

Studies and Meta-analyses of studies show no evidence of a correlation between homeopathic treatment and improved outcomes for patients.

The availability of these products and misleading information as to their efficacy causes people with ailments to put off seeing a primary health care provider with the false hope that Homeopathy may assist. This delay in receiving primary care greatly increases the risk and severity and in a number of causes has allowed cancers to metastasize.

The ability for an ineffective treatment to be advertised as effective and be distributed by inconstantly trained people is a risk to the population. What little placebo effect these patients are obtaining, could as easily be achieved with a prescribed placebo, and at least the patient would have seen a physician.

There is an abundance of peer reviewed studies that show Homeopathy to be ineffective, and no peer reviewed studies (reviewed by Doctors, with Doctorates) that show efficacy.

That these products and the providers of them are allowed to claim efficacy for health care is a travesty, any 'medicine' claiming health benefits should be managed exactly as medicines are managed requiring rigorous study, and double blind testing for efficacy, lacking that they should not be able to be distributed with any healthcare claim.

I strongly recommend that for the health of the country the panel moves forward with Option 4. But at the very least ensure any claim regarding efficacy be rigorously proven before distribution.

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