Complementary Medicine

Its Place in Primary Care - GENX 826

This is a 15 point paper that can be credited towards the Postgraduate Diploma in General Practice.

Study of this paper will equip GPs with the knowledge base to help their patients make informed health care choices in relation to complementary therapies.

STUDENTS WILL GAIN:

- An overview of non-conventional treatment options available in the primary healthcare sector and of reasons patients give for using them.

- Understanding of the different health care perspectives that underlie complementary practices and how they fit with general medical practice.

- Knowledge about existing research of complementary therapies, how to access evidence-based information and what the specific challenges are for research in this field.

- Understanding of the legal and regulatory environment for complementary practices in NZ.

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