

## The Reduced Cost Of Homœopathy And Natural Medicine Versus Orthodox Medicine

- UK doctors using Homœopathy cost the government 12% less than UK doctors who do not use Homœopathy. (*Natural Medicine Society News, June 1992*)
- 40% of French doctors use Homœopathy, and the patients using Homœopathy cost the French government half of that for patients who use orthodox treatments (*Archives of Family Medicine, 1998, 7, 537-40*)
- As far back as 1980 US studies found that those people who engage in selfcare practices spent 26% less on hospital bills and 19% less on physicians' services. (*John Fiorello, Helping Ourselves to Health: The Self-Care and Personal Health Enhancement Market in the U.S., New York, 1983, 67, The Health Strategy Group, 325 Spring St., New York, NY 10013*)

## The Use Of Homœopathy Internationally

- There are 5 homœopathic hospitals in Great Britain run by the British National Health Service, and 2 private Homœopathic hospitals.
- The World Health Organisation (WHO) have called for closer incorporation of Homœopathy into "western medical systems" (*WHO Bulletin, 1999, 77, 2, 160-165*)
- Homœopathy is one of the world's most frequently used complementary therapies (*Rheumatic Diseases Clinics of North America, 2000, February, 26, 1, 117-123*)
- The users of Homœopathy have a higher level of satisfaction with their treatment than those using orthodox medical treatment. (*British Homœopathic Journal, October 1989, 78, 219-229*)
- British consumers of homœopathic products find that Homœopathic over-the-counter (OTC) products are extremely effective in the majority of cases (*Newsletter of The Royal London Homœopathic Hospital NHS Trust, January 1997, 90-94*)
- The European Parliament has called for Homœopathy to be integrated into medical practice. (*Archives of Internal Medicine, 159, 17, September 27, 1999*)
- The French Medical Association has called for Homœopathy to be included in all medical degree training. (*Archives of Internal Medicine, 159, 17, September 27, 1999*)
- 42% of British doctors refer their patients for homœopathic treatment. In the UK, Homœopathy is the only form of natural medicine supported by the National Health Service (*Natural Medicine Society News, June 1992*)
- 66% of UK pharmacies sell homœopathic medicines. (*The Pharmaceutical Journal, October 16, 1999, 263, 644-646*)
- 45% of Netherlands doctors use Homœopathy (*Family Practice, 1990, September, 7, 3, 227-232*)
- 47% of Dutch doctors use Homœopathy (*Medical Journal of Australia, 2000, 172, 105-109*)
- 65 to 80% of the world's population (about 3 billion people) rely on traditional (alternative) medicine as their primary form of health care. (WHO)



- 20% of Scottish doctors have been trained in the use of Homœopathy (*J Alt And Compl Med, 2001, 7, Suppl 1, S103-9*)
- Homœopathy is the most frequently used natural medicine in Italy and the typical user as in other western countries is well educated, 35-44 and female (*European Journal of Clinical Pharmacology, 2002, April, 58 (1), 61-4*)
- In Italy, 16,000 pharmacies stock homœopathic medicines and the Homœopathy market in Italy generates a turnover of 129 million Euros. (*Financial Times, May 3, 2002*)
- Japanese doctors have set up the Japanese Physicians Society for Homœopathy to train doctors in Homœopathy (*Simile, Oct 2002, 7-8*)
- In Switzerland, in the 10 years to 2002, interest in Homœopathy has risen by 300% and Homœopathy is rebatable by most health insurance providers (*Swiss Radio International, May 2, 2002*)
- 39% of Belgium paediatricians are in favour of Homœopathy (*Homœopathy, 2002, 91, 262*)

### **Australians Using Complementary Medicine & Homœopathy**

- 77% of Australians use natural medicines at least once a year. (*Retail Pharmacy, July 2002*)
- 31% of Australians regularly visit a complementary medicine practitioner (*Aust J of Pharmacy, 83, June 2002, 516-517*)
- 86% of Australians think natural medicines have a role to play in healthcare. (*Retail Pharmacy, July 2002*)
- Australians spend twice as much on complementary medicines as they do on drugs. (*Current Therapeutics, July 2000, 76-79*)
- 40% of Australians would prefer to see a complementary medicine practitioner before seeing a doctor. (*Current Therapeutics, July 2000, 76-79*)
- 90% of Australian doctors get asked about natural medicines by their patients. (*Australian Family Physician, June 2000, 29, 6, 602-606*)
- 46% of Australian doctors have taken some form of training in natural medicine. (*Australian Family Physician, June 2000, 29, 6, 602-606*)
- A study by MacLennan in 1996 found that 4.4% of his sample had used homœopathic medicines in the past year, and 1.2% had visited a Homœopath i.e. an estimated 240,000 homœopathic consultations in 1996 [MacLennan AH, Wilson DH, Taylor AW. *Prevalence and cost of alternative medicine in Australia. Lancet, 1996, 347: 569-573*].
- Based on the 2004 registration figures of the *Australian Register of Homœopaths* (AROH), and making the conservative assumption that each AROH-registered practitioners has on average 10 consultations per week, an estimate of over 300,000 homœopathic consultations were made by registered Homœopaths in 2004 i.e. an estimated 25% increase since 1996 (using MacLennan's estimates for 1996).

