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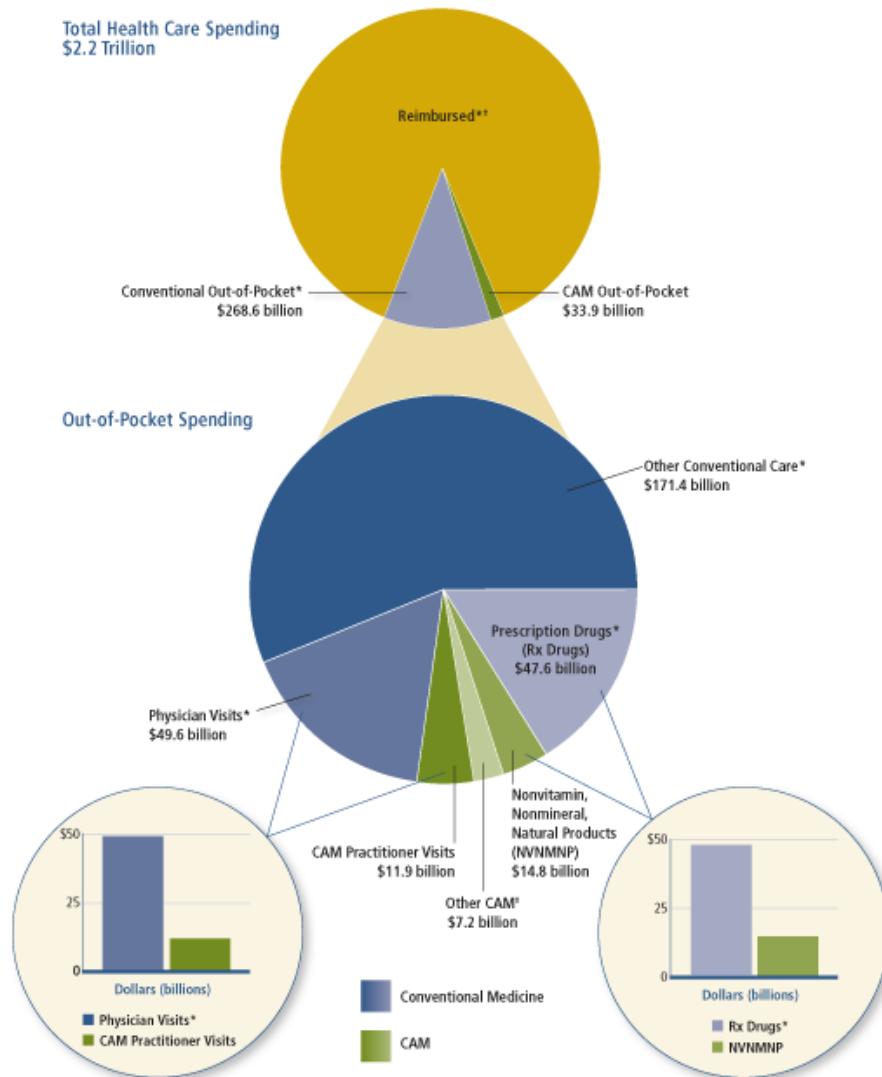
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U.S.A. Spend \$ 33.9 Billion on Complementary and Alternative Medicine

According to 2007 National Health Interview Survey(NHIS), about 38% of US adults uses certain complementary and alternative medicine with the total out-of-pocket expense of \$ 33.9 Billion. Although \$ 33.9 Billion accounts for only 1.5% of total medical expense, it amounts to 11.2% of medical expense in cash in the U.S.



* National Health Expenditure Data for 2007. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Web site. Accessed at: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalHealthExpendData/02_NationalHealthAccountsHistorical.asp#TopOfPage on June 25, 2009.
 † Reimbursed spending includes employer and individual private insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, State Children's Health Insurance Program, other private and public spending, and some CAM.
 ‡ Other CAM includes yoga, tai chi, qi gong classes; homeopathic medicine; and relaxation techniques.

Korea: Standard on Disposable Aseptic Acupuncture Needle

On August 20th, No.2009-0434 document about KSP730 industry standard on disposable aseptic acupuncture needle was declared by Technical Standard Department of Knowledge Economy Ministry. Size, material, quality, experimentation, cover, and marking method of disposable aseptic acupuncture needle made by stainless steel were defined by the standard.

China's Enterprises Are Welcomed to Russia

“Despite global economic crisis, medial market in Russia expands rather than diminishes. With many favorable policies, we welcome China’s enterprises to come to Russia to buy or invest in our pharmaceutical factories,” says commissioner of Quality Supervision Bureau from the Ministry of Health, Russia, on symposium themed Sino-Russia medical policies on August 15. He says that many Indian enterprises have set up pharmaceutical factories in Russia, so he hopes Chinese enterprises would do so too.

America: Acupuncture Was Excluded

Part of the medical insurance program such as acupuncture has been canceled from Medi-Cal since July 1st, which is considered to be unfair by Chinese-American Chinese Medicine practitioner.

The government low down the welfare of low-income medical program since

July 1st, including acupuncture, adult dentistry, audition medicine, chiropractic treatment, ointment and lotion to fecal and urinary incontinence, ophthalmology and optometry service, podiatry, psychology and language therapy.

General Introduction about Scientific Research Programs Requirements for CAM

On Feb 17th 2009, President Obama signed *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009*, as one of the participator for this act, National Institute of Health, received the fund budget from 2009 to 2010, and appropriate at least 200 million USD of program funds for Medical care and scientific research program of NIH. The program mainly supports study of biology, behavior medicine, and medical care with the profits in two years since its initiation. The program includes study on somato-psycho therapy, and acupuncture of CMA, the related factors for their effect and evaluation.

The 11th Coordination Committee Congress of Korean-Chinese Cooperation on Traditional Medicine Held in Kunming

On June 22nd, The 11th Coordination Committee Congress of Korean-Chinese Cooperation on Traditional Medicine held in Kunming, China, Korean and Chinese delegations got a consensus and signed the MOU. In the future, both China and Korea will further strengthen information exchange on traditional medicine administration including policies, mid/long term plan and regulatory measurements on medial service, etc.

WHO Establishing NCD Net for Non-Communicable (Chronic) Diseases

In July 2009, EU Economic and Social Council session was held in Geneva, with a appeal that NCD and chronic injury should be brought into Monitoring and Evaluation system of Millennium Development Goals. On July 8th, WHO introduced the Global Non-communicable Disease Network with composition of main medical institution and experts around the world, and integration of cancer, cardiovascular disease, DM, respiratory disease, and tobacco control, healthy diet, exercise. Integration of all institution and experts can enhance the prevention of non-communicable diseases and international cooperative partnership to reduce the governments' burden for all these diseases. The network aims at prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, improvement of funds availability and promotion of effective actions of national or international stakeholders.

EBM Evidence for Chinese Herbs Treating Chemotherapy Side Effects

Cochrane library, established by Cochrane cooperation network, is the authority EBM database, which can provide most the data. The database of systemic evaluation is gold standard with strict and fair method for the effect study of medical care, prevention, treatment and rehabilitation.

There are more than 100 papers about efficiency of Chinese medicine with systemic evaluation, among which, two papers indicate that Chinese herbs can reduce the chemotherapy side effect of rectal and breast cancers.

Singapore: New Research on Herbal Medicine

The new research on herbal medicine jointly conducted by Medicine Commission in the central hospital of Singapore and Baozhongtang TCM center in the central hospital has stepped into the stage of clinical experiment, Mr. Wu Hanshen, the president of Medicine Commission reveals.

This joint research project is signed by Health Service Corp. in Singapore and Development Center of Shanghai Shengkang hospital in March last year.

Mr. Wu says the first research subjects are three rare illnesses: myelodysplastic syndrome, aplastic anemia and platelet reduction.

China Ginseng Export Ranked Second

In spite of the global economic crisis in high swing, global market for ginseng never diminishes. Ginseng export volume in major ginseng exporting countries and regions skyrockets from this January to April with diminished prices. China's export volume climbs to the second in the world.

Major ginseng exporting market for China is Japan, Hong Kong and U.S, with Japan and Hong Kong taking up over 50% of market share. China's export volume for Japan increases rapidly from January to April, up 180% and 127% in March and April respectively compared with the last month.

With several years of rapid development, the quality of ginseng in China improved dramatically. It is expected that the increasing trend of export will remain in 2009.

Internationalization of Fuzheng Huayu Tablets

Two years ago, Fuzheng Huayu Tablets has got approval from FDA of America to implement Clinical Trail II for Hepatitis C fibrosis with Fuzheng Huayu Tablets. Recently Shanghai Modern Technology development of Chinese Medicine CO. Ltd announced that: this patent medicine, with the function of tonifying the body and removing stasis, has also got the approval from ethnic committee, San Diego School of Medicine, University of California, for the clinical trail. It is the first Chinese patent medicine, which got the ethnic approval for clinical trail.