

# Call to action: Traditional, complementary and integrative health COVID-19 support registry

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The new, global Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Health and Medicine (TCIHM) COVID-19 Support Registry aims to capture key information on the case, treatment/supportive care, and outcome variables related to the use of integrative health products and practices in patients in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. A Call to Action describing the need for, purpose of, and intended use of the Registry is published in *JACM*, *The Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine*.

*JACM* Editor-in-Chief John Weeks issued the ["Call to Action: Announcing the Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Health and Medicine COVID-19 Support Registry"](#) to help launch the resource that was created by a global network of researchers. The registry is already backed by over a dozen [practitioner](#) organizations. While there remains no high-quality evidence to support integrative practices and natural agents against the virus, practitioners and consumers are experimenting with multiple natural health products and practices that existing evidence suggests might have preventive, supportive, complementary, or rehabilitative value.

The Registry is housed at the Portland, OR-based Helfgott Research Institute. Led by multiple NIH grant awardee Ryan Bradley, ND, MPH, Helfgott's Director and an Associate Professor in the University of Washington College of Pharmacy, the Registry is anticipated to help characterize such care, report indications of potential value or harm, and serve as the basis of hypotheses for potentially promising treatments and protocols for COVID-19 management.

*JACM* Editor-in-Chief John Weeks states: "Non-biomedical strategies are widely in use relative to COVID-19. Governments in India, China, and elsewhere are promoting traditional methods for COVID-19. Governments in the West are silent or antagonistic, yet millions of their citizens and their practitioners are experimenting. In the midst of this, the Chinese government is crediting the apparently relatively quick turn-around in that country to the integration of traditional Chinese medicine with conventional biomedicine in 90% of their patients. If widely utilized, the Registry will cast needed light on strategies for COVID-19 and may prove useful for managing future health issues. We urge all traditional and integrative practitioners to

participate. Why leave this stone unturned?"

**More information:** John Weeks, Call to Action: Announcing the Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Health and Medicine COVID-19 Support Registry, *The Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine* (2020). DOI: [10.1089/acm.2020.29083.jjw](https://doi.org/10.1089/acm.2020.29083.jjw)

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