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## Why Homeopathy Isn't Widespread in the United States

*I've recently completed a 16-hour beginning homeopathy class, and am eager to share the knowledge I've gained. This post is the first in a series on homeopathy basics.*



Homeopathy is a system of medicine that is fundamentally different from conventional (allopathic) medicine. **Whereas allopathic medicine focuses on suppression of symptoms, homeopathy seeks to correct the underlying imbalance that caused the symptoms in the first place.** Homeopathy achieves this by strengthening the body's own defenses, thereby allowing the body to heal itself.

## Homeopathy Used to Be Well-Known in the United States

In the 1800's, homeopathy was much more well-known here in the United States

than it is now. According to [Homeopathic Medicine at Home](#), *In 1890, there were 14,000 homeopaths as compared to 100,000 conventional physicians. In some areas -- New England, the Middle Atlantic States, and the Midwest-- **one out of every four or five physicians was a homeopath.** There were twenty-two homeopathic medical schools and over a hundred homeopathic hospitals.*

The allopathic medicine establishment took strong measures to suppress homeopathy as a form of medicine.

*The American Medical Association was formed in 1846 as a direct response to the founding of the American Institute of Homeopathy two years earlier.*

*Homeopaths were denied admittance to standard medical societies. A member*

of such a society who consulted with a homeopath was punished with ostracism and expulsion. **(In 1878, a physician was expelled from a medical society in Connecticut for consulting with a homeopath -- his wife!)**

The AMA and the pharmaceutical industry paired up against homeopathy, eventually buying the homeopathic medical schools and hospitals. **Once these homeopathic institutions were bought, they were converted into allopathic institutions such as New York Medical College and Marshall Hale Hospital.** That of course led to a complete decline in homeopathy in the United States in the early 1900's.

## Use of Homeopathy is Widespread in Other Parts of the World



While homeopathy was nearly eradicated in the United States, its use continued to proliferate in other parts of the world. Currently, one-in-two doctors in India are homeopaths. Homeopathy is used extensively throughout Europe, and there are homeopathic hospitals and pharmacies in nearly every major city. According to a [Homeopathic Medicine: Europe's #1 Alternative for Doctors](#), *(I)n France...[homeopathy] is the leading alternative therapy. In 1982, 16 percent of the population used homeopathic medicine, rising to 29 percent in 1987, and to 36 percent in 1992 (8). In 2004, 62 percent of French mothers used*

**homeopathic medicines in the previous 12 months.** A survey of French pharmacists was conducted in 2004 and found that an astounding 94.5 percent reported advising pregnant women to use homeopathic medicines...

*...17 percent of the British population use homeopathic medicines. The respect accorded homeopathy and homeopathic practice by British physicians is evidenced by a 1986 survey in the British Medical Journal that showed that **42 percent of physicians referred patients to homeopathic doctors.***

## Good Enough for the British Royal Family

According to [The Homeopathic Revolution: Why Famous People and Cultural Heroes Choose Homeopathy](#), the **British royal family has used and advocated homeopathy since the early 1800's and they still use homeopathy today.** There are also many other famous people who use homeopathy, including:

- literary greats such as Louisa May Alcott, Charles Dickens, and Alfred Tennyson,

- sports stars such as David Beckham, Martina Navratilova, and Elvis Stojko,
- celebrities such as Catherine Zeta-Jones, Jennifer Aniston, and Ashley Judd, and
- politicians and peacemakers such as Mahatma Gandhi, Benjamin Disraeli, and U.S. Presidents Lincoln, Tyler, Hayes, Garfield, Arthur, Harrison, McKinley, Harding, Coolidge, Hoover, and Clinton.

In upcoming posts of this series on basic homeopathy, I'll explain the Law of Cure, the Law of Suppression, differences between homeopathy and herbalism, using single remedies versus multi-remedy formulas and more!

*Have you tried homeopathy?*