

Abstract (in English)

This bachelor's thesis deals with the topic of folk medicine in the Moravian-Silesian Beskids. The aim of the thesis is to present the current state of folk medicine and its methods and meanings, focusing on phytotherapy and medical treatment of the most common diseases in the studied area. Traditional folk healers who mainly worked in the 20th century, their lives, methods of healing, and the potential transformation of healing practice at the beginning of the 21st century are also introduced. The thesis tries to capture not only the present state of folk medicine in the Moravian-Silesian Beskids, but also its recent history and possible future development. Attention is paid to the status of folk medicine and its reflection in local folklore. The methodological basis of the thesis is grounded in the methodology of historical and anthropological sciences and in the classical concept of ethnological fieldwork; with ethnographic interview as a data collection technique. The results of the fieldwork show that folk medicine is still a significant part of people's lives in the Moravian-Silesian Beskids and that folk healing methods and practices are still used by the population of the area. Although folk magic and invocation used for healing of both people and animals have largely been abandoned, other components of folk medicine are still being used by all age groups of the population.

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