A Glance at Use and Prevalence of Complementary and Alternative Medicine in Other Countries Based on the Last Statistical Surveys

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Abstract:

Studies have shown that application of complementary and alternative medicine is increasing in many countries. Statistical analyses have been performed to investigate how prevalent complementary and alternative medicine is employed and what the purpose of its application is. The results of these analyses explain the prevalence and variety of complementary and alternative medicine application among populations of different societies and have an important role in future programs of health systems. In this report, we address the results of some studies carried out in some countries.

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