

SUMMARY

Traditional medicine becomes more and more popular. It's usage propagates in all over the world. In some countries oriental medicine is means of national healthcare, whereas in others countries it undertakes a function associated therapy to classical medicine.

These both systems are different, though in some areas they are similar. Traditional medicine differs in duration of history, by using theories in interpretation diseases and using theories in therapy. Traditional medicine uses medical means, which have long tradition. Effects of therapy in most cases aren't scientifically attested. Western, classic medicine has priority in continuous finding of newer, more efficient methods, which are tested by scientific methods.

Basic theories eastern medicine theory jin/jang, theory of five elements and theory of cchi are the most important. Principles of these theories are reflected in all medical methods. Acupuncture, acupressure, moxibation, fytotherapy,... are basic methods of therapy.

The western medicine uses latest experiences, attested by scientific methods. It's target is providing safety, effective treatment in time of needs. Western medicine is mainly aimed to therapy actual health problem, prevention others healthy problems, which can origine secondary in consequence of manifestation of primary disease. Whereas oriental medicine is mainly aimed to prevention of origin disharmony in organism, which can be ended by disease.

Possibilities of education in the branches of oriental medicine in Czech Republic is in my opinion sufficient. Studies are determined ether for laity or professionals. Studies are aimed to practical education. Schools are private, and student must pay high school fee.

Possibilities to buying oriental medicine's products is available for every interested person. A lot of shopping centres exist in cities and also we have available internet shopping centres, which offer distribution of products by post office.

The optimal object to future, which is supported by WHO, is effort to combine all positive from traditional and western medicine, and create systém, which could optimally solve problems of human health.