

ABSTRACT

ANALYSIS OF THE ATTITUDE OF STUDENTS AT THE FACULTY OF PHARMACY IN HRADEC KRÁLOVÉ TOWARDS TREATMENT AND SELF-TREATMENT WITH HOMEOPATHIC MEDICINES

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Background: The thesis is a study to analyze the attitude of students of Faculty of Pharmacy in Hradec Králové towards the treatment and self-treatment with homeopathic preparations. The impetus for the creation of this work has been gradual integration of homeopathy into the conventional medicine.

Aim: The aim is to determine the student`s attitudes towards the treatment and self-treatment by means of homeopathic medicines, to their prices and compensation at the part of Health Insurance Companies, and to the homeopathy related teaching at the Faculty of Pharmacy in Hradec Králové.

Methods: Analysis of the attitudes of students was based on a questionnaire survey. The set of acquired data was statistically evaluated using the frequency analysis and contingency tables. The survey was conducted from March 2011 to September 2011.

Results: The analysis revealed that 33 % of students use homeopathy and most of them prefer self-medication with homeopathic preparations. The respondents as the most often reason for the non-use of homeopathic reported that their physician or pharmacist did not offer them. 20 % of students considered the price of homeopathic products to be high, 28 % as a reasonable price and other students are unable to consider. 46% of the students show a positive attitude to the possibility of financial compensation in homeopathic medicines at the part of Health Insurance Companies. 20 % of students enrolled the subject Technology of Homeopathic Preparations and another 42 % wanted to do so. 25 % of the students would welcome extension of teaching hours in homeopathy.

Conclusion: The analysis revealed some interesting facts concerning the attitudes of students to the treatment and self-treatment by means of homeopathic medicines and to the education in homeopathy as well. I suggest further research in this area.

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