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# Allied Health- Regulation Issues

A discussion on regulation and the increase in  
holistic medicine



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# Definitions

## Holistic

Synonyms: Alternative, Complementary, Traditional, Non-Conventional

## Conventional

Synonyms: Allopathic, Traditional, Regular, Mainstream, “Real”

# Holistic Medicine refers to looking at the whole patient and all available therapies

## Therapies include:

Traditional Chinese Medicine

- Acupuncture

- Chinese Herbal Medicine

Homeopathy

Western Herbal Medicine

Chiropractic Therapy

Ayurvedic Medicine

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## **Non-Conventional Therapies that are not “Holistic” (but have been labeled as holistic)**

- Laser
- Supplements: Fish Oils, Glucosamine-Chondroitin, probiotics
- Massage Therapy

## **Non-Conventional Recommendations that are not “Holistic”**

- Raw Food, Boutique Foods, Homemade Foods
- decline vaccinations
- decline antiparasiticides

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# Reasons for Increase in Holistic Medicine

## Public Side

Demand from the public has increased dramatically

Access to information on the internet

Increasingly used by people for themselves

Increased access to practitioners

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## Professional Side

Increased availability of classes on Acupuncture, Chiropractic, Homeopathy, Herbal Medicine

Public demand

Looking for therapies that may be helpful when conventional therapies fail

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# What Veterinarians do to become “Holistic Practitioners”

**University of Missouri 1986**

**Private practice 1986-1995**

**Acupuncture Certification**

-International Veterinary Acupuncture Society 1990

**Chinese Herbal Medicine training**

-Traditional Acupuncture Institute 1993

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## Homeopathy training

-Professional Course on Veterinary Homeopathy 1995

Holistic Department

-VCA SouthPaws Specialists and Emergency Center 1995-2014

Chinese Herbal Medicine classes

-IVAS Chinese Medicine Herb Course 1998

Owner

-Veterinary Holistic Center 2014-present

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# Continuing Education

## Annual Meetings

American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association

International Veterinary Acupuncture Society

American Academy of Veterinary Acupuncture

## Other CE Offered

Chiropractic

Homeopathy

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Western and Chinese Herbal Medicine

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# Regulatory Concerns

**Human-trained practitioners who want to treat animals**

**Veterinarians with less than adequate training**

**Evaluating practitioners using the best options available at the time**

**Evaluating practitioners using “New” or “unproven” therapies**

-possibility that it may work

-safety factor

-full disclosure to owner

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## **Low amount of published research**

- Funding
- cross-over from human research
- Acceptance at Veterinary Schools
- increased number of Departments of Integrated Medicine at veterinary schools

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**“It does not matter whether medicine be old or new, so long as it brings about a cure.**



**It matters not whether theories be eastern or western, so long as they prove to be true.”**

*Jen Hsou Lin, DVM, PhD*

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# Questions?

