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PREFACE

In December 2014, in an omnibus budget measure signed by President Obama, Congress changed the name of the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) to the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH) (NCCIH, 2015a). The editors and contributors of this volume welcome this change since it reflects the center's commitment to enhance public and scientific understanding of alternative, complementary, and integrative health practices, instead of only medical practices. Throughout this book, both names NCCAM and NCCIH will be utilized, depending on the terminology used by the bibliographical sources consulted.

This book emphasizes a new understanding of complementary and alternative medicine (CAM). It reflects an emphasis on complementary, alternative, and integrative health (CAIH) while recognizing the value that the term *CAM* has brought historically to our understanding of alternative models of care. In this book, the acronym CAM is replaced by CAIH to reflect the current understanding of complementary and integrative health. The acronym CAM will be utilized only when the bibliographical references consulted for this publication used that term.

Various names were considered for the title of this book, one of them being "Integrative, Complementary, and Traditional Health Practices," a term used by the American Public Health Association for one of its professional sections (2015). A second potential title was "Complementary, Alternative, and Integrative Health Care," which was used by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine, 2015). A third potential title was "Complementary and Integrative Medicine," which was used by the Mayo Clinic (2015) and the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center (2015). Also considered was "Traditional and Complementary Medicine," used by the World Health Organization (WHO) in its 2013 document, "WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy 2014-2023." The editors chose to embrace the vision of the NCCIH and provide a more comprehensive perspective by using the term complementary, alternative, and integrative health, which places the emphasis on health and wellness rather than on the medical model. Although NCCIH refers to these practices as complementary and

integrative health (CIH) approaches, the editors of this book added the word *alternative* in the acronym to acknowledge that consumers still use some of these practices as alternative forms of care.

In this book, the term *CAIH* is used to transition consumers and health professionals to the new terminology that may guide research and evidencebased practice in the future. Our hearts and scientific discovery remain committed to enhance the understanding of complementary, alternative, and integrative health approaches.

Why a Book on CAIH?

Multiple books have been published on CAM, but very few have captured the recent changes in the NCCIH and the new terms associated with traditional, complementary, alternative, and integrative health. This book responds to the need to train customers and health professionals on these recent changes. The editors and authors of this publication hope that this book begins to address this need.

This book also emphasizes the importance of the multicultural perspective of CAIH approaches. Multiple chapters of this book discuss the use of CAIH and CAM practices among various ethnic and cultural groups. Some sections emphasize the relevance of the concepts for health educators, since the editors are Master Certified Health Education Specialists and since all health professionals have a responsibility to educate the public on health-related issues.

Another reason for the publication of this book is the increasing use of complementary, alternative, and integrative health approaches worldwide and in the United States. Data from the WHO (2004) show that up to 80% of people in developing countries use traditional medicine as a primary source of healthcare. In the United States, results from the 2012 National Health Interview Survey indicated that 33.2% of US adults and 11.6% of US children age 4 to 17 used complementary health approaches (Clarke et al., 2015; NCCIH, 2015b). Despite their wide usage, however, CAIH and CAM practices continue to be misunderstood, are not always regulated, and are controversial among US healthcare practitioners.

A common concern expressed by detractors of CAIH is the lack of "scientific evidence" for many of the claims made by proponents, concerns that are heightened only by charlatans who sometimes employ deceptive marketing practices to lure unsuspecting consumers to try treatments that may in fact place their health status at risk. Proponents of CAIH point to the increasing body of evidence that supports the use of certain modalities such as acupuncture and tout fewer side effects as a reason for its use. Despite continuing controversies, there is agreement that more information is needed; that healthcare providers ought to be better versed in CAIH; and that consumers and healthcare providers must increase their communication related to CAIH. Currently, several efforts are under way to address these issues.

In the year 2000, WHO released the *General Guidelines for Method*ologies on Research and Evaluation of Traditional Medicine in an effort to maximize the proper utilization of traditional medicine, as well as to provide guidelines for research and evaluation initiatives on this topic. This official WHO publication set the framework for the scientific evaluation of CAIH and CAM and provided ethical guidelines for its evaluation and implementation.

In the United States, the need to improve communication between patients and providers has resulted in advocacy efforts to achieve that goal with very specific results. An important step in improving such communication is to train future generations of health professionals on CAIH. Howell (2012), a reporter from the Association of American Medical Colleges, discussed the value of incorporating CAM into the curriculum of medical schools to empower doctors to actively discuss with their patients the use of CAM. According to Howell, the emphasis on incorporating CAM training for health professionals began when the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine launched the CAM Education Project in 1999.

This book aims to be a resource for students and health professionals to better understand CAIH approaches and translate that knowledge into more effective communication patterns with consumers. It is imperative that healthcare practitioners, including health educators, better understand the most common CAIH practices employed by individuals, since research results indicate that some populations employ CAM along with, and in some cases in lieu of, allopathic treatments. In addition, patients do not always reveal this information to their healthcare providers (NCCIH, 2015c).

Key Features of This Book

This book uses the acronym CAIH, which stands for complementary, alternative, and integrative health. This acronym collectively refers to common names used in the past and new emerging terms. The use of this acronym represents an attempt to reach consensus on the terminology to be used since there are multiple terms associated with the fields of traditional healing, alternative medicine, and integrative health, which can be confusing to both consumers and professionals alike. These terms show the transformation of the concepts and the evolution of our understanding of these fields. This book is based on the WHO's definition of complementary/alternative medicine, which is "the sum total of the knowledge, skills, and practices based on the theories, beliefs, and experiences indigenous to different cultures, whether explicable or not, used in the maintenance of health as well as in the prevention, diagnosis, improvement or treatment of physical and mental illness" (n.d., p. 1).

Since the classification of CAM therapies has varied throughout the years, this book groups CAM therapies into the divisions originally suggested by the NCCAM and integrates the new divisions currently proposed by the NCCIH. Initially, NCCAM (2014) divided CAM modalities into five categories: (1) alternative medical systems, (2) mind-body interventions, (3) biologically based treatments, (4) manipulative and body-based methods, and (5) energy therapies. Later, NCCAM grouped CAM practices into four categories: (1) natural products, (2) mind and body medicine, (3) manipulative and body-based practices, and (4) other CAM practices. This classification was revised again, and in 2015, NCCIH (2015b) divided complementary health approaches into three subgroups: (1) natural products, (2) mind and body practices, and (3) other complementary health approaches.

Most of the chapters in this book were written by a team of CAM practitioners and academicians working on CAIH. The combination of the real-life experience provided by CAM practitioners and the scientific approach given by university professors and other academicians in CAIH provides a unique approach to the reader's understanding of CAIH and CAM.

This edited volume is designed to provide a foundation to CAIH healing practices. It explores proven methods and provides a framework for questioning the efficacy of CAIH while exploring its use within a cross-cultural framework. Six chapters are dedicated to the exploration of CAIH in the racial and ethnic groups most commonly found in the United States. Since the current literature uses the term *CAM*, each chapter describes the CAM practices most often used by the selected racial and ethnic groups. A section titled "*Caveat Emptor*" is included in each chapter to remind readers that questions persist about CAIH and CAM. This book does not provide a detailed list of practices in each group, as doing so would take an entire encyclopedia. In addition to the racial/ethnic-specific chapters, the authors explore the most commonly used treatment methods and provide information on research literature to back up or deny their claims.

Each chapter in this book includes the following main sections: Learning Objectives, Introduction, Theoretical Concepts, Consumer Issues, Implications for Health Professionals, *Caveat Emptor*, Conclusion, Summary, Case Study, Key Terms, and References. A major emphasis of this book is the impact of the Affordable Care Act on CAIH practices. This topic is included primarily in the "Implications for Health Professionals" sections. The "*Caveat Emptor*" sections include regulatory and practical realities related to licensing and credentialing of healers in the corresponding chapter topics. The final chapter discusses the foundation for a new way of thinking about complementary and alternative medicine in the 21st century.

A basic premise of this publication is the inclusion of educational strategies designed to allow readers to critically analyze and evaluate CAIH practices, their impact in the healthcare system, and their association with the Affordable Care Act. In addition to a discussion on the different CAIH practices, each book chapter contains two sections designed to promote a better understanding of the practices included in the chapter. The "Summary" sections emphasize the main issues and concepts regarding traditional healing practices particularly relevant to each cultural and ethnic group. Similarly, the "Case Study" sections are designed to challenge the reader to be a critical consumer of CAIH services by analyzing a situation in light of the information contained in the chapter.

The editors hope that the information contained in this book helps improve the lives of consumers who read it. Consumers need to understand that much needs to be learned about the effective and safe use of nonmainstream healthcare practices including interactions with allopathic treatments. The purpose of this book is to provide a critical analysis of nonallopathic healing practices in the United States, their uses and limitations.

The editors also hope that the information contained herein be used to deliver more efficient and culturally appropriate healthcare services. It is hoped that US healthcare professionals, including health educators, will better understand the reasons, applications, and cultural context of CAIH practices.

An instructor's supplement is available at www.wiley.com/go/ pinzonperez. Additional materials, such as videos, podcasts, and readings, can be found at www.josseybasspublichealth.com. Comments about this book are invited and can be sent to publichealth@wiley.com.

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CHAPTER 1

EXPLORING COMPLEMENTARY, ALTERNATIVE, AND INTEGRATIVE HEALTH

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Today's health economics often drives the cost of modern medications, treatments, and therapies. Increasingly, these dynamics polarize the patient-consumer roles and alienate patients in the same system from which they seek care. Patients diagnosed with chronic disease, or illnesses, are particularly vulnerable to the economics of healthcare. For example, issues such as polypharmacy significantly escalate the cost of care for patients. As a result, patients are driven to seek other alternatives. Consequently, healthcare practitioners and health educators, whose patients have begun to explore more self-regulated and less expensive options afforded through complementary, alternative, and integrative health (CAIH) approaches, increasingly find themselves in need of knowledge related to these models of care. In today's society, these modalities can represent a more accessible treatment option and a lower financial burden for already economically challenged and chronically ill consumers.

Despite a young and limited body of formal research, as well as mixed conclusions regarding treatment efficacy, several motivations have fueled the patient/consumer's desire to use complementary and alternative treatments

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the completion of this chapter, students will be able to:

- Understand the importance of complementary, alternative, and integrative health (CAIH) and complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) in today's society.
- Differentiate current controversies between traditional medicine and complementary, alternative, and integrative therapies.
- Discuss strategies to bridge the gap between allopathic medicine and CAIH modalities.
- Provide an overview of CAM under the guidelines of the Affordable Care Act.

for addressing physical problems and for maintaining good health. This chapter explores the reasons patients/consumers are driven to engage in CAIH practices and the factors that have led to the continued historical prevalence of complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) use. It also provides a contemporary overview of CAIH, a discussion of modern controversies surrounding CAM, and the need for healthcare providers to increase their education related to CAIH modalities.

Throughout this chapter and the others in this book, the names National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) and National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH) are both utilized due to the 2014 name change of the major federal organization related to CAIH and CAM in the United States. In addition, the term *Complementary, Alternative, and Integrative Health* will be used under the acronym CAIH to reflect an emphasis on health and wellness.

In this book, the acronym CAM is replaced by CAIH to adhere to the current emphasis on complementary and integrative health. Although NCCIH refers to these practices as complementary and integrative health (CIH) approaches, the editors of this book added the word *Alternative* in the acronym to acknowledge that consumers are still using some of these practices as alternative forms of care.

While we recognize the value that the denomination CAM (Complementary and Alternative Medicine) has brought historically to our understanding of traditional health and alternative models of care, the acronym CAM is currently being abandoned and will only be utilized in this book when used by the bibliographical references consulted for this publication. For additional clarification on the terms used in this book, please read the preface.

Theoretical Concepts

The National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM), known since December 2014 as the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH), is the leading federal agency on CAIH approaches in the United States. It is one of the 27 institutes and centers of the National Institutes of Health within the US Department of Health and Human Services. Its mission is to "define, through rigorous scientific investigation, the usefulness and safety of complementary and integrative health interventions and their roles in improving health and health care" (NCCIH, 2015a). Throughout this book, both names (NCCAM and NCCIH) will appear according to the term used by the bibliographical references.

The NCCIH (2015a) defined *integrative health* as the incorporation of complementary approaches into mainstream healthcare, bringing conventional and complementary modalities together in a coordinated way. *CAM* is defined as the integration of biomedicine, complementary, and alternative modalities used together with safety and efficacy (NCCAM, 2009). According to NCCIH (2015a), "complementary" medicine is when a nonmainstream practice is used together with conventional medicine; "alternative" medicine is when a nonmainstream practice is used in place of conventional medicine.

Complementary, alternative, and integrative health is a term that includes complementary, alternative, and integrative approaches to prevent and manage disease as well as to maintain or restore health and wellness. This term is congruent with the 2014 name change of the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine to the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health. The NCCIH (2015a) defines complementary health approaches as practices and products of nonmainstream origin.

The classification of CAM therapies by the NCCAM and the NCCIH has varied throughout the years. Initially, NCCAM divided CAM modalities into five categories:

- 1. Alternative medical systems
- 2. Mind-body interventions
- 3. Biologically based treatments
- 4. Manipulative and body-based methods
- 5. Energy therapies

Later, NCCAM (2014) grouped CAM practices into four categories:

- 1. Natural products
- 2. Mind and body medicine
- 3. Manipulative and body-based practices
- 4. Other CAM practices

This classification was revised again. The NCCIH (2015a) divided complementary health approaches into three subgroups:

- 1. Natural products
- 2. Mind and body practices
- 3. Other complementary health approaches

Natural products include products such as herbs, botanicals, vitamins, minerals, probiotics, and dietary supplements. Mind and body practices include procedures and techniques such as yoga, chiropractic and osteo-pathic manipulation, meditation, massage therapy, acupuncture, tai chi, qi gong, healing touch, hypnotherapy, movement therapies (Feldenkrais method, Alexander technique, Pilates, Rolfing Structural Integration, and Trager psychophysical integration), and relaxation techniques (breathing exercises, guided imagery, and progressive muscle relaxation). Other complementary health approaches include traditional healers, ayurvedic medicine, traditional Chinese medicine, naturopathy, and homeopathy (NCCIH, 2015a).

Complementary, Alternative, and Integrative Approaches and CAM in Contemporary US Society and around the World

It is important for healthcare practitioners to have knowledge regarding the wide range of treatment modalities associated with CAIH. Understanding the role of CAIH in health management can be a powerful tool for practitioners and consumers. CAIH therapies can be instrumental in disease prevention and treatment. For this reason, many consumers are showing increasing preference for such practices that used to be called CAM (NCCAM, 2008).

Understanding or assisting patients in integrating CAIH modalities into their healthcare does not necessarily indicate acceptance on the part of the health educator or healthcare practitioner. Rather, it indicates a willingness to allow patients to have more autonomy and control over their care.

There has been an expansion of wellness programs in the United States over the last few decades, and many of these programs utilize CAIH modalities. Increasingly, such modalities have appealed to the US population because of some promising findings for improved health and wellness (Gebhardt & Crump, 1990). The concept of health awareness enabled people to be more proactive and responsible for their own health. Wellness programs, which surfaced decades ago, offered incentives to employees who chose to live healthier lifestyles and included initiatives such as weight loss and smoking cessation programs (Erfurt, Foote, & Heirich, 1992).

Other venues beyond the work setting also began in the 1990s to promote health and wellness programs for populations. Research reinforced the value of wellness programs by showing that they could improve health and, in some cases, reverse chronic conditions. Many occupational settings,