

Study on wisdom of traditional healer employing sanding medicine in northeast Thailand (Poster)

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Introduction

Folk medicine in the Northeast region of Thailand is an experimental medicine. It developed from many factors such as history, geography, and culture to become local knowledge. Herbalists are one group of healer that use many different methods for preparing herbal remedies.

Objectives

To identify the natural materials used by healer employing sanding medicine to treat health conditions and determine the methods used to prepare these remedies.

Methods

In-depth study was conducted among healers to explore their concepts of health care and role as a local health care provider. The two main methods are sanding and boiling. The type of preparation used depend on the health condition and demographics of the patient. Sanding medicine can be easily and quickly prepared and used for both internal and external medicine. Many symptoms were recorded such as fever, gastrointestinal disease, respiratory tract disease, gynecological disease, dermatological disease and veterinary disease.

Results

Sanding medicine requires a culture process and taboos for both the healer and patient. Plants, animal and minerals are used in the formulas. The plant parts include root, heartwood, bark and seed. Animal parts are bone, horn, and shell. Minerals are rock sediments and natural elements. These raw materials are collected from the nearby forests and mountains.

Conclusion

In the part, were many expert herbalists who used sanding medicine in every village but the their wisdom is now in danger of disappearing.

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