

Development and Current Situation of Chinese Medical Care Worldwide

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Abstract

Aim: This study explored the development and current global situation of Chinese medical care systems in the United States, Canada, Germany, the United Kingdom and Australia.

Methods: Descriptive methods were applied.

Results: Government units in the analyzed countries regulate and manage the acupuncture therapy and herbal medicine. Australia is the only country among those analyzed where acupuncture practitioners hold the same legal protection and professional status as western medical physicians. Additionally, Australia integrates Chinese medical care into its national health insurance systems. However, additional efforts in education related reform and empirical practice are required in those countries.

Conclusion: The findings of this study provide medical professionals with relevant information to understand the development and current situation of Chinese medical care in the analyzed countries. Research recommendations include applying the findings as further references, and examining other modalities of traditional medicine.

Key words: Traditional medicine, complementary and alternative medicine, policy, practice, education.



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