The verbatim results are listed in Appendix D.

Section Six: Involvement in Growing Homeopathy

Question #46: Indicate Number of Hours

The average number of yearly hours for volunteer work is described below. The average number of total annual hours is 324.1 hours. The Response Rate for this question was 46%.

Volunteer Work	Total Annual Hours
Teaching	66.5 hours
Speaking and Writing	72.4 hours
Research	104.0 hours
Work for Other Homeopathic Organizations	25.4 hours
Public Outreach	27.4 hours
Other	28.4 hours

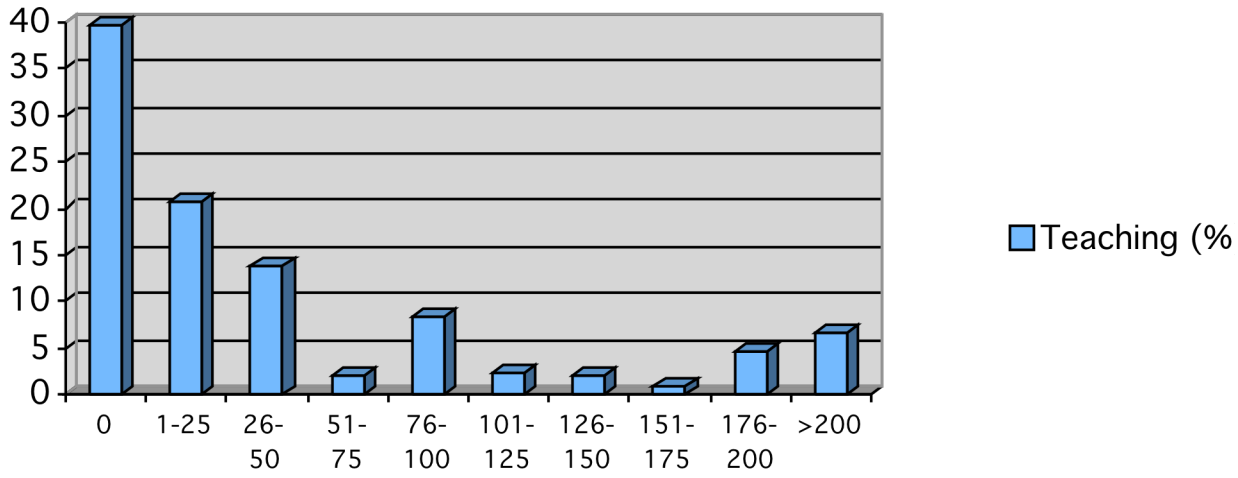


Question 46A: Annual Teaching

The range was from 0-2000 hours.

Annual Hours	% of Total Respondents
0 hrs	39.8%
1-25 hrs	20.8%
26-50 hrs	13.7%
51-75 hrs	2.0%
76-100 hrs	8.4%
101-125 hrs	2.2%
125-150 hrs	2.0%
151-175 hrs	.8%
176-200 hrs	4.5%
>200 hrs	6.5%

Total Respondents



B. Annual Speaking and Writing (Breakdown)

The range was from 0-3600 hours.

Annual Hours	% of Total Respondents
0 hrs	37.3%
1-25 hrs	22.9%
26-50 hrs	14.7%
51-75 hrs	1.4%
76-100 hrs	8.8%
101-125 hrs	1.2%
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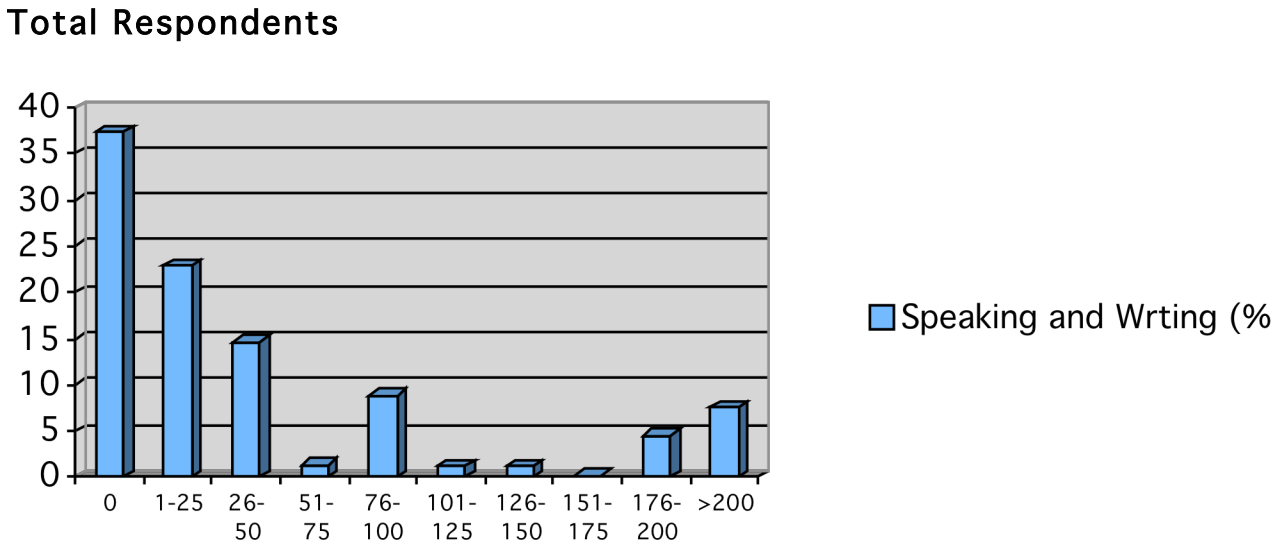

C. Annual Research (Breakdown)

The majority or Respondents did not research. The range was from 0-5000 hours.

Annual Hours	% of Total Respondents
0 hrs	56.7%
1-25 hrs	8.6%
26-50 hrs	6.9%
51-75 hrs	1.4%
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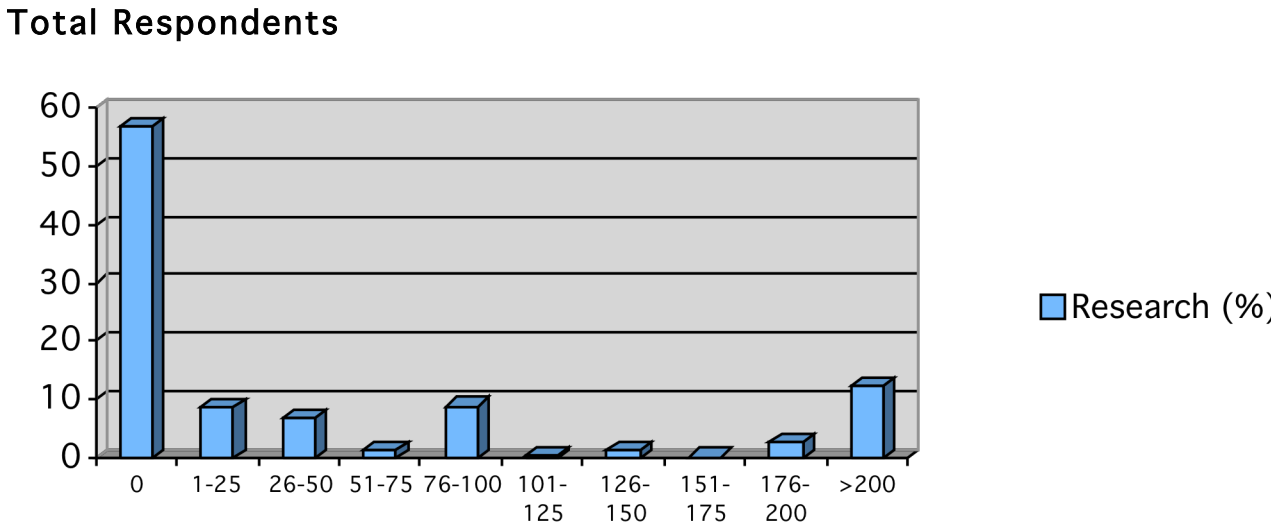
>200 hrs	12.2%



D. Annual Work for Other Homeopathic Organizations (Breakdown)

The majority of Respondents did no annual work for homeopathic organizations. The range was from 0-1000 hours.

Annual Hours	% of Total Respondents
0 hrs	71.4%
1-125 hrs	9.8%
26-50 hrs	7.8%
51-75 hrs	1.8%
76-100 hrs	3.1%
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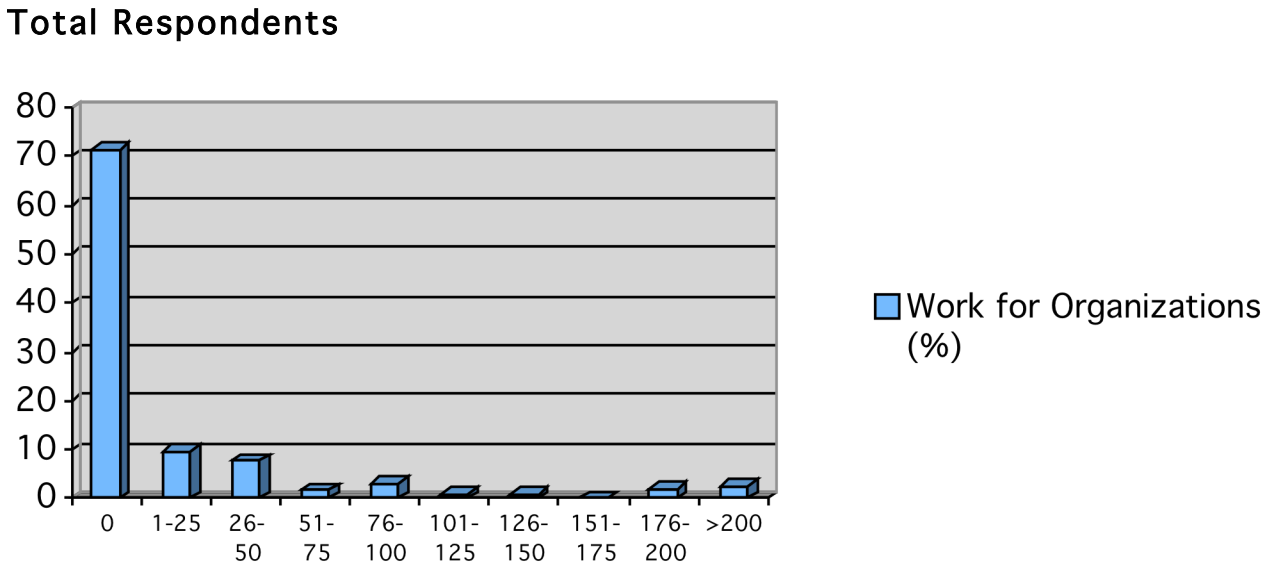
>200 hrs	2.4%

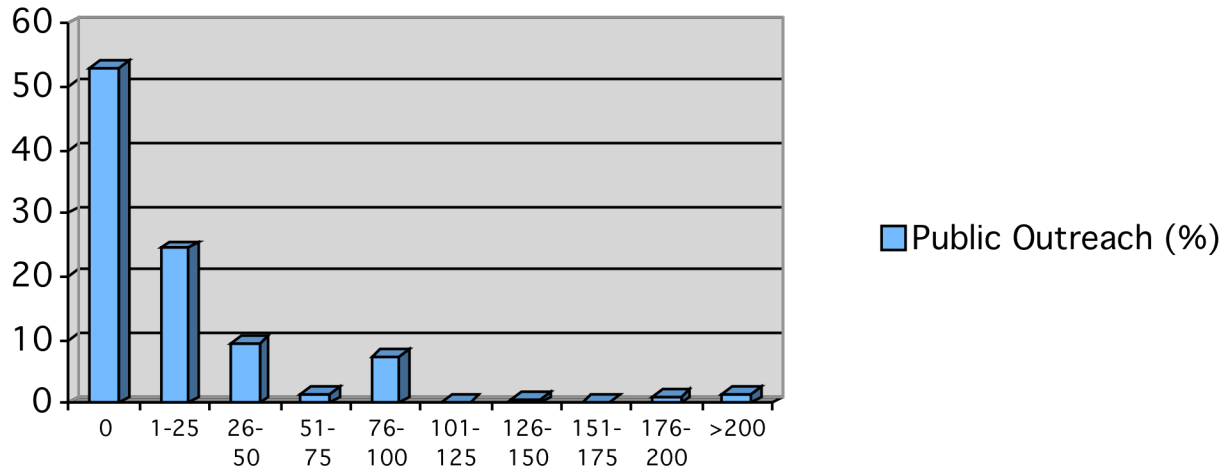


E. Annual Public Outreach (Breakdown)

The majority of Respondents do not do any public outreach. The range was from 0-1800 hours.

Annual Hours	% of Total Respondents
0 hrs	53.1%
1-25 hrs	24.5%
26-50 hrs	9.6%
51-75 hrs	1.6%
76-100 hrs	7.3%
101-125 hrs	.2%
125-150 hrs	.6%
151-175 hrs	.2%
176-200 hrs	1.2%
>200 hrs	1.4%

Total Respondents



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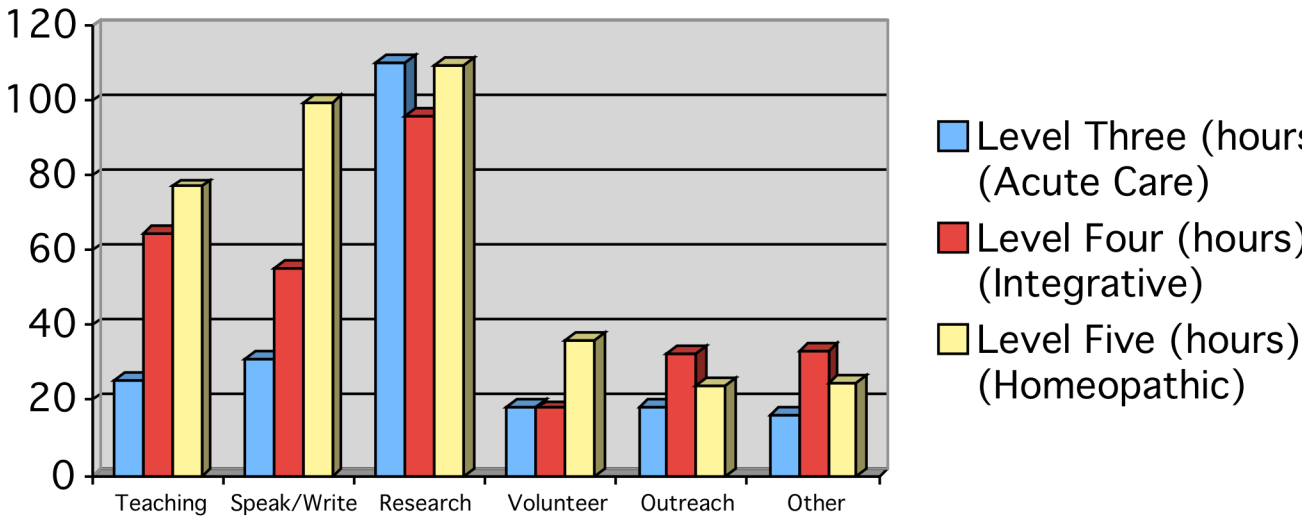

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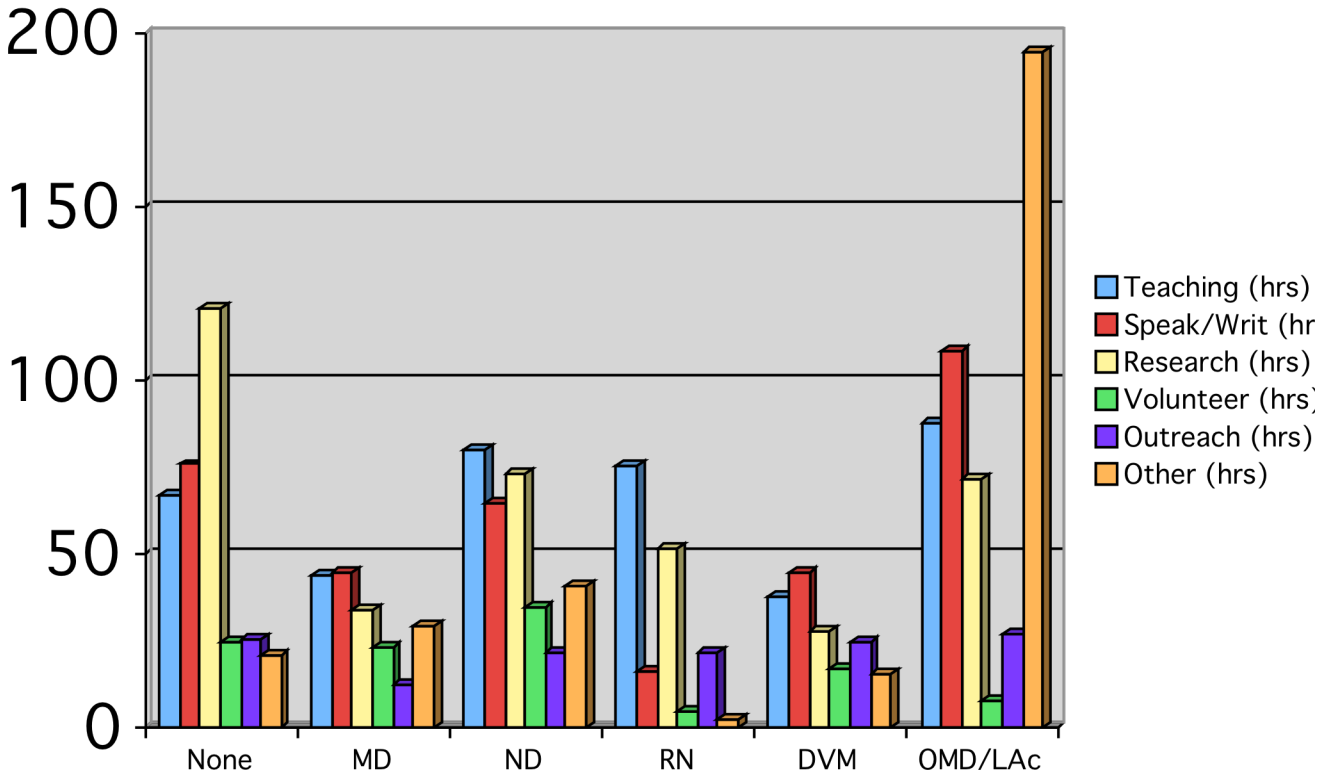
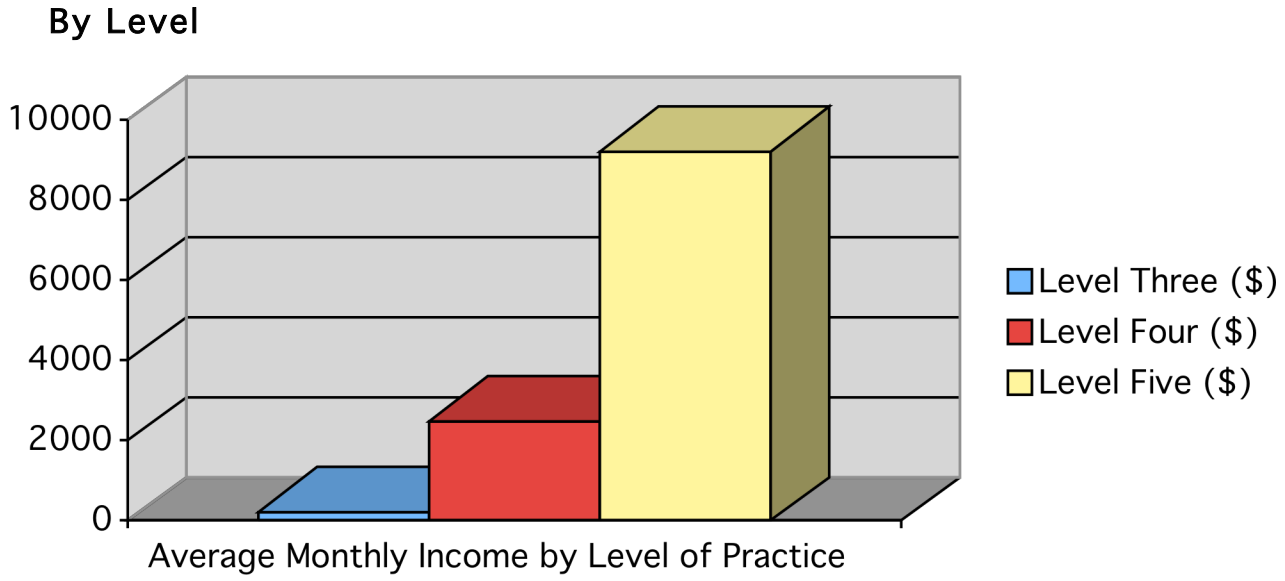


Income Calculations

Based on fees charged and numbers of average monthly patient visits, average monthly incomes were calculated. The overall average of homeopathic practitioner respondents was $4500.80 per month. This translates into a yearly income of $49,508.80 (11 months).

Level	Monthly Average Income
Level Three	$264.44 per month
Level Four	$2449.28
Level Five	$5168.82



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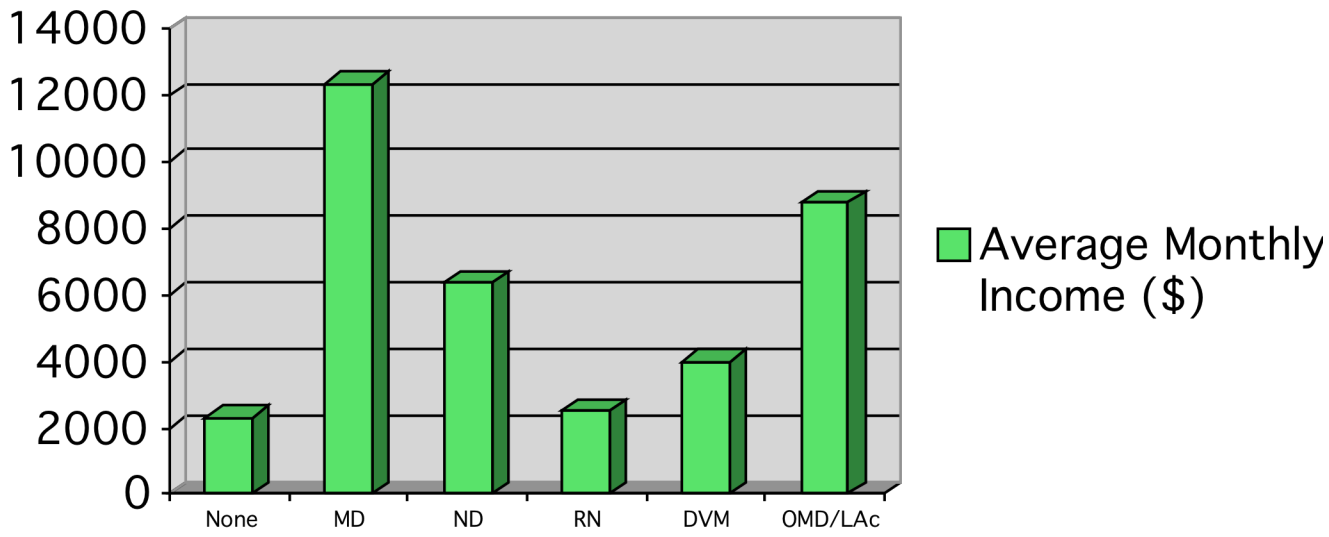

Discussion and Analysis

Overview

We embarked on this project with a plan to study the nature of the current homeopathic profession. 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. There has been no previous attempt to date to study the nature of the homeopathic profession.

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 1200 responders). The large number of responders improves the accuracy of the results and permits a more extensive analysis of the data. The response rate was better for Level Five Practitioners, presumably because they had more invested in the results.

We sub grouped the data both by level of practice and licensure category. Traditionally, the homeopathic community divides itself mostly along licensure lines. It is our belief that this is a less useful comparison base than level of practice.

Our hope is to repeat this study approximately every five years and that this study will serve as a baseline of comparison.

Estimating the Number of Homeopathic Practitioners

The question of "how many homeopaths are there" has been a difficult one to answer and has largely been ignored. Part of the difficulty in calculating this reflects the diversity of practice of homeopathic practitioners. In embarking on this study, we attempted to cast as wide of a net as possible in reaching this diverse group. The methodology included professional, membership, certification and licensure organizations. In addition we utilized mailing lists of software and pharmacy companies.

Central to the success of answering this question has been to divide out various levels of homeopathic practice (see above). The nature

and scope of the homeopathic practitioner's work is quite different at each level. This can clearly be seen in the results of the survey, which breaks the respondents apart into Level Three, Four and Five. The number of homeopathic practitioners can be seen a s pyramid in which Level One represents the largest group and the numbers get progressively smaller as the levels increase.

Ultimately however, the estimates of the number of homeopathic practitioners are a best guess based on the experience and knowledge of key leaders within the homeopathic community. Future studies need to be performed in an effort to determine these numbers more accurately.

One category that may be underrepresented in this survey is the number of homeopathic practitioners practicing complex homeopathy. It is our belief that most of the homeopathic practitioners utilizing this methodology fall into Level Two and Three.

Demographics

Age

The average age of the homeopathic practitioner respondent was over 48 years old. This is older than most other health professions. Homeopathy has not been as effective in attracting younger people into practice. The choice of homeopathic medicine most often represents a second or even third career.

Age was the highest in Level Five Homeopathic Practitioners, MD's and RN's. Age was the lowest in Level Three Homeopathic Practitioners, ND's and Unlicensed Homeopathic Practitioners. There is a ten year average age differential between MD Homeopathic Practitioners and ND Homeopathic Practitioners.

Sex

More than ¾ of the homeopathic practitioner respondents were female. This represents a higher rate than most other health care professions.

There were more female homeopathic practitioner respondents in Level Three Homeopathic Practitioners, RN's and Unlicensed Homeopathic Practitioners. There were relatively more male homeopathic practitioner respondents in Level Five Homeopathic Practitioners, OMD's and MD's. MD's was the only licensure category that demonstrated more male than female homeopathic practitioners.

Location

The greatest concentrations of homeopathic practitioner respondents were found in California (19%), New York (8%) and Arizona: (7%). Some states showed well above the expected average number of homeopathic practitioners based on population statistics, while other states were far below. Colorado represented the largest surplus and Missouri the greatest deficiency. Appendix B describes these surpluses and deficiencies by state in more detail.

The majority of respondents were either located in small rural areas (<50,000) (27%) or large metropolitan areas (>1million) (24%). Some healing professions have had difficulty attracting rural practitioners to their fields-this does not appear to be the case for homeopathy.

Ethnicity

The homeopathic practitioner respondents were over 90% Caucasian. This is significantly higher than national averages based on population. Particularly poorly represented were African Americans and Hispanics.

Statistically significant differences were not seen in any subgroup population (level or licensure).

Marital Status:

Nearly 2/3 of all homeopathic practitioner respondents were married. This is higher than the rate for the general population.

Higher rates of marriage were seen in DVM and MD subcategories. Higher rates of single marital status were seen in OMD and ND subcategories.

Occupation Before Homeopathy:

A majority of homeopathic practitioner respondents described non-health related professions prior to embarking on homeopathy as a career. Very few respondents described homeopathy as their initial career (3.3%).

Highest Level of Education Achieved

There was wide disparity in educational backgrounds of homeopathic practitioners prior to embarking on their homeopathic education. In general, the level of education was higher in Level Five Homeopathic Practitioners and lower in Level Three Homeopathic Practitioners. The most well represented category of licensure was a

Bachelor's level of education, with Doctoral level being a close second.

Homeopathic Training

Undergraduate Training

The average homeopathic practitioner respondent had 682 hours of didactic undergraduate homeopathic education, 382 hours of undergraduate clinical training and 320 hours of undergraduate apprenticeship training.

A significant difference was seen in the undergraduate education by level of practice. Level Five practitioners had a three-fold increase in the number of hours of homeopathic education compared to Level Three and Level Four Practitioners. MD's averaged the highest level of didactic hours, whereas ND's averaged the highest number of clinical training hours. DVM's showed the least number of lecture based and clinical training hours.

Only 25% of training was described as distance learning based. We suspect that this is gradually increasing over time. Distance Learning education was more common in Level Three Practitioners and in Unlicensed Homeopathic Practitioners.

About 25% of training was described as apprenticeship based and we suspect that this is decreasing over time. This was more common in Level Five Practitioners. Apprenticeship was the most common in OMD's and MD's.

Learning About Homeopathy

The responses to this question were diverse. However the two categories that were by far the strongest were treatment of self or family member (26%) and referral by friends or family (27%). The third most common response was reading a book or article (19%). There was little statistical difference seen between the levels of homeopathic practice.

OMD's and ND's were the most likely to learn about homeopathy through self-treatment. RN's were the most likely to learn about homeopathy through treatment of friends or family and through study groups. DVM's were the most likely to hear about homeopathy through a public talk. ND's were the mostly likely to hear about homeopathy through reading a book or article.

The internet was a minor factor (6.8%) although we suspect that this is growing. An exception to the above is that Level Three Homeopathic Practitioners were the most affected by the internet. OMD's

were the most likely to hear about homeopathy through the internet.

Continuing Education

The average respondent homeopathic practitioner puts in 121 hours per year of continuing education study. Roughly 25% of this is seminar based and 75% is self-study.

Level Five Homeopathic Practitioners put in significantly more continuing education study than Level Four or Level Three Homeopathic Practitioners. ND's put in the greatest amount of continuing education hours and Unlicensed Homeopathic Practitioners put in the least.

Certification

Only 30% of homeopathic practitioner respondents were certified. The largest category by far was the CHC (13.3%), which significantly increased in Level Five Practitioners (25%). Level Five Practitioners were also significantly more likely to be certified than Level Three Practitioners. Unlicensed homeopathic practitioners were the least likely to be certified, whereas ND's were the most likely to be certified.

Membership Organizations

The average number of memberships in homeopathic organizations was 1.6. Level Five Practitioners were significantly more likely to have multiple memberships.

Membership in the National Center for Homeopathy (NCH) was the largest category and the majority of homeopathic practitioner respondents were members (56.8%). Membership in the North American Society of Homeopaths (NASH) was also quite strong (21.2%). By far, the most common pairing of memberships was NCH and NASH.

Licensure

A majority of homeopathic practitioner respondents were unlicensed (57%). Level Five Homeopathic Practitioners were significantly more likely to be licensed than Level Three Homeopathic Practitioners. Naturopathic Doctor (10.7%) and Medical Doctor (10.4%) were the most common licensure categories. DC's (2.8%), DDS (.8%) and PA's (.5%) were felt to be under-represented in this survey. Many chiropractors do use homeopathic medicines but mostly as Level Two Homeopathic Practitioners.

Nature of Practice

Length of Practice

The average homeopathic practitioner respondent was in practice for eleven years. This was significantly longer in Level Five Practitioners (16 years) and shorter in Level Three Practitioners (6 years). MD's held the longest average (22 years) and Unlicensed Homeopathic Practitioners the shortest (8 years).

Amount of Homeopathy

The practice of the average homeopathic practitioner respondent was 73% homeopathic. However, this only represented 52% of the income.

Level Five Homeopathic Practitioners practiced significantly more homeopathy than Level Three Homeopathic Practitioners. Unlicensed Homeopathic Practitioners held the highest percentage of practice (80%) and DVM's the lowest (60%).

Level Five Homeopathic Practitioners received significantly more homeopathic income from their practice (81%) than Level Three Homeopathic Practitioners (12%). DVM's received the lowest homeopathic income from their practice (49%) and ND's the highest (64%).

The average homeopathic practitioner respondent sees 10 new patient visits per month and 36 follow-ups. Level Five Homeopathic Practitioners see significantly more new patient visits and follow ups than Level Three Homeopathic Practitioners. MD's have the highest rate of new patient visits (24), where Unlicensed Homeopathic Practitioners (6) and RN's (6) had the lowest. OMD's had the highest rate of follow up visits (53) and Unlicensed Homeopathic Practitioners (20) and RN's had the lowest (24).

Fees/Income

The average charge for a new visit was $187 and $71 for a follow up. Typically 25% of this was directed towards overhead.

Level Five Practitioners had a much higher average new patient fee ($242.40) compared to Level Three Practitioners ($82.50). They also had a much higher follow up visit rate ($83.00) compared to Level Three Practitioners ($43.10).

MD's charged the highest rate for new patient visits ($275.70) compared to Unlicensed Homeopathic Practitioners, who had the lowest rate ($161.70). They also had the highest rate for follow-ups ($87.30)

compared to Unlicensed Homeopathic Practitioners ($63.70).

Level Four Practitioners had the highest amount of income directed to overhead (37.8%) and Level Three Practitioners the lowest (25.8%). This was highest for MD's (46.1%) and lowest for DVM's (31.2%) and RN's (30%).

The average portion of the practice for sliding fee scale was 13.7% and for pro bono work, 15.5%. The percentage of practice that was sliding fee scale was highest in Level Three Practitioners (17%) and lowest in Level Five Practitioners (11.1%). Similarly, the percentage of practice that was pro bono was highest in Level Three Practitioners (35.6%) and lowest in Level Five Practitioners (8.5%). OMD's had the highest rate of sliding fee scales (15.2%) and DVM's the lowest (7.0%). Unlicensed Homeopathic Practitioners had the highest rate of pro bono work (19.4%) and MD's the lowest (6.8%).

Only 11.1% of patients received insurance reimbursement. This was much higher in Level Five Homeopathic Practitioners (15.2%) and lowest in Level Three Homeopathic Practitioners (3.7%). MD's had the highest rate of insurance reimbursement (34.8%) and DVM's the lowest (.7%).

This makes for an average annual income of $49,508.80 with a take home pay before taxes of $37,131.60 (-25% for overhead). Level Five Homeopathic Practitioners ($101,306) make significantly more income than Level Three Homeopathic Practitioners ($2779/year). Unlicensed Homeopathic Practitioners do make less income ($25,252) than Licensed Homeopathic Practitioners. However when you separate out Unlicensed Level Five Homeopathic Practitioners, their income jumps to $72,000/year. MD's had the highest average income ($135,987/year). OMD'S also had a higher average income ($96,576/year).

The average length of time in practice before financially breaking even was 19 months. This was very short for Level Three Homeopathic Practitioners (1.4 months) and longer for Level Four Practitioners (19.4). It is interesting that it took longer for Level Four Practitioners to break even than Level Five Practitioners (21.4 months). OMD's (8.9 months) and DVM's (10.1 months) described the shortest length of time to break even, while Unlicensed Homeopathic Practitioners took the longest (21.7 months).

Time

The average length of time for a new patient visit was 106 minutes. This was longer for Level Five Practitioners (111 minutes) than for Level

Three or Four Practitioners. DVM's had the shortest average new visit (74 minutes), while Unlicensed Homeopathic Practitioners had the longest (113 minutes).

The average length of time for a follow up visit was 42 minutes. This was the longest for Level Three Practitioners (48 minutes) and shortest for Level Five Practitioners (42 minutes). DVM's had the shortest follow up visits (25 minutes) and Unlicensed Homeopathic Practitioners the longest (46.7 minutes).

The average length of time to the first follow up was 29.7 days. This was shorter for Level Three Homeopathic Practitioners (24 days) than Level Five Homeopathic Practitioners (31.3 days). DVM's had the shortest time (15 days) and RN's the longest (33.5).

Staff

The average number of staff for each homeopathic practitioner respondent was .7. This was lowest in Level Three Homeopathic Practitioners (.4) and highest in Level Five Homeopathic Practitioners (.87). MD's tended to have the highest level of staff (1.9) and Unlicensed Homeopathic Practitioners the lowest (.26).

Referral Sources

The most common source of referrals was from patients (51.6%). Referrals from family members and friends (13.1%) was the second most common, with internet being third (7.5%)

Level Three Homeopathic Practitioners tended to have significantly more referrals from family members and friends (25.7%) and less from directories (1.4%). Level Five Homeopathic Practitioners tended to receive the most referrals from patients (57,4%).

Style of Practice

Type of Practice

The majority of Homeopathic Practitioner Respondents are in solo practice (79%). The second largest category was a group with mixed healing modalities (14%). Solo practice was most common in MD's (79%) where a group with mixed healing modalities was most common in OMD's (26%) and ND's (22%). Employee status was most common in DVM's (7%).

Orientation

Most homeopathic practitioner respondents practice classical homeopathy (89.6%). Complex homeopathy was practiced more commonly in Level Four Homeopathic Practitioners (17.5%). Complex homeopathy is practiced most commonly by OMD's (32%) and least commonly by Unlicensed Homeopathic Practitioners (2.8%).

Methodology

The survey did a poor job at assessing this area. We struggled with a question that would obtain some useful data and ultimately made the question fill in the blank. There was a great diversity of responses. Some responses focused on a particular teacher's methodology while others focused on particular methods.

The three most common responses were Repertorization (14.4%), Sankaran Vital Sensation (7.2%) and Materia Medica Research (6.1%). Classical (4.8%), Hahnemannian (1.2%), Miasm (1.7%), Themes/Essences (1.7%) and Totality (1.6%) were also relatively strong.

Most of the Respondents described multiple methods. The average was 3.2 responses per respondent.

Remedy Choices

Nearly all practitioners use single remedies in their practice (84%). Some also use combination remedies, intercurrent remedies, conventional medications, herbal medicines and nutraceuticals. The most common supplements to remedies reported were cell salts and flower essences.

Level Four Homeopathic Practitioners were the most likely to use combination remedies (8.1%) and by OMD's Intercurrent remedies were most used by RN's (4.8%). Conventional medications were most used by MD's (9.5%). Herbal medicines and nutraceuticals were most used by ND's (13.2% and 18.2%).

Nearly all the Homeopathic Practitioner Respondents utilize C potencies. The most common potency grouping was 200C and higher (46.6%). Prescriptions of 30C and below was also frequent (37.2%). LM potencies were less common (14.9%).

Level Three Homeopathic Practitioners tend to use 30C potencies and below much more commonly (60.3%), compared to Level Five Homeopathic Practitioners (29%). Also, Unlicensed Homeopathic practitioners tend to use these potencies more commonly (38.2%). LM potencies were used the most by DVM's (21.9%).

The most common method of dosing was the single dose (53.7%). This was relative unaffected by level or licensure category.

Client Populations

The most common patient population was adults (59.2%). Children was also strong (22.5%). A significant number of Homeopathic Practitioner Respondents saw some animals (11.6%). Also most DVM's see some humans.

Level Three Homeopathic Practitioners tend to see more animals (16.5%) and Level Five Homeopathic Practitioners tend to see more children (25.8%) and elderly (9.8%). MD's tend to see the most elderly (12.9%) and children (26.0%) of any licensure category.

The elderly client population was low-several practitioners commented on the higher liability associated with the treatment of the elderly(8.7%). This is particularly important in that the percentage of the general population of elderly is only 10% at this time, but will be increasing to 20% by 2030.

Success in Practice

Patient Satisfaction

Success in practice is difficult to measure. We asked the homeopathic practitioner respondents to describe patient satisfaction with their practices. Overall this was described as very high (44.5%). It was significantly higher in Level Five Practitioners (49.2%) than Level Three Practitioners (29.6%). ND's described the highest level of patient satisfaction with their practices.

Response to Treatment

Homeopathic Practitioner Respondents described exceptionally good responses in multiple domains (45%), exceptionally good responses in the chief complaint (40.2%), partial response to treatment (23.1%), negative responses to treatment (3.2%) and no response to treatment (7.9%).

Level Five Homeopathic Practitioners described the highest rate of excellent response in all domains (50.1%), whereas level three homeopathic Practitioners described the highest rate of excellent response in the chief complaint (42.1%). Level Three Practitioners were more likely to have no response (9.3%) or partial response to treatment (29.5%). OMD's described the highest level of excellent response in the chief complaint (44.5% and excellent response in all domains (52.5%).

Practitioner Satisfaction

There was nearly universal satisfaction described in homeopathic practice. Most talked about curing illness and watching their patients improve. Many of the responses were quite beautiful and inspiring. We elected to include all of them in Appendix D.

Growing Homeopathy

Most homeopathic practitioners participate in service to the homeopathic profession. This took the form of annual hours in teaching (66), speaking and writing (66), research (98), work for other homeopathic organizations (25) and public outreach (23). Level Five Homeopathic Practitioners give nearly three times as many hours as Level Three Homeopathic Practitioners. OMD's give the most time in teaching (88 hours) and speaking and writing (108 hours). Unlicensed Homeopathic Practitioners devote the most time to research (121 hours). ND's devote the most time to support of homeopathic organizations (35 hours). Unlicensed practitioner's give the most time in public outreach (26).

Dispelling Myths About Homeopathic Practice

1. Myth: You cannot make a living doing homeopathy.

This survey shows that this is not true. Level Five Homeopathic Practitioners have an average income of $101,000 per year.

2. Myth: You have to be an MD to make any money doing homeopathy.

Although it is true that MD's make more income doing homeopathy ($135,000 per year), Level Five Unlicensed Homeopathic Practitioners can also make a quite comfortable and profitable income ($72,000).

3. Myth: What distinguishes homeopathic practitioners the most is licensure.

Traditionally this has been well accepted. However this study reveals far more similarities than differences amongst the various categories of licensure. What seems to distinguish homeopathic practitioners far more is the levels of practice.

4. Myth: There are very few homeopaths practicing homeopathy in this country.

This study reveals that there are many more homeopathic practitioners than some have thought. It is important also to divide these practitioners by levels of practice. Part of the misunderstanding about practice within the homeopathic community stems from confusing these various levels of practice.

5. Myth: MD's rely on insurance reimbursement for homeopathic practice.

Although MD's use insurance more often than any other licensure category (34%), they are not dependent on this for income.

6. Myth: The best way to attract patients to your practice is through public talks.

This has been a long held belief within the homeopathic community. This proved to be a less important source of referrals and was surpassed by the internet, health care referrals, friends and family and especially patient referrals.

7. Myth: It takes years before being able to break even in homeopathic practice.

This study showed that the average was 19 months. This is about the same that is expected in most health care professions.

8. Myth: Nearly all homeopathic practitioners practice classical homeopathy.

This study showed that about 90% of homeopathic practitioners practice classical homeopathy. We feel that complex homeopathic practitioners were under-represented in this study. Many of these practitioners practice at Level Two or Level Three.

Recommendations

1. The homeopathic community needs to find way to attract younger practitioners into the profession.
2. The homeopathic community needs to find ways to attract more men to the field.
3. The homeopathic community needs to find ways to attract more ethnically diverse practitioners, especially African Americans and Hispanics.
4. The homeopathic community needs to do a better job at attracting homeopathic practitioners as their first career.
5. The homeopathic community needs to find ways to increase the length of veterinary homeopathic education.
6. The homeopathic community needs to find ways to attract DC's and PA's to the homeopathic profession.
7. The homeopathic community needs to charge more for homeopathic services.
8. The homeopathic community needs to find ways to make the homeopathic profession more lucrative for its membership.
9. This survey should be repeated every 5-7 years.

Appendix A: Written Survey

National Survey of Homeopathic Practice

1. Demographics

Age: ○ 18-30 ○ 31-40 ○ 41-50 ○ 51-60 ○ 61-70 ○ 71+

Sex: ○ Male ○ Female

Ethnicity:
○ African American
○ Hispanic
○ Asian
○ Caucasian
○ Native American
○ Other

Location of Practice (state): _____

Marital Status
○ Married
○ Single

Occupation Before Starting Homeopathy
○ None
○ Health Care
○ Other_____
_____

Highest Level of Education Achieved:
○ High School ○ Associates Degree ○ Bachelor's Degree
○ Master's Degree ○ Doctoral Level ○ Other _____

2. Training

Check all that apply.

A. Undergraduate training

Lecture	Clinical	Indiv. Study
○ <100	○ <100	○ <100
○ 100-250	○ 100-250	○ 100-250
○ 250-500	○ 250-500	○ 250-500
○ 500-750	○ 500-750	○ 500-750
○ 750-1000	○ 750-1000	○ 750-1000
○ 1000-1250	○ 1000-1250	○1000-1250
○ >1250	○ >1250	○ >1250

Percentage of Training Hours That Was Distance Learning: _____

Percentage of Clinical Hours That Was Apprenticeship _____

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 _____

B. Continuing Education (average annual hours)

Seminars, Conferences etc.	○ 0-25	Individual Study	○ 0-25
	○ 25-50		○ 25-50
	○ 50-75		○ 50-75
	○ 75-100		○ 75-100
	○ >100		○ >100

C. Licensure/Certification

Certification

- ○ CHC
- ○ DHANP
- ○ ABHt
- ○ Other _____
- ○ None

Licensure State _____

- ○ MD/DO
- ○ ND
- ○ DC
- ○ NP/PA
- ○ OMD/LAc
- ○ Other _____
- ○ None

D. Membership in Homeopathic Organizations

_____

3. Nature of Practice

Please provide reasonable estimates for your current situation.

Total Years in Practice _____

Percentage of Practice That is Homeopathic

Percentage of Income That is Homeopathic _____

Average Number of New Patient Visits per Month _____

Average Number of Follow Visits Per Month _____

Charge For New Visit _____

Charge for Follow Up Visit _____

Average Length of New Visit _____

Average Length of Follow Up _____

Average Time to First Follow Up _____

Percentage of Income Directed to Overhead: _____

Number of Staff Assisting You: _____

Percentage of Practice that is Sliding Fee Scale _____

Percentage of Practice that is Pro Bono: _____

Percentage of Practice That Receives Insurance Reimbursement: _____

Length of Time Before Financially Breaking Even in Practice:

_____

Referral Sources (%)

Family Members _____	Internet _____
Patient's Friends _____	Public Talks _____
Health Care _____	Other Homeopaths _____
Publications _____	Directories _____
Other _____	

4. Style of Practice

Check all that apply.

Type of practice
○ Solo Practice
○ Group Practice
○ Employee
○ Group with Mixed Healing Modalities
○ Other _____

Orientation
○ Classical
○ Complex

Methodology (indicate percentage of cases)
___ Hahnemannian (unicist)
___ Kentian (unicist; single dose)
___ Sensation
___ Miasmatic
___ Families
____ Machines
____ Other _____

Remedies (%)
Single ____
Combination ____
Intercurrent ____
Daily _____
Conventional Meds ____
Herbal _____
Nutraceuticals _____

Typical Potency Chosen (%)
6C to 30C _____
200C and Up _____
LM's _____
Other _____

Dosing (%)
Single _____
Daily _____
Multiple _____

Percentage of Total Clients That Are:
Children: _____ Adults:____ Animals:___ Special Group _____

5. Success in Practice

Check all that apply.

Personal Satisfaction Treated With Your Practice
○ Extremely High
○ Very High
○ High
○ Medium
○ Low
○ Very Low
○ Extremely Low

Conditions Most Successfully
_____
_____

Main Satisfactions in Your Practice
_____
_____

Percentage of patients who undergo the following

_____ Exceptionally good responses in multiple domains
_____ Exceptionally good responses in chief complaint
_____ Partial Response to Treatment
_____ Negative reactions to treatment
_____ No response to treatment

6. Involvement in Growing Homeopathy

Approximate hours per year.

Teaching _____
Speaking and Writing _____
Research _____
Work for Homeopathic Organizations _____
Public Outreach _____
Other _____

Appendix B

Below is a comparison by state of survey homeopathic practitioner respondents to expected number of respondents by state population size. For example, California had 1.58 times the expected respondents to this survey based on population size. Florida had 1.22 times less expected respondents based on population size.

Alabama: (-3.0)
Alaska: (-1.5)
AZ: +3.45
Arkansas: (-2.5)
CA: +1.6
CO: +4.0
CT: +2.3
DC: (-1.9)
DE: +3.2
FL: (-1.3)
GA: (-3.0)
Hawaii: +1.2
IA: (-2.5)
ID: (-1.6)
IL: (-1.7)
IN: (-3.5)
KS: (-4.65)
KY: (-3.5)
LA: (-3.1)
MA: +2.4
MD: 1.0
ME: +3.1
MI: (-1.9)
Missouri: (-9.8)
MN: +1.8
MT: +1.9
NC: (-1.2)
NE: 1.0
NH: +1.1
NJ: +1.3
NV: (-2.7)
NM: +1.4
NY: +1.3
OH: (-2.0)
OK: (-3.0)
OR: +2.4
PA: (-1.3)
RI: (-1.2)
SC: (-3.6)
SD: (-2.6)
TN: (-2.5)
TX: (-2.8)
UT: (-2.1)
VA: (-1.3)
VT: +4.3
WA: +2.0
WI: (-1.2)
WV: (-1.5)
WY: +2.4

Appendix C

Below is a comparison of ethnicity of survey homeopathic practitioner respondents to expected number of respondents by US population. For example, Caucasians had 1.58 times the expected respondents to this survey based on population size.

Caucasian: +1.34
Hispanic: (-5.65)
African American: (-11.64)
Asian American: (-1.23)
Native American: (-1.23)

Appendix D: Main Satisfactions in Your Practice

1. Seeing people and animals get better on all levels.
2. Elegance of theory and application of Homeopathy
3. I think I am finally getting medicine right,.
4. I am heading for a cure rather than merely blocking or covering up a problem
5. Being able to restore health
6. See the patients improve in health overall
7. Changing the allopathic paradigm and expanding the acceptance of alternative medicine protocols. Marveling at the results produced in disparate cases . Teaching and creating seminars. Utilizing the lessons learned in almost 60 years of practice that enhance my ability to manage difficult cases and satisfy the needs of my clientele who have spent years in frustrating attempts to improve the quality of the lives of their animal companions. Knowing that that I make a big difference on this planet.
8. Seeing people heal naturally
9. Seeing people happy.
10. I AM HIGHLY SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS ESPECIALLY IN CURING CHRONICAL AND ACUTE DISEASES.
11. Treating complex disease
12. Having answers for syndromes that don't fit traditional pathophysiological models of disease. Watching people who felt hopeless get better. Theoretical elegance of homeopathy. Working outside of what I consider to be a mostly corrupt industry.
13. Love to see it work and improve patients' lives.
14. Working with people and participating in their recovery
15. Helping people in a profound way, a basic way. being appreciated for my help and expertise being involved in/aware of a fundamental truth in life regarding health and illness
16. Helping on multiple levels--transformation of health
17. Successful treatment
18. Chronic complaints clear able to make life changes satisfactorily consciousness is raised greater flexibility, energy and vitality
19. Helping people
20. To see a lessening in suffering of the patient.
21. Making a difference in people's lives to a healthier lifestyle
22. Believe in Homeopathy. Know that is the right way to heal.
23. Serving people who would otherwise be inadequately serviced by conventional methods. Stopping the cycle of drug dependence. Offering a forum for the 'strange, rare and peculiar' that people often hid about themselves.
24. Not enough patients and hard to get support and advice from other experienced homeopaths
25. Deeper understanding of what is to be cured, and the curative properties of medicines.
26. Normally, we detox first, then the client responds better to remedies, and has very little aggravations.
27. When it works!
28. Healing without side effects.

29. Patients get well and refer friends and family
30. Teaching patient and seeing the positive effects it has on my patients lives.
31. I feel very intuitive with my work. I love homeopathy. because it always amazes me on its effects.
32. Watching people recover from multi-decade chronic conditions
33. EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD RESPONSE IN MULTIPLE DOMAINS
34. love THE PERSONAL ATTENTION AND PATIENCE
35. Observing and playing a part in an increasing quality of life for people who are open to an alternative consciousness about the improvement of their health and well-being.
36. CHRONIC CASES RESPOND WELL THOUGH SLOWLY.CANCER CASES TEND TO BE TEMINAL AT START BUT QUALITY OF LIFE IMPROVES AND IS INCREASED FROM THE TIME AND CONDITION WHEN THE PATIENT FIRST ARRIVES. ADD AADHD CHILDREN SHOW GOOD RESPONSES MOTHERS ARE VERY PLEASED.
37. People are happy with the care and interest I take in them and willingness to pursue the best avenue for healing even if it doesn't happen immediately. Enjoyment of people in general and like careful listening and interacting. Also love studying homeopathy and getting better at it over the years.
38. It's great when it works well. I like interacting with people, I enjoy supporting them in trying to get well or improve their health. I feel gratified when people tell me my treatment is important to them and that they appreciate talking with me.
39. Being listened to Time to talk Resolution of chief complaint Relaxing setting
40. Being available to people in the community helping multiple family members over many years seeing miraculous homeopathic cures teaching community members homeopathy
41. Being a witness to peoples' true health
42. Patients get better!
43. Spiritual awareness and growth physical improvement
44. Helping folks when mainstream therapy failed. Ability to take time with each patient. Keeping people from surgical procedures. Helping folks minimize drug therapy.
45. Helping people who, many times, have come in hopeless, as they have been told there is no hope or cure
46. Helping people
47. Excellent results, research
48. Seeking health with those interested in homeopathy the search for the simillimum
49. I enjoy watching how patients change for the better in all aspects of their health over the course of treatment. Their awareness of themselves increases and they feel more capable of handling stress and illness.
50. Customer service, relationship, palliation of complaints
51. When patients follow up
52. Seeing people heal up. Facilitating multi-dimensional healing through energy work; psycho-spiritual transformation and physical healing through nutrition and energy management.
53. Facilitating the healing process. Helping clients gain awareness of their central disturbance. Working for myself.
54. Skin clear, children sleep, working out old trauma of people, acute stuff, old symptoms chronicle unexpected change.
55. The high level of contact and individualized healthcare that I provide for my clients. The level of response to treatment is high in comparison to my experience (30 years) in

western medicine.
56. I enjoy seeing people improve their lives and their health using homeopathy, nutrition and other natural means. My main satisfaction is knowing that homeopathy works and can be miraculous at times.
57. Routinely achieving a cure for incurable conditions. Constant discovery and learning. Being able to help people in a time a suffering.
58. Observing clients become aware of themselves as spiritual beings and begin or cont. their spiritual work as their minds become clearer and bodies feel more balanced
59. Crossing homeopathy into the ophthalmology realm
60. Treatment of 3 generations in several families all them very happy. Most of the elderly include me in their important dates of celebration. I feel happy when they are happy.
61. Seeing people improve - especially children whose lives are permanently changed for the better.
62. I like the idea I am making a big difference instead of palliation or suppression.
63. Working with people in a deep way understanding the patient seeing the patient's health and life evolve from homeopathic treatment
64. Patients getting better on deep levels, mentally, emotionally and physically.
65. Patient expression of improvement
66. Resolving health conditions unresolved by conventional medicines.
68. Untreatable conditions. Chronic conditions.
69. Watching the magic
70. The deep healing of my patients, see their lives changes and they are on their way to fulfill their life purpose.
71. Good responses, Increasing knowledge of materia medica, good patient interactions (wish I could declare income as a main satisfaction)
72. People with physical pathology/pain having relief & children with acute conditions responding rapidly to remedies
73. Patients' improved health interaction with clients' flexible hours multiple modalities - always interesting and more to learn
74. Depression/mental/emotional problems; behavior problems intestinal problems
75. Eczema from childhood clearer in 21 year old client. client with deep chronic illness learning to be proactive with allopathic care, seeing connections of mind and body
76. Informing
77. I am happy to assist those who seek help with treatment. To educate them about the benefits of Homeopathy especially when they had no idea of it's existence.(I need to do more of this perhaps by way of special lectures)Additionally to my 22 years as a practicing Massage Therapist, I am also a Massage Therapy Educator. Here it has been with great pleasure and satisfaction that I have broadened my students' knowledge on the concept and behavior of " Disease" within our organism by introducing them to the existence of Homeopathy through lecture.
78. Doing God's work, not Darwin's.
79. People get better
80. For patients: being listened to and truly heard; my strong medical background and thus ease and familiarity with their allopathic treatment regimens; professionalism; flexible scheduling; 24/7 availability in emergency , and call coverage by good homeopath during vacations; my sense of humor and warmth for me: I love the flexibility in scheduling and in setting fees; I love seeing patients get healthier and more vital and

creative over time; I love treating families, and watching children grow into healthy adults; I love having a viable alternative to the toxins I used to have to use in allopathic medicine; I love the genius of the computer programs and how much they have enabled our field to evolve; I love being able to enlarge and enrich my practice as I grow; I love all the study, study, study!!!

81. I currently treat only my family and friends (a total of about thirty people as I have eight children of my own). I am very satisfied with how quickly and effectively I can treat my children's health complaints. Recently had Phenomenal results treating deep bleeding cracks in the heavily callused soles of my 3yr olds feet. A single dose of Arsenicum Album 30c and the cracks were completely healed within 36 hours.

82. Helping others in their physical health and psychological well-being

83. That I am truly healing people on a deep, permanent, and life-changing level.

84. Seeing people get better on all levels, watching them blossom into more freedom. The chance to learn more with each patient I see.

85. People achieve a very high level of health and move forward in their lives with ease and a lot of well being. People stay in treatment for years and years delighted with their experience of homeopathy .

86. Seeing people improve in cases where conventional medicine has failed

87. Watching clients move to a higher level of health and seeing them free of emotional burdens of the past. I love it when a woman client does well and brings in her husband who wants "what she got".

89. Patients getting relief from suffering

90. Being able to convince someone that there are other ways besides allopathic to treat medical conditions. Also, seeing the smile on someone's face after receiving homoeopathic treatment after having been told by the conventional medical community that there is nothing that can be done for them. Every day spent in my practice brings me satisfaction.

91 .Client satisfaction independence flexibility salary

92. Helping people attain a higher level of well being

93. Helping the client and the participating in the discovery process

94. Helping medically underserved population.

95. I have the opportunity to give away the best gift in the world. Providing clients a nontoxic, life altering resolution to their health issues.

96. Having patients experience in increase in health rather than a decline.

97. Hi standards of health with homeopathy

98. See improvements

99. Helping people.

100. Balancing art and science

101. Helping patients who aren't helped by other doctors-because of my integrated approach.

102. Patients who have been considered incurable by other modalities who are profoundly affected by homeopathic treatment.

103. The most satisfying work is having the patient return with a smile. last week a mother told me after treating her diabetic son that I was her oasis. I told her it wasn't me, it was Hahnemann. THAT is my satisfaction. additionally, being able to treat my loved ones has been a joy.

104. Case taking process: intimacy with patients seeing people heal knowing that I am doing good work in the world

105. Helping to bring health to the sick
106. Not yet
107. Rapid healing response with no side affects and less handling and no invasive techniques applied.
108.curing disease
109. It's very gratifying to be part of Nature's incredible efficiency and wisdom. It is, actually, sort of a spiritual experience for me.
110. Healing
111. Allergies, injuries, mental emotional problems
112. Helping people; waking them up to their health and the way their body actually works, rather than what they have been told. Knowing humanity deeply through individuals.
113. Process, systems perspective, learning more of how a remedy works from success in retrospect (sometimes undocumented in literature heretofore), people's amazement.
114. That patients improve in all mentally, physically and emotionally facets of their health. That I'm seen as a highly empathic and genuine practitioner.
115.S Seeing changes in people.
116. Doing something I love and also assisting others in changing their overall quality of life.
118. Confidence in being truly helpful while doing no harm
120. Too many to list but essentially patients health changing for the better.
121. Exceptional responses
122. Treating people who would otherwise never go see a doctor due to either mistrust, or being part of a demographic not generally taken seriously by the medical profession (i.e.: sex workers or transgender folks).
123. Pregnancy Fear Incontinence Eczema Sports injuries-Tissue Salts Self Harm
125. PEOPLE GETTIN GBETTER AND OFF DRUGS
126. How much I learn from every case.
127. Help to relieve suffering by curing people
128. Family practice, maternal child, palliative, animals
129. This therapy is a blessings of God, and you should try to obtain more and more blessings to make it successful because I have experience of bringing patients from death beds to new life. I cured the people from hydronephritis to 100 % normality and all this is because I spend at least 35 minutes every morning to communicate with the God at 4 am.
130. SEEING PEOPLE REGAIN THEIR HEALTH AND RECONNECT WITH JOY AND SENSE OF WELL-BEING. PARTICIPATING IN THIS.
131. I have just graduated and have not launched a practice. I look forward to starting one in the future.
132. Patients like the time I take to talk with them during the healing process. They feel they have support. They like how gentle homeopathy is because there is no side effects. They like how quickly acutes are taken care of. Less antibiotic usage since treated w/Homeopathy
133. Love homeopathy, Know it works if I do good job of case taking
134. Give pet owners different options. Getting children off antibiotics.
135. Ability to serve all persons in that I accept insurance, Medicare/Medicaid, and self pay. That I can provide something unique, and work WITH the body instead of against it. The true satisfaction is helping a person change their life for the better.

136. Empowering people to look at their health care in a new way
137. People's satisfaction and changes in life, quality of life; Results; Challenge; Learning constantly; Working with people
138. The work itself, patient response, payment
139. Helping transform lives from suffering to peek potential
140. Miracle cures for conditions that could not be helped by conventional medicine
141. My family (including siblings/in-laws/father/children/husband)hardly uses conventional medicine at all. Because I am homeopathically adept, our medical bills are much smaller than most. I have helped friends stop their search through the medical establishment when "nothing helped." We have been able to avoid uncomfortable and disfiguring medical procedures. Example: My father at 75 uses no conventional meds and can work harder than many people 20 years younger. Another satisfaction is that when I retire I will have the skills to move to another profession; but I can't afford to now with kids in college.
142. Helping people
143 .I do not practice, I study mainly for myself, and treat only my family
144. When a patient who had been suffering from many years comes with a positive improvement. When parents anxiety and worry is alleviated by the improvement in their children especially in children with behavioral problems.
145. Practitioner personality
146. I love my job These questions are very poor formulated ... responses vary over time Patient satisfaction is not necessarily linked to outcome - some people return in spite of not getting better - some people do not return in spite of getting better
147. Affecting change faster and without harmful side effects of conventional drugs, strengthening the patient's entire system vs. addressing only the symptoms.
148. Keeping people well and happy and away from conventional medicine
149. I like working with the clients - also maintain close contact during management and spend a lot of time on that.
150. Making people better
151. We are only just starting out, and only just starting to charge patients. We are starting a weight loss program using homeopathy - very exciting - will it work?
152. Patient care
153. Helping others
154. Just starting but I particularly am excited to see my form pediatric patients in this new practice of Homeopathy
155. Helping
156. Pleasant surprise that it "works" happy that there is such a quick response like to be heard
157. To be able to help people feel better with themselves and make positive changes in their life. As well as to help young children get through hard stages of development or strong acutes.
158. love helping children, and have best results with them I practiced full time for 10 years, now just moved and only practicing part time, 1 day a week while I write a book on the homeopathic treatment of CFS
159. Prompt response to: Hot flashes (esp. in cancer patients who can't take estrogens. Flu prevention and treatment. Grief reactions. Waking in middle of the night. Those little calc carb kids. Those Nat mur and Puls women (but sometimes men). Those Lyc guys. Trauma with ARNICA. Blood test abnormalities and Phos.

160. love helping children, and have best results with them
161. Helping patients without side effects
162. Able to educate people about homeopathy, opening their eyes about many aspects of their health so they can keep control of their bodies/lives. Able to help areas of health that otherwise there are not other satisfactory ways to improve.
163. L'homeopathie m'aide a traiter les animaux et ainsi eviter les antibiotiques, cortisone, ains,so I avoid side effects of the allopathic remedies. With homeopathy, I have more treatments with less side effects than allopathic treatments.
164. Helping people who fall through the cracks in the diagnostic kingdom.
165. Must say this is NOT a practice. It is just me, taking care of the small circle of animals and people closest to me. The greatest sense of satisfaction I derive is that of being a vehicle of 'real' help. Second is that of self-sufficiency.
166. Seeing people feel as if they barely remember ever having the original chief complaints - observing them make life changing strides ahead in fulfilling their life purpose - as Hahnemann talks about in Aph#9
167. Very good
168. Time spent, gentle healing, patient feels exceptional support.
169. Helping people with illness
170. Patients who actually change their lifestyle after learning about homeopathic principles.
171. Watching people grow and have less limitations in their lives. Seeing children have less ill health for the rest of their lives.
172. Return to health, Understanding of what makes people better overall.....exercise, good food and happiness, better understanding of their body. Mental emotional stresses and how to react to them
173. Changing quality of life of my patients in physical, emotional and spiritual realms.
174. Treating current patients where allopathic medicine has failed-will usually get the referral from md at that point. Also treating miasmatic tendencies in children
175. Variety of people
176. Client referrals from happy clients.
177. ABILITY TO USE THIS MODALITY FOR CHRONIC DISEASE IN FAMILY AND FRIENDS.
178. Do no harm
179. Helping patients get better.
180. Good response to eczema treatment. Have helped a number of woman through fertility problems.
181. Helping people
182. As I work mainly with animals, it is unbelievably rewarding to see the improvements through homeopathy especially acute situations such as snake bite, allergic reactions, injuries, and nerve damage...
183. Treating children & families. Allergies & skin diseases also have been very satisfying responses to Homeopathic treatment.
184. The use of non-allopathic treatments
185. Seeing people's health improve.
186. Helping clients to heal
187. Learning every day
188. Helping people find an alternative to conventional suppressive medicine, helping when there was no conventional hope for their complaint, client's relief from the ailments they were suffering from, helping people recover quicker from first aid trauma,

etc.
189. Helping animals and their guardians feel better without suppressing illness
190. Mental and skin symptoms.
191. Seeing the animals improve.
192. That I make my living doing something else (education) allows me to enjoy homeopathic practice with no stress honestly.
193. To see patients have more freedom and happiness in life -* making the world better; being successful in what I am doing.
194. Able to deal with difficult, chronic cases effectively, efficiently and consistently.
195. Not having to use conventional drugs that more often than not cause more problems. Aiding the patient in a cure and not just covering up symptoms. Giving help in cases that allopathic medicine has failed and doing it at a fraction of the cost. Knowing that more often than not there is a remedy for the problem being faced and a person is not left without hope.
196. Treating pregnant women, attending births
197. Pleasure of knowing my patients pleasure in seeing their health improve pleasure in studying homeopathy.
198. Patient's needs are being recognized; have ability to discuss all their wellness related difficulties; find relief of symptoms on all levels of health;
199. To see the actual CURE of long standing ailments and how this can change a person’s outlook on life, be it a child starting out in life or an adult (or the elderly patient).
200. Seeing miracles daily
201. The tremendous and harmless help afforded patients, the miracles observed... the satisfaction of "doing good"
202. Seeing positive changes in the patient. great satisfaction if there is a cure. earning the trust and confidence of the patient so they are comfortable revealing their deepest emotions, which is so helpful to the case.
203. Helping
204. I am satisfied with my case taking and my prescriptions. I think having a mentor is an invaluable asset to my practice at this stage. I believe that the best prescription is given with less trial/error, and thus patient satisfaction is at a high.
205. Helping others
206. Seeing the difference in quality of life.
207. Curing the sick
208. Watching people come into balance
210. Getting kids off Ritalin and antibiotics lightening people's hearts, giving them more freedom having freedom of own practice
211. Helping people
212. Being able to significantly help some people and animals
213. Seeing the CC subside
214. Seen changes and cures in animals that many allopathic vets gave up on completely. Having owners come for help after seen the amazing Homeopathic results with their pets.
215. Seeing people improve and lead a better quality of life
216. I love helping people.
217. Helping the sick to regain health; Witnessing cures; Offering a positive, curative alternative to allopathic palliative and often dangerous treatment; "Saving" infants and

children from allopathic mistreatment.
218. Using Sankaran Method, working in a group practice with mixed modalities - because of the high caliber of the practitioners (I have learned this is not always the case, more often than not, the caliber is not high!), and of course, seeing results is the #1 satisfaction, it always takes my breath away!
219. Watching people develop, recognize their own issues and heal themselves after the remedy People feeling much better without side effects
220. Helping more people more of the time doing good work, hard as it may be learning and growing as a person self understanding the appreciation I receive teaching, which is an important adjunct
221. I love the study and practice of homeopathy, and working to help people resolve longstanding health issues they did not think could ever be cured.
222. I LOVE PEOPLE AND LEARNING ABOUT THEM. I LOVE PARTICIPATING IN THEIR UNFOLDING AWARENESS AND HEALING. I AM THRILLED WHEN PEOPLE HAVE BREAKTHROUGHS IN TRUE HEALING--THIS IS VERY SATISFYING!
223. Helping people to heal themselves. Treating infertility successfully. Seeing people change their lives in the process of improving their health.
224. Curing severe pathologies Education of young parents for treatment of their children
225. The ability to help those who thought there was no treatment for their condition.
226. Creating an awareness of a safe alternative teaching patients how to use remedies in first aid, especially moms and children
227. Help to teach self reliance where they can. encourage homeopathic first aid kits and some flower essences combo's or singles
229. Helping people achieve wellness that provides lasting satisfaction. Especially when they feel validated just by being heard. I have a sense of peace when I've helped them achieve a better life.
230. Joy of seeing others let go, open up and live more fully.
231. Eliminating/Alleviating chronic disease Smiling clients Enabling clients to heal themselves
232. Seeing people get well and stay well.
233. Depression
234. Treating patients who could not be helped allopathically. Treating and validating for patients the emotional/mental aspects of pathology.
235. I am just starting out my practice and right now the main satisfaction is flexibility with my schedule and the patients.
236. Helping other and personal connection
237. Every time Homeopathy works: -If people with a longstanding chronic disease get remarkably better with homeopathy - Treatment of children as they respond the best in chronic and acute diseases
238. I'm very thorough with my work. Clients are always satisfied.
239. Observing patients when they recognize how much of an impact they can have on their health (& that of their children) w/ only lifestyle & dietary changes - observing paradigm shifts in attitude from negative to positive - observing depressed patients climb out of their funk
240. Turning people on to the medicine of the future. Being a pro bono force for healing in our community. Knowing that anyone can receive homeopathic care regardless of their income.

241. It works without drugs
242. Returning people to freedom in their lives and in their health.
243. Everything is satisfying - it is small now but I hope to grow it soon, do more public talks. I am glad to be able to control my hours of practice so that I can spend most time at home with my baby daughter. Enjoy treating women and children, know that I have prevented some friends from taking antidepressants and other drugs. Helping babies is particularly satisfying as they have their whole lives before them and they might take a different path now than they would have.
244. Because I am primarily prescribing remedies within the context of an individual's psychotherapy or analysis (either with me, or with a referring psychotherapist), many of my patients derive satisfaction from the inner and outer changes they experience, which they were largely already working on within their psychotherapy or analysis.
245. Helping people achieve health and realizing their full potential. Educating people about the risks of the various allopathic medicines prescribed and nutritional counseling.
246.
Chronic illness
247. Owner of a Homeopathic company, teach Homeopathy.
248. Very
249. Helping people feel better
250. Competence level and detailed explanations are very high. success rate is given often
251. Helping where little or no satisfaction in traditional was attained
252. Connecting with higher intelligence that reveal pieces of the life puzzle that were unexpected. Helping people change and overcome challenges. Positive outcomes in difficult circumstances All carried out with natural, safe and harmless remedies.
253. All beneficial
254. Helping individuals feel more at peace with their bodies and spirit
255. Actually I have used homeopathic medicine on myself and my family and have at least a 90% satisfaction. I have tried many different types of alternative medicine and have found that homeopathic medicine is the quickest, easiest and safest. No one told me it was, I found out by myself. I have used and still use these other methods like herbs, vitamins, reflexology, and reiki to list some types. Vitamins are my longest alternative type and have been using them for at least 50 years. I am 72 and am in top physical condition and usually do not require care but my family and friends are always glad to hear my ideas and often they listen to me. I just wished I knew about homeopathic medicine when I was in my 20's. Anyway, as they say, "It's never too late." This course of homeopathy that I am now taking is very interesting but so different and a bit confusing but I want to continue indefinitely. At the rate I'm going health wise, I'll be around a good while. I never get money for my homeopathic advice but do get a lot of satisfaction. Who knows--if I keep up my education and study, I'll blossom into a full fledge homeopath. Anyway, I enjoy learning about it and will surely continue my quest to become more proficient.
256. It's nice to help folks in an unobtrusive modality. Especially the children.
257. Ease of helping people with no cost and no harmful side effects
258. BEING ABLE TO TREAT PATIENT WITH HOLISITC APPRACH AND BEING ABLE TO HELP THEM REMOVE CHRONIC MIASMETIC BLOCKS AND BEING ABLE TO GIVE THEM GOOD QULITY OF LIFE.
259. I thoroughly enjoy assisting clients to win back their health with medicines, which

have no negative side-effects. 2. It is mentally challenging trying to uncover the varying layers of illness and plot out the road back to health.
260. Wonderful patient responses motivated me.
261. Seeing animals get better, seeing humans become open to healing themselves after their animal gets better, good working hours, few emergencies, can work from home
262. Person or animal gets Outcome, complaint/symptom is gone. Sometimes an acute remedy will heal a chronic complaint. Remedy given for a physical complaint has positive impact on the mental-emotional. Also, have seen an improvement in basic 'vital force' after remedy is taken.
263. Clients really like the initial interview process and my compassionate manner. Teaching homeopathy to lay people in articles, and talks and classes.
264. Curing the otherwise incurable. getting people off medications. doing it better and for far less money than the allopath.
265. Solving difficult cases.
266. Working with people
267. Everything!
268. Helping children
269. Encouraging people to take charge of their health
270. Flexibility of practice (taking more cases or less as I can accommodate) Speed of response is much greater than conventional treatments I get results when conventional care is doing nothing (and get many referrals from these clients)
271. Quick response time of doctor, schedule runs on time, ease of getting appt, and the doctor-patient interaction.
272. People feel and get better! Working with the diversity of people and trying to meet them where they are in their state of health and understanding. Support people in becoming more pro-active in their journey to health. Teaching people to use homeopathy in their own families for acute/injury situations.
273. Educating people to exercise their freedom of choice and be pro-active in their health
274. My main satisfaction is helping people get better (usually from heavy metal toxicity), and it is also quite satisfying to make a living doing this.
276. Getting new patients case taking remedy selection maintaining education
277. Helping children to stay healthy with as little allopathic interference to their lives, so that they may grow up to be healthy adults
278. Helping others in a way they are happy with. Many are discouraged by conventional meds
279. Helping others get well
280. That so many "incurable" people get better or do very well
281. Success with natural medicines avoid toxic side effects of common drugs.
282. Seeing people regain physical health and a positive mindset
283. Acute symptoms respond well to remedies
284. The above was the hardest to answer because most of my patients have immediate responses that are dramatic to either their chief complaints or their all around being. So dividing it up to equal "100%" is tough. My biggest satisfaction is the fact that I cured my own son of autism and he is now a fine man of 21 working at a fulfilling job and buying a new SUV and is a well respected volunteer fireman and member of society. I treat loads of folks in the "moment" for acutes and just give them a remedy and they

walk away and don't hear from them until much later. Some of these folks just think that they got better because "I am so healthy, that I heal quickly". Many of the folks that come to me are "on their last legs" and some of them still don't want to listen to reason and change their lives. The animals are the best as long as the owners listen to me. The remedy is given and the changes happen, yet not always the chief complaint is handled but the animal is doing exceptionally well in their all around being. Vaccine damage is the worst and is hard to get the owners to understand the skin itching is not always due to eruptions but to miasm while the dog is now looking, sleeping, eating, being great, the owners have another agenda and just don't want to stick with it and put the animal to sleep because they are overwhelmed. Yet I have treated wild animals and other large domesticated beasts that do great because the owners do not spend the entire day with them, only seeing them occasionally during feeding time or walks out to the pasture. Children are the hardest because mothers or fathers are not "online" with the "program" and are opposing the other parent's wishes to continue with the homeopathic route. I have to be "right on" immediately with these kids and have no lea way at all. Its got to work NOW or the other parent interferes with the remedy administration. I have also had one of the parents either hide or destroy the remedy so that it cannot be given to the child attempting to force the other parent to take the child to an allopath.

285. Helping recover children with autism

286. My practice consists of severely chronically ill animals. We really help these animals even though their diseases are huge and horrible.

287. Depth at which I can understand patient; Patient is empowered; Results without side effects; Long term improvement in overall health

288. Children with behavioral problems, adults with depression, athletes with injuries. Post vaccination ailments - drug addiction. For me it is every patient, who responds to treatment of whatever age, sex or problem. To hear that they are feeling good despite their situation is fantastic.

289. Truly helping people, ameliorating illness as well as balancing temperaments and clearing miasmatic issues.

290. I HAVE A REAL "FAMILY" PRACTICE, FROM PRENATAL AND NEWBORNS TO GREAT GRANDMA, AND THE DOG AND CAT TOO. I FEEL LIKE I AM AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF MANY FAMILIES.

291. Relief in symptoms, improvement in chronic conditions, disappearance of long-term suffering, revelations about self and health on many levels and a general improvement of quality of life and morale.

292. Incredible results with conditions that allopathic medicine had given up on....

293. When I match the underlying sensation and create a permanent change in all areas of the person's health. I also find the initial case-taking in itself inspirational and rewarding.

294. Using multiple modalities to address the issue from the best way, combining bodywork and meditation with giving of homeopathic (and sometimes herbal and nutraceutical) medicines. Connecting with people and seeing their perfection. Being able to help those that are open to natural healing. Intellectual stimulation and continued learning.

295. Good relief of chief complaint and better overall health

296. Healing in cases where conventional veterinary medicine has exhausted all options, or where patient has not responded to repeated treatment from conventional vet med; deepening and enhancement in relationship between client (human) and patient (animal);

empower client to become proactive in care of animal family members
297. I love to hear people's stories! It never ceases to amaze me how simple remedies can achieve such profound results!
298. Watching people get better and better while progressing to the goals of cure mentally, emotionally, and physically! This does not happen in pharmacy, at any level everyone gradually gets sicker.
299. I am so grateful to work w multigenerational families. I get the best results when I see patterns over generations, and among family members, they are usually the most satisfied. Thanks
301. 1. the interactions with the patients 2. cases where you know conventional medicine would not help them
302. Making a living as a full time homeopath Having the honor of listening to patients life stories Helping people move forward in life Being my own boss with my own schedule Seeing my practice grow Doing something worthwhile and satisfying Loving homeopathy
303. I get to witness other people's healing journey. I get to witness their struggle, their confusion, their new-found clarity, and their body-mind's ability to move to greater levels of wholeness, empowerment, clarity, health, etc. In witnessing the process of others, it constantly aids me in my own healing and recovery process - and I become healthier (physically and emotionally), more able to achieve my dreams, as a result.
304. Getting the right remedy and watching it work magic.
305. Transformation of perspective of health
306. Working with people in a close intimate way, to discover their personalities, their nature, their heritage and finding a remedy that fits them, and then seeing results in healing, and bringing them back into balance is so rewarding. I'm also working with children some of whom are autistic spectrum, and am having very satisfying results with some of them; this is wonderful to think of helping these children along to lead full, more normal lives.
307. Seeing clients with long standing health problems-migraines, horrible menses, skin problems, etc.-- get relief with homeopathy after trying conventional medications for years. Setting my own hours Working from home Flexibility in lifestyle
308. Uncovering the sensation that rules the entire case, bringing out the source, watching the miracle of healing, having the privilege of listening
309. Treating ADD/ADHD, treatment chronic sinusitis/allergies, treating women who have severe abuse issues
310. To help people regain their health
311. Watching people who have had illnesses become well with homeopathy after years of being treated conventionally.
313. Personal interaction with patients
314. Helping people to have a better quality of life, mentally, emotionally and physically. It is good to see them become "unstuck" and move on to new goals.
315. Helping others. I find helping young children especially satisfying
316. I do not rely an homeopathics as my primary modality ,It is used as secondary or supportive in indicated situations, Acupuncture, osteopathy herbs and nutricueiticals are more used due to dense initial pathology, Homeopathy used in selected sensitive patients, as primary in children and in follow-up care after initial improvement of most all patients
317. When a patient does well and the owners are happy
318. I hope that I cure some.

319. I love to see the magic of homeopathy cure something that the conventional doctors said could not be cured. And see an animal long outlive the short (one month) prognosis given by many veterinarians and see the owners enjoy that special time with their treasured pets (they never expected to have).
320. Curing cases thought incurable by conventional medicine, or clearly floundering and getting worse under conventional care.
321. Help patients with serious conditions
322. Having a second modality
323. Many people say what has happened to them is a miracle. I have the most problem with Hay fever/Spring Allergy symptoms. Most people are willing to stick it out knowing it won't get cured in one season. I have some people with skin sx that it takes a long time to have a good result.
324. Finding the simillimum Seeing patients return to health Understanding patients sensations, stories Expanding my understanding and knowledge of Homeopathy, remedies Participating in Proving
325. Getting better results since using Rajan's techniques
326. Helping animals that have no conventional options.
327. When there is an exceptional response
328. Returning client animals to full health in diseases vets consider 100% fatal or untreatable such as Feline Infectious Peritonitis, pyometra, gangrene, poisonings, etc. Preventing dread diseases by posting free internet articles on my website. Teaching new Veterinary homeopathy students. Upgrading the advanced Vet Hom course. My Catwell free advice email list. My Vethom-friends free advice veterinary homeopathy list. Free Advice I give on the BIH study Hall list as a tutor. Giving students good feedback to make them into better veterinary homeopaths at graduation. Helping clients understand what homeopathy can do, and building their confidence to use it for their animals. Supporting clients in a positive way through the terminal stages of their animals' lives (too many people forget that the terminal stage is still a life stage to be honored.) Being able to work my choice of hours, from anywhere with internet access. Fulfilling my life purpose to help cats live longer healthier lives.
329. Better overall health, less conventional medication, good communication, individualized treatment,
330. I love what I do and people seem to resonate to that and to my skills as a practitioner. I work hard and people know that and appreciate it.
331. Cured cases, genuine healing effects
332. IT COMBINES EXERCISE IN COMPASSION WITH PROBLEM SOLVING.
333. The transformative aspects of homeopathy. Patients come for a physical complaint and find unexpected benefit on a deep mental and emotional level.
334. Seeing good responses
335. Excellent
336. Helping people and animals feel better
337. Watching people embrace their own health journey and move into a really different place as to how they react to their environment.
338. Being an instrument of the Spirit of Healing and seeing people get excited about a different system of medicine than allopathy which has failed pretty much everyone in one way or another.
339. Helping others to learn to take responsibility for their health. Watching generations of families grow healthier.

340. Individualization multiple ways to respond in practice variety in patient population getting them better quickly
341. Making a difference in lives through healthful practices. Education of clients so they become more self sufficient in their care.
342. Seeing patients achieve optimal health and sense of satisfaction with their lives.
343. Helping others get well.
344. I love what I do - multiple modalities
345. Finding the correct remedy and seeing a response. Introducing new patients to homeopathy. Educating ongoing patients who have benefited. Showing allopathic medical professionals that homeopathy gets results in patients they refer.
346. Seeing people get better
347. I enjoy case taking and analysis -- the one-on-one interaction with patients and also the intellectual part of homeopathy. I am finding that I am not as interested in ongoing case-management -- so I am cutting back my practice and focusing on other things in my life and other ways to serve homeopathy.
348. HELPING ANIMALS REGAIN GOOD HEALTH
349. Seeing people be who they want to be, free of obstacles.
350. I am satisfied as a homeopathic family practitioner working with people in the same community for 37 years. I attend these days the children of the children I treated in the 70s and 80s.
351. Children seem to respond better
352. Main satisfaction is in assisting individuals and entire families in deep transformative healing, watching them evolve, make personal discoveries, passions, gifts, and joys.
353. Restoring health
354. Helping people heal at a deep level, and also, with terminally ill people, helping them to experience extra years of good life.
355. Curative intention Good results No harm done Ethical treatment
356. Seeing client's health improve. Observing the power of homeopathy. Interacting with a variety of clients. Diversity -- no day is the same; no client is the same. The learning process -- I love learning.
357. I have seen deep and profound healing in patients for whom no other alternatives had helped and in situations where homeopathy far exceeded the patient's expectations of a healing experience. I have learned more from my interactions with patients than I could have ever expected.
358. Hearing how homeopathy has helped people; seeing clients go on to learn how to acutely treat their families, pets.
359. IF THE PATIENT WANTS TO GET BETTER THEY WILL TAKE THE TREATMENT AND VERY GOOD RESULT ALWAYS FOLLOW.
360. Changes in consciousness, freedom, forward thinking
361. yes
362. Deep satisfaction on a soul level of doing the work I do. Extreme frustration with the financial viability of the reality of cash practice and sometimes dealing with the fractionality of pathological personalities.
363. Patients' amazement and joy on feeling better; companionship and enjoyment from sharing practice with co-practitioner; income
364. Patient interaction personal growth healing responses
365. Working with very willing patients who stick it out long enough to experience

profound results.
366. In depth relationship to patients and families over time
367. I love the miracles and the changes that come forth. Amelioration of symptoms is gratifying.
368. Emotional.
369. Doing no harm work out my home Believe in what I do
370. See the healing power of homeopathy see the healing response to the consultation technique (Sankaran method) see the enrichment in people's life from treatment
371. I am actually curing people! In conventional medicine I was unable to cure most patients, but rather just prolonging their ailments. I love prescribing remedies that do no harm and have no side effects. I love being able to short-circuit the medical system by treating my entire family's as well as my own ailments.
372. Seeing homeopathy as the choice for patients to go to, seeing people heal, the challenge of the practice in all aspects from finding the remedy to taking the case to explaining what homeopathy is.....
373. Versatile, varied, good, intelligent education people I have the blessing of interacting with everyday.
374. Helping people realize and fulfill themselves Helping people overcome major obstacles Helping people grow and develop throughout life Achieving results with least intervention/dependence Fostering self-awareness and self-healing Earning patients' trust, friendship, gratitude Overcoming fear of doctors Hanging out with, learning from parents and children Being a valued part of people's lives
375. Reversal of "impossible" situations
376. Intellectual
377. Personal contact
378. Patients express appreciation for "being heard"
379. Mental challenge-good accomplished
380. Greater sense of wellbeing and then able to 'cope' with the presenting complaint, which then abates I tend to look at the emotional component and prescribe for fears and anxieties first, so they feel better, then tackle the 'condition'.
381. Everything
382. I love working with families and I enjoy working with them as the children grow and mature.
383. Multi-generations not really sure what this question refers to
384. Seeing people change their lives
385. Seeing results not obtained with other methods. Attaining a deeper understanding of patients and life in general.
386. Helping others
387. Spiritually and financially rewarding
388. Able to help more conditions without prescriptive meds.
389. Changing people's lives for the better
390. Helping people do better. Feeling like I'm doing something of value. Fascinating field.
391. Helping people stop taking pharmaceutical drugs. Teaching people how to take care of themselves and how to change their habits to adopt healthy ones
392. Clients feel better improved health
393. Interesting people get better/off meds
394. Helping people who you knew were doomed otherwise.

395. Getting folks off dangerous medications; reversing long standing illnesses; getting women pregnant; folks not needing homeopathy any more cause we have nothing to talk about; seeing people change their lives for the better when they are restored to energy and aliveness
396. I've met very nice people I'm a good prescriber, people usually feel helped by the chosen remedy
397. Working with people, seeing them get well
398. To be able to give hope to the otherwise hopeless. To keep researching and studying to "find the tough answers" and seeing it work. To succeed in the challenges that allopaths are unable to handle.
399. The patients whose lives are so changed for the better. Knowing that I'm really trying to effect a cure. The relationships...getting to know people. Independence.
400. Observing people finding release from things that have hurt, hindered or incapacitated them on physical, mental or emotional levels. Seeing joy or peace or comfort return, or enter their lives. Mostly, seeing people empowered by their own restored health . . .
401. Patients seem to enjoy being heard and having their problems be viewed from a holistic perspective. For me, one of the biggest satisfactions is seeing the difference in people after a good response to a remedy. You can see it in their face....
402. The profound healing that many patients experience along with the challenge of giving exact prescriptions.
403. Taking the case, i.e., interacting with the patients. Analyzing the case. Helping/curing difficult cases that other doctors have failed at.
404. Truly healing work, good responses in multiple domains.
405. My practice allows me to do some good in the world and help alleviate some suffering.
406. Using Hahnemann's principles I can understand what is happening, even when it is a negative response to a remedy.
407. Making people well followed by teaching
408. Understanding people; what we have in common and what is different. Helping people fulfill potential. Offering alternative to invasive, harmful therapies.
409. Occasional and significant healings of conditions determined "hopeless" or "drug therapy necessary for life" by allopaths. Opening patients' eyes to possibilities of homeopathy. Acquainting parents with non-drug options for their children.
410. I feel very gratified when someone is feeling better in all areas of their live, and am especially gratified when children are doing better in school or do not need to take any medication. I enjoy working with families.
411. Its always teaching me something
412. I am able to do good work and help people. Maintaining good client contact and support is very important to me, and I do deliver this.
413. Patient involvement respect for patient new way of looking at healing empathy/personalized treatment
414. Some people will never be the same. I will never be the same. It's never boring Children have the opportunity to grow up without long term ailments
415. Lack of side effects from medicine, client satisfaction, ability to treat the 'untreatable'.
416. Seeing people's health improve Seeing the overall quality of life improve for people
417. Getting well, quick recover, responding to phone calls or emails in a very timely

manner, patients love my space and they say they like my voice and energy it makes them feel very calm, and therefore they become very open in the session.
418. Alleviating suffering. Promoting homeopathy as it is safe and ethical method that works with the laws of nature. I love people and it is a pleasure and a challenge to work through troublesome sets of symptoms- so good to get a "cure."
419. Helping people become healthy and aware
420. Since I have been utilizing this new sensation style of practice my success rate has improved -- prior to this, I had most people in the partial response to treatment category. I feel that even though I may not be able to help everyone "exceptionally" I am able to make a significant impact in their lives in regards to understanding their health, taking responsibility for their health and feeling truly listened to and perceived often for the first time in their lives. This gives me great satisfaction -- the added bonus of becoming a better homeopath in the past year has been extremely pleasing.
421. Great
422. Seeing peoples lives change in positive ways due to emphasis on clearing emotional baggage and miasmic influences... mostly from LM single potencies
423. Helping people Flexible schedule
424. Seeing patients get well. Prescribing medicines that are safe and clinically effective.
425. Helping people restore their health.
426. Patient care and attention directed to their needs, concerns, and education around concerns - OUTCOME!
427. Good results
428. Helping patients
429. Continuity of care over many years for many patients unusual cases referred continued learning as a physician
430. Helping to empower people on their healing path.
431. Saving patients from damaging operations. Treating with terminal illnesses. Just making patients healthy and happy. Treating what doctors could not do for many years.
432. Well-being of the patients
433. My part in healing a small part of the world population
434. I use much mind/body specialized counseling techniques along with homeopathy and nutraceuticals, acupuncture and neural therapy with complex remedies
435. Helping people and animals get well. using medicines that do not disturb the ecology. Enabling self help care with non toxic therapies. Enabling pharmaceutical companies to serve the public with homeopathic medicines Helping to clarify the law around homeopathy
436. To see people change jobs and become the people they've always wanted to be.
437. Helping people in ways that were unimaginable.
438. Helping people attain better health without harming them
439. Acute and emergency prescribing on the phone.
440. People improving so much
441. Helping people achieve their health/life goals - support people through their healing journey.
442. Helping and earning the trust of the number of people that find there way to me. Being referred to by local physicians
443. Seeing people change their lives for the better
444. I enjoy watching people become balanced and more open - physically, mentally,

and emotionally
445. Good
446. Main complaint is better or gone desire to continue treatment so as to feel better comfortable and relaxed during and following consults knowing that I can always be reached
448. Transforming lives through homeopathy in the safest, most gentle, effective way possible
449. Helping people with deep pathology without a lot of effort on my part.
450. Knowing that if the client is committed, that there will be good healing.
451. Helping to cure significant pathology. It transforms people's lives, and it's very satisfying to see. Also, I enjoy working for myself and getting to interact with many different people.
452. I love being with people and assisting in their healing process. I also find homeopathy very stimulating and very interesting.
453. For me? Knowing/seeing people get better.
454. Seeing long term chronic symptoms get better
455. We do exceptionally well with. Asthma Chronic Fatigue Digestive problems Epilepsy Fatigue Toxicity Rheumatoid Arthritis Colitis Migraines Food allergies very exceptional with heart failure Asberger's (hmm spelling), Autistic like qualities in children. Emotional conditions although this is also where we may fail easier too. ADD, ADHD In the last 2 years exceptionally well with people with Cancer This is tough some are conditions where there is no diagnosis, and most of the time people come to me after trying everything else. Fertility I mean the list goes on and on... Psoriasis, but do fail at times.
456. Seeing people get better Enjoyment of the process of case analysis Listening to clients (people are interesting!)
457. Helping people feel better; mental challenge; feeling that I can get increasingly skilled at this.
458. Seeing people improve their overall health through the use of safe, inexpensive and comprehensive method
459. Relieving people's pain and suffering
460. Healing people
461.Client perception that their concerns are being addressed and that they are being listened to and that problems are being cured rather than palliated or suppressed.
462. The practical application of homeopathic study is very rewarding when I can watch as a person's life is transformed.
463. Listening Results Plan of Treatment
464. Assisting with personal development
465. People get better, it is a pleasure watching them improve.
466. That people get better quickly and completely, keep many patients off allopathic drugs
467. Working with clients on their personal transformations
469. Helping people who cannot otherwise be helped curiosity/ amazement puzzle solving
470. Seeing the remedies work! Helping children, adults, and families grow strong and become more resilient - physically, mentally, emotionally. Learning how to help others with homeopathy and nutrition. Bringing in enough $$ to pay the rent and expenses.
471. Patients are most satisfied that someone cares and understands their experience.
472. Helping others to be more comfortable and avoid drugs

473. Seeing people cured of their illnesses; emotional well-being and strength to make changes in their lives; getting off of prescriptions
474. Jaw-dropping "miracles" are routine; so many times we can help people that Western medicine has given up on; people get better in so many different ways (slept like a baby, energy and self-esteem are better, I'm getting along better with my husband, I started doing watercolors again and oh by the way my pain is gone . . .); I'm especially happy when I can help kids because I can see how the whole course of their life is altered.
475. Helping people get better using a safe and gentle method without the use of allopathic medicines or being able to have them cut back on their use or stop them altogether. I especially enjoy working with young children. I feel that working with them and being able to help them helps spread the word about homeopathy since it reaches the parents as well.
476. Working with Sankaran method is very satisfactory
477. Healing and supporting others in their evolutionary process
478. I am new and have only had 10 patients...however with the exception of 1 child whose parent got spooked by homeopathy, I have been lucky enough to get major progress in healing for the chief complaint and many other symptoms the patient was suffering from on the 1st or 2nd remedy. However, I do not prescribe for about 2-3 weeks after taking the initial chronic case and also have my school supervisor (NYCH) to oversee my prescriptions (she has only changed one). I assume this high rate of cure will not last.
479. I get to help people avoid drug / suppressive treatment--to learn more about themselves and health--I get to make a living doing this. When there is a curative response it is amazing and spiritual to see
480. Coming from the traditional health care setting and realizing its limitations, homeopathy touches people in a very deep and personal way. Not only can chronic frustrating pathologies be cured, but treatment also allows people often times to come to personal *epiphanies* and move forward in their lives. In this way both the client and practitioner grow.
481. Curing
482. Making the sick well.
483. Helping people Challenge of doing a good job Caring for people over time Seeing branches in extended family and subsequent generations Learning about pathologies that are uncommon Continuing education in natural medicine Collegial relationships with others
484. Curing patients.
485. TO USE A MEDICAL APPROACH THAT DOES NO HARM
486. Seeing the patient.
487. Privilege of listening to others lives intimately, and helping with healing at many levels
488. Observing patients change; the "chase" for the remedy; the intellectual stimulation.
489. Teaching; Transformation; Safety; Low cost
490. Helping people get better
491. Treating complex diseases.
492. I AM HIGHLY SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS ESPECIALLY IN CURING CHRONICAL AND ACUTE DISEASES.

493. Seeing people happy.
494. interaction with client495.
496. seeing people heal naturally
497. Changing the allopathic paradigm and expanding the acceptance of alternative medicine protocols. Marveling at the results produced in disparate cases . Teaching and creating seminars. Utilizing the lessons learned in almost 60 years of practice that enhance my ability to manage difficult cases and satisfy the needs of my clientele who have spent years in frustrating attempts to improve the quality of the lives of their animal companions. Knowing that that I make a big difference on this planet.
498. See the patients improve in health overall
499. Being able to restore health
500. I am heading for a cure rather than merely blocking or covering up a problem
502. I think I am finally getting medicine right,.
503. Elegance of theory and application of Homeopathy
504. Seeing people and animals get better on all levels.
505. ability to treat / cure conditions that are not even treatable with conventional medicine, and knowing that I am making my patient healthier when I treat , instead or becoming more suppressive.
506. The beauty of seeing the remedy in action
507. clients feel their concerns are being listened to and addressed. Patients are being treated in a manner that does more than just palliate or suppress.
508. Classical, constitutional treatment
509. I love what I do. It is rewarding to be able to serve and make a difference in so many lives.
510. Clients are very happy with our efforts to treat the core problems and not just suppress symptoms. They appreciate the amount of time we spend with them, how thorough we are and how much we care. They appreciate the improvement of overall wellness that goes along with the resolution of the chief complaint
511. Helping to establish true health
512. ALWAYS SOMETHING TO NEW TO LEARN , CURES THAT SEEMED NEVER POSSIBLE , EVERY DAY IS A NEW ADVENTURE
513. seeing clients improve their well being and/or that of their pets, horses, dogs, cats; see them get excited about homeopathy and alternative ways to heal themselves and their pets; to see them get some say in their health; to see them handle their first aid situations until help is available if needed. Knowledge.
514. patient interaction
515. Seeing people get better.
516. It's very satisfying to connect to patients on a deep level. I enjoy being able to meet them in whatever state they are in, validating that state, finding a remedy to support them and witnessing the unfoldment of the healing process.
517. Getting to know families over a period of years as a primary care homeopathic physician.
518. Clients are happy to see their animals be happy and functional again.
519. ability to promote patient healing in a safe gentle and effective way in multiple areas
520. Seeing remedies work. Love to use Sankaran's case taking when I have people who can 'go with it'. Not everyone can.
521. seeing the gentle, quick, and subtle working of the correct remedy on a client. Ability to direct myself and my practice.
522. Being about to educate people about their options, and help then avoid harmful treatments, right along with helping them with homeopathy and a diet Hahnemann would have approved of...

523. helping people heal; 'proving' that homeopathy works; getting someone to trust me enough to 'buy into' trying homeopathy
524. helping the children grow up healthier and more mentally balanced than their parents
525. relieving people of their disease suffering in rapid, gentile and permanent fashion.
526. Helping others with safe, non-toxic natural remedies without side effects.
527. Acutes Gastrointestinal Complaints pediatrics Upper & lower respiratory Women's Issues Urogenital
528. Hard here in USA to get started as most people have no idea at all about Homeopathy. Remedies more expensive and so is herbal medicine than Australia. Always great when patients start to improve quickly in many areas. Wonderful to see children come into balance naturally.