

Re: Complementary and Alternative Medicine is Mainstream

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I am in favor of complimentary or alterative medicine being more accepted. Of course, the same standards of efficacy should be applied to all.

I look forward to the day when Jan, Elena, Todd and their gang, rail against the alternative medicine oligarchy conspiracy.

Be careful what you wish for.

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Mr-Natural-Health wrote:

- > *Complementary and alternative medicine is mainstream. Scientists who*
- > *like to refer to themselves as quackbusters hold a minority viewpoint.*
- > *This conclusion is easily supported by 3 separate research studies*
- > *which surveyed the 125 medical schools offering a MD degree, the 19*
- > *medical schools offering a DO degree, and 585 schools of nursing in the*
- > *United States.*
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- > *MD's – 60 percent of U.S. medical schools reported including*
- > *instruction about complementary or alternative medicine (CAM) in their*
- > *curricula.*
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- > *"Medical education is under constant pressure to evolve.4 Changes in*
- > *the medical interview over the past few years mirror this evolution.*
- > *... The rapid increase of public interest in and use of complementary*
- > *and alternative therapies is likewise exerting a powerful influence on*
- > *medical education.*
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- > *In a study exploring the attitudes of 180 family physicians, Berman et*
- > *al¹⁰ found that physicians had a high degree of interest in*
- > *complementary and alternative medicine. Blumberg et al¹¹ found similar*
- > *results in 572 responses to a survey of primary care internists. More*
- > *than half indicated that they would encourage patients who raise the*
- > *possibility of complementary and alternative medicine, and 57% were*
- > *willing to refer their patients for treatment for 6 or more*

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- > *complementary and alternative therapies. ...*
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- > *As a profession, physicians will increasingly be expected to*
- > *responsibly advise patients who use, seek, or demand complementary and*
- > *alternative therapies."*
- > *Wetzel MS, Eisenberg DM, Kaptchuk TJ. Courses involving complementary*
- > *and alternative medicine at US medical schools. JAMA. 1998;280(9):784*
- > *-787. PMID: 9729989*
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- > *DO's – 95% of Osteopathic medical school teach CAM.*
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- > *"Reflecting society's interest in complementary and alternative*
- > *medicine (CAM), most allopathic medical schools in the United States*
- > *offer instruction in CAM. ... The authors conclude that the form and*
- > *content of CAM instruction at osteopathic medical schools is similar to*
- > *that offered at allopathic medical schools."*
- > *Saxon DW, Tunncliff G, Brokaw JJ, Raess BU. Status of complementary*
- > *and alternative medicine in the osteopathic medical school curriculum.*
- > *J Am Osteopath Assoc. 2004 Mar;104(3):121-6. PMID: 15083987*
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- > *Nursing – 84.8% of US schools of nursing teach CAM.*
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- > *"Schools of nursing in the United States have responded to the*
- > *increasing consumer use of complementary and alternative modalities and*
- > *consumer demand for health professionals knowledgeable in complementary*
- > *and alternative modalities by incorporating holistic nursing practices*
- > *and complementary and alternative modalities into their curricula. ...*
- > *Surveys were sent to 585 US schools of nursing. ... RESULTS: Almost 60%*
- > *(n = 74) of the responding schools used the definition of holistic*
- > *nursing practice in their curricula and were familiar with the Holistic*
- > *Nursing Core Curriculum. The majority (84.8%, n = 106) included*
- > *complementary and alternative modalities in their curricula."*
- > *Fenton MV, Morris DL. The integration of holistic nursing practices and*
- > *complementary and alternative modalities into curricula of schools of*
- > *nursing.*
- > *Altern Ther Health Med. 2003 Jul-Aug;9(4):62-7. PMID: 12868254*
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- > *Hence forth, since the science bigots are in the minority I will*
- > *require YOU rather than me to justify your Quacky, Bigoted positions on*
- > *CAM.*
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- > *Just thought that you might want to know. :)*
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