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ABSTRACT

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Introduction: Inflammation is often a component of chronic pain, yet its potential role in fibromyalgia syndrome (FMS) remains inconclusive. FMS is a complex chronic pain condition affecting ~2% of the population; management is challenging and treatment options remain limited. Many herbs contain antiinflammatory properties, and herbs indicated for analgesia and rheumatic conditions have traditionally been used in Appalachia. Despite the popularity of herbs in the US, determinants and patterns of herbal use with regard to pain management have not been well studied, particularly in Appalachia, where prevalence of chronic pain and related comorbid conditions is high and access to medical care is often reduced. In this series of three studies, we investigate the: 1) relation of FMS to serum C-reactive protein (CRP) in a large Appalachian population; 2) demographic, lifestyle, and health-related correlates of herbs and other complementary health approaches (CHAs) used for pain in a sample of Appalachian chronic pain patients, using a newly developed survey instrument; and, 3) the relation of herbal supplement use to FMS in two nationally representative samples of U.S. adults (NHIS 2007 and 2012), as well as trends in patterns of herbal use over time.

Methods: All participants completed comprehensive health surveys in these three cross-sectional studies. To investigate the relation between diagnosed FMS and serum levels of the proinflammatory marker CRP (**Study 1**), we used data on 52,535 adult Ohio Valley residents (FMS =1,125), collected in 2005-2006 as part of the C8 Health Project. Medical history, including physician diagnosis of FMS, was ascertained via self-report. To determine the correlates and patterns of herbal and other CHAs used specifically for pain in an Appalachian chronic pain population (**Study 2**), we collected data on 301 patients from four WV pain and rheumatology clinics using our newly developed survey instrument, the Complementary Health Approaches for Pain Survey (CHAPS) (2014-2016); correlates relating specifically to pain were measured using the Short-Form Global Pain Scale (SF-GPS). To assess the relation of diagnosed FMS to herbal supplement use (at 30 days, past 12 months, and ever) and to examine potential changes in the patterns of use over time (**Study 3**), we used data from the 2007 and 2012 National Health Interview Surveys (NHIS) (N = 20127 and N = 30672 adults, respectively). Logistic and linear regression (complete-case analysis) were used to examine associations and to evaluate the potential modifying influence of gender and number of health conditions; multivariate models were adjusted for an array of demographic, lifestyle, and health factors. To account for missing data (Study 2), we also conducted additional sensitivity analyses using multiple imputation.

Results: ***Study 1.*** In this large Appalachian population, mean serum CRP was significantly higher among participants reporting a diagnosis of FMS than those without FMS (5.54± 9.8 vs.3.75±7.2 mg/L, $p<0.0001$)). CRP serum level showed a strong, positive association with FMS (unadjusted OR for highest vs. lowest quartile=2.5 (CI 2.1,3.0; P for trend($p<0.0001$); adjustment for demographics and lifestyle factors attenuated but did not eliminate this association (adjusted odds ratio (AOR) for highest vs. lowest quartile = 1.4, (CI 1.1, 1.6). The addition of body mass index (BMI) and comorbidities to the model further weakened the relationship between CRP and FMS (AORs, respectively, for highest vs lowest CRP quartile=1.2 (CI 1.0,1.4) and 1.1 (CI 0.9, 1.3), suggesting that these factors may partially explain the observed associations. ***Study 2***: In our sample of 301 WV chronic pain patients, 8% reported using herbs and 58.8% reported using other CHAs, including mind-body practices (28.9%),; acupuncture, manipulative treatments, massage, and/or movement therapies (28.1%), and non-herbal dietary supplements (53.6%). Herbal use in this sample was marginally, inversely associated with age (OR

adjusted for education=0.97 (CI 0.94,1.01) and positively associated with education (OR adjusted for age=4.94 (CI 1.6,15.3); Herbal use also showed strong positive associations with use of other CHAs ((AOR=11.5 (CI 1.5,87.9); specific CHA AORs ranging from 2.4 to 10.3). Use of other CHAs was marginally, inversely associated with age (OR adjusted for education/exercise=0.98 (CI 0.96,1.0), and significantly and positively associated with education and physical activity (AOR's for Bachelor's+ vs. <HS/GED= 2.7 (CI 1.1,6.4; Exercise per 30 min p/w increment = 1.14 (CI 1.01,1.3); concomitant use of other CHAs was significantly and positively associated with all CHA categories after adjustment for multiple confounders. Neither herbal use nor CHA use overall was associated with pain severity or use of prescription medications. Sensitivity analyses using multiple imputation did not appreciably change any observed associations. ***Study 3***. Prevalence of diagnosed FMS was significantly higher in 2012 compared to 2007 (1.7% vs. 1.3%), whereas reported use of herbs declined from 57 to 41% for ever use ($p < 0.0001$). In both nationally representative samples of US adults (NHIS 2007, 2012), adults with FMS were significantly more likely to use herbs at 30 days, 12 months, or ever relative to adults without FMS; these positive associations remained highly significant even after controlling for a broad array of demographic, lifestyle, and health-related factors (Ranges: 2007 AOR's = 2.3 – 2.7; 2012 AOR's = 1.5 – 1.6; p's<.0001).

Conclusion: Results of these studies suggest that 1) FMS is positively associated with serum CRP, an association that may be largely explained by obesity and comorbidity, suggesting the role of inflammation in this chronic pain syndrome may be complex 2) CHA use specifically for pain in chronic pain patients in northern WV is high, and although overall reported use of herbs for pain is low, many herbs were reported by those disclosing herbal use; and 3) the use of herbs is strongly and positively associated with FMS diagnosis. Further prospective research is needed to confirm these findings, to further explore the role of inflammation in FMS to further investigate the patterns and determinants of herbal and related CHA use in FMS and other chronic pain populations, including those in Appalachia and other poor, underserved areas.

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CHAPTER 1: Project overview

Introduction

Fibromyalgia, a Chronic Pain Syndrome

Impact of Chronic Pain Syndromes

Chronic pain, defined as ongoing or recurrent pain, lasts beyond the usual course of acute illness or injury for more than three to six months, and is both debilitating and costly. Over 20% of adults may eventually experience chronic pain (1-3), and as many as 100 million individuals are affected in the United States alone (4). The effects of pain exact tremendous health care costs, rehabilitation and lost worker productivity, as well as the emotional and financial burden placed on patients and their families. The costs of unrelieved pain result in longer hospital stays, increased rates of re-hospitalization, increased outpatient visits, and decreased ability to function fully leading to lost income and insurance coverage; unrelieved chronic pain problems often lead to work disability and maintenance of health insurance (5). Chronic pain costs the U.S. more than $635 billion annually in medical costs and lost productivity, which equates to approximately $2,000 per person in the U.S. The Institute of Medicine stresses the importance of increased research into the translation of effective treatments into practice and into the distribution, prevalence, and burden of pain (6).

Fibromyalgia Syndrome Prevalence & Risk Factors

Fibromyalgia syndrome (FMS) is a non-fatal rheumatologic chronic pain syndrome affecting approximately 0.5-5% of populations in developed countries (7), including 1.75% of those in the U.S. (8). FMS is a "central" pain syndrome characterized by a constellation of somatic symptoms that are typically present in addition to widespread pain (e.g., fatigue, sleep disturbance, memory, and mood problems) (912). FMS is also characterized by morning stiffness, headaches, and increased sensitivity to loud noises, bright lights, and temperature extremes; women with FMS often report painful menstrual periods (13). Although FMS affects both sexes and people of all ages, the majority (80-90%) have been Caucasian (13, 14) middle-aged women (13). Family members of FMS patients are at a higher risk for FMS (15); the cause is unknown.

Between 80 and 90% of people diagnosed with FMS are middle-aged women, although FMS can affect both sexes and people of all ages (13). FMS is similar to many regional pain syndromes in that peripheral or mechanical factors do not contribute, or contribute only minimally to the widespread chronic pain typifying FMS; standard laboratory tests fail to reveal a physiologic reason for the pain experienced (16). The cause of FMS is still poorly understood, and there are currently no diagnostic laboratory tests for FMS, with diagnosis typically based on distribution of pain (with at least 11 of 18 painful 'tenderpoints' for at least 3 months, according to 1990 American College of Rheumatology Diagnostic Criteria (17), and, updated 2010 diagnostic criteria incorporating quality-of-life impact of FMS(17)) and exclusion of other, competing causes of pain. Because there are no established objective tests, and very limited management options for FMS, some doctors may conclude a patient's pain is not real, or they may tell the patient there is little they can do (18).

Etiology of Fibromyalgia Syndrome

While the etiology of FMS is unknown, there may be a number of factors involved. Many people associate the development of FMS with a physically or emotionally stressful or traumatic event, such as an automobile accident or repetitive injuries, while some link it to another illness (11). FMS occurs spontaneously in others, and limited research has investigated if it may be caused by a virus that changes the way the brain perceives pain (11). People with FMS may have abnormal spinal fluid levels of Substance P, a chemical which helps to transmit and amplify pain signals to and from the brain (11). Despite the potential variation in underlying cause(s), however, it is clear that people with FMS have an increased sensitivity to pain. Because genes regulate the way the body processes painful stimuli, people with FMS may have a gene or genes that cause them to react strongly to stimuli that most people would not perceive as painful (19). Several genes have been identified to occur more commonly in FMS patients; studies indicate that women who have a family member with FMS are more likely to have FMS themselves; several cerebrospinal MircoRNAs were recently identified in FMS cases in a small casecontrol study (20). However, it is unknown if heredity is solely responsible, or if shared environmental factors play a role as well. Further research on the perception of pain and related variables among people with FMS is needed.

Like arthritis, FMS is considered a rheumatic condition, a medical condition that impairs the joints and/or soft tissues and causes chronic pain; individuals with higher BMI (21), autoimmune conditions (22), osteoarthritis (23), kidney (24), respiratory (25), cardiovascular (24), liver (26), and endocrine (24) disease, diabetes (27), severe allergies (24) and sinus disease (28), stomach conditions (24, 26), and headache (29) may be more likely to have FMS. Those with FMS are also more likely to have

two or more coexisting pain conditions in addition to FMS, suggesting the plausibility of a common underlying cause; however, shared mechanisms between comorbid conditions and FMS have remained largely unexplored (13).

Role of Inflammation in Chronic Pain Syndromes and Fibromyalgia Syndrome

Chronic pain remains an unresolved problem in human medicine which greatly impairs quality of life and prolongs treatment. Developing and identifying effective therapies is difficult due to the array of mechanisms and signaling pathways through which chronic pain may be generated (30, 31). A common underlying mechanism of chronic pain is the presence of inflammation at the site of the damaged or affected tissue (31), and inflammatory responses in the peripheral and central nervous systems play key roles (32). The release of pro-inflammatory and immunoactive substances such as cytokines (which are chemical messengers and can also be anti-inflammatory), neurotrophic factors, and chemokines initiate local actions and can result in a more generalized immune response by directly activating nociceptive sensory neurons, leading to or promoting the generation of prolonged pathologic pain (33), and, ultimately, to a persistent chronic pain condition (31).

Certain inflammatory cytokines are also involved in nerve-injury/inflammation-induced central sensitization, and are related to the development of contralateral hyperalgesia (an extreme, exaggerated reaction to a stimulus) and allodynia (central pain sensitization following painful, often repetitive stimulation) (33). FMS is a condition that typically causes hyperalgesia and allodynia (34).

Although inflammation, as a characteristic reaction of tissues to injury or disease marked by physical swelling, redness, heat, and pain, is not a classical symptom of FMS (18), further investigation is necessary to rule out the existence of chronic, low-level inflammation among people with FMS. Currently, cytokines are being investigated by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in lab/pre-clinical studies to determine the extent to which chronic pain in FMS patients is associated with the activation of cells in the nervous system (18). The possible link between systemic inflammation and FMS must be investigated since existing studies suffer from limited generalizability and potential misclassification bias. Some of these investigations (35-49), but not others (43, 50) reported increased likelihood of FMS among those with elevated levels of various pro-inflammatory indicators. However, only five of these studies measured C-reactive protein (CRP) (44, 47-49, 51), which is a marker of inflammation that is a commonly ordered lab workup among patients whose symptoms may indicate the presence of FMS (16); Four suggested a positive association between CRP and FMS (44, 47-49). In addition, interpretation of findings in these studies is hindered by small sample sizes. To date, only one large, cross-sectional, population-based study has examined the association of CRP to FMS (48). The study excluded women, and combined FMS with other pain syndromes, rendering assessment of the specific relationship between CRP and FMS

difficult. Thus, the role of inflammatory mediators in FMS also needs to be elucidated by larger, population-based studies.

Current treatments for Fibromyalgia Syndrome

Family physicians, general internists, rheumatologists, and some pain clinics treat those who have FMS (13). However, not all physicians are familiar with FMS and its treatment. Therefore, some FMS patients experience difficulty in receiving diagnosis and consistent care for their symptoms. Treatment for FMS and other chronic pain conditions is often poorly handled.

Although there is 'gold' level evidence (Cochrane) that supervised aerobic exercise training has beneficial effects on physical capacity and FMS symptoms (52), and some evidence that cognitive behavioral therapy may provide a small incremental benefit in reducing pain, negative mood and disability at the end of FMS symptom treatment and at long-term follow-up (53) (Appendix A), people with FMS are typically treated with pain medicines, antidepressants (54), muscle relaxants, and sleep medicines (11). Often, neuromodulators (substances which alter the way nerves communicate with each other, affecting the overall activity level of the brain, potentially reducing the amount of pain (55)) and anti-epileptics are used for treating FMS. These and other drugs used to treat FMS carry significant side effects and include Gabapentin (56), Fluoxetine (57), Pramipexole (57), Amitriptyline (54), Duloxetine (58, 59), and Tramadol plus Paracetamol (57). Although three drugs (Lyrica, Cymbalta, and Savella) have been approved by the FDA for treatment, they also carry significant side effects (57, 60, 61), and the mechanism by which these drugs produce their effects is unknown. For some FMS patients, these drugs are not effective (11). Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs) inhibit prostaglandins, which play a role in pain and inflammation; these are given as treatment for FMS symptoms (18), but carry significant side effects for as many as 25% of long-term users (62).

For a subset of people with FMS, narcotic medications are prescribed for severe muscle pain. However, concrete evidence is lacking regarding the efficacy of narcotics for the management of chronic pain for the majority of those with FMS. Many doctors hesitate to prescribe narcotics for long-term use because of the potential that the person taking them will become physically or psychologically dependent on them (18). However, more than four-fifths of FMS patients receive opioid therapy (63); Because specific recommended treatments for this chronic disease are highly variable, a consensus on effective treatment for the disease is not known (64-66). Pharmaceuticals used for other diseases may be prescribed as treatment for FMS, but there is limited quality research to support this practice, particularly regarding Phenytoin (67), Clonazepam (68), Carbamazepine (61, 69), Topiramate (70), Pirlindole (71), Valproate (61, 72), Lamotrigine (61, 73), Lacosamide (61, 74), and lastly, the narcotic Oxycodone (75).

Complementary Health Approaches (CHA) are often used by those with chronic pain. Further, the American College of Rheumatology suggests that people with FMS consider non-drug treatments in addition to their pharmaceutical approaches, and that certain CHAs may be helpful in managing FMS symptoms. However, many of these treatments, including herbal dietary supplements, have not been well tested in FMS patients (76-78).

While Mind-Body therapies (a group of CHAs such as meditation, hypnotherapy, relaxation, and guided imagery) may improve self-efficacy, quality of life, and pain for people with FMS, systematic reviews and meta-analyses on other treatments for FMS indicate a need for further research in the areas of acupuncture (79), multidisciplinary rehabilitation for musculoskeletal disorders (a commonly used intervention) (80), resistance training (81), and traditional Chinese medicine (82). We attempted to conduct a meta-analysis in December 2014 to assess if herbal use (including Eastern or Western) was simply a placebo effect for FMS treatment. The inclusion criteria were randomized clinical trials only including FMS patients, compared herbs with placebo or pharmacological therapies, and included clinical outcomes assessing FMS symptom severity and/or pain and/or quality of life. However, no trials met this criteria, indicating a lack of research assessing the potential impact of herbs on FMS.

Opioids: an Imperfect Treatment for Chronic Pain

Over the past decade, the worrisome trend of increased prescription and utilization of opioids for the treatment of chronic nonmalignant pain, including FMS, has emerged (83). Opioid pain relievers—also called prescription painkillers—such as Oxycodone, Hydrocodone, Fentanyl, and Hydromorphone, were responsible for three-fourths of all prescription drug overdose deaths in the United States in 2010 (84). Despite recommendations against the use of opioids for the treatment of FMS, evidence suggests widespread and increasing clinical utilization (85). Recent evidence shows that over four-fifths of FMS patients receive opioid therapy and that treatment using approved medications not only does not reduce this trend but also tends to increase opioid utilization rates (63). Nationally, deaths involving opioids (using age-adjusted data) have more than quadrupled since 1999 (84). West Virginia ranks among the worst states for its health disparities, especially for opioid pain medication misuse and abuse. West Virginia's overdose death rate for 2010 (28.9 per 100,000 population) was more than double the national rate (12.4 per 100,000 population), which has also been climbing over time (86).

Opioid treatment for chronic pain management presents a great challenge in the unique demographic of Appalachia. Many chronic pain patients experience poor treatment outcomes (2). Chronic and malignant pain is difficult to manage, partially due to limited efficacy and negative side effects from conventional medical therapies, but also because some physicians are reluctant to prescribe opioids (6), while others overprescribe them (85). West Virginia has the third highest national ranking for prescription opioid use

in FMS patients (~19.4%) (87); many patients become dependent on opioids, and opioid use and misuse remain an important topic in West Virginia (86).

Understanding the usage and efficacy of other, safer forms of chronic pain treatment are necessary, and may include CHAs. CHA use exists in chronic pain patient populations (88-94), and encompasses a variety of therapeutic modalities not customarily prescribed by medical doctors to treat chronic pain, such as natural products (e.g., herbs, dietary supplements, etc.) and mind and body practices (e.g., yoga, meditation, etc.), as well as the practices of traditional healers, Ayurvedic medicine, Traditional Chinese Medicine, homeopathy, and naturopathy, among other non-mainstream approaches. Most people using CHA approaches use them along with conventional treatments (90, 95, 96), and patients often do not disclose the use of CHAs to their physicians (97, 98); the appropriate role for CHAs in the primary care of chronic pain remains controversial. Physicians disagree with one another and with their patients about the cost, validity, and effectiveness of individual CHAs (99). CHA use may reflect greater autonomy among a population of patients who wish to direct their own health care and are less dependent upon conventional medicine (88), with patients choosing CHAs because of concerns over the safety of conventional medicine (100).

Given the continuing rise in fatalities due to opioid misuse, expanding treatment options for pain is a necessary step in reversing the explosion of deaths on a national- and a state-level for WV. A deeper understanding of the relationship between analgesic CHAs (such as herbs), which may be safer and more well-tolerated than opioids and current pharmaceutical treatments, and the role of inflammation affected by those potential treatments, is warranted.

Herbal Medicine – a Complementary Health Approach (CHA)

The Evolving Definition of Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM)

More than 30 percent of adults and about 12 percent of children use health care approaches developed outside of mainstream Western, or conventional, medicine (88). Surveys have yielded differing conclusions in explaining the increasing popularity of these approaches (88, 89, 101-103). When describing these approaches, people often use the terms “alternative” (If a non-mainstream practice is used *in place of* conventional medicine) and “complementary” (if a non-mainstream practice is used *together with* conventional medicine), and these various approaches (called “therapies” or “modalities” in previous literature) have, until recently, been called “CAM” (Complementary and Alternative Medicine). However, true alternative medicine is uncommon, as most people who use nonmainstream approaches use them along with conventional treatments. Therefore, the National Center for Complimentary and

Integrative Medicine (NCCIH), a division of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), recently suggested the use of the umbrella term "Complementary Health Approaches" in discussing practices and products of non-mainstream origin, and "Integrative Health" when talking about incorporating complementary approaches into mainstream health care (104). 'CAM', therefore, will henceforth be considered "Complementary Health Approaches" (CHA) in this dissertation. Examples of CHA approaches include (but are not limited to) acupuncture, aromatherapy, biofeedback, chiropractic care, energy healing, folk remedies, herbal medicine, homeopathy, hypnosis, imagery and relaxation techniques, lifestyle diet, massage, megavitamins, naturopathy, Reiki, copper bracelets, and yoga (105, 106).

In Integrative Health and self-prompted use of CHAs, treatments are individualized for each patient, and when a practitioner is present, treatments may be individualized for each patient at each session (107). Sufficient anecdotal evidence suggests that many folk cures do produce their anticipated result (108), warranting additional research regarding the efficacy of these treatments. It is clear that CHA usage is popular; in 2007, about $14.8 billion was spent on the purchase of non-vitamin, nonmineral, natural CHA products in the United States (109). According to the 2012 National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), which included a comprehensive questionnaire regarding the use of CHAs by Americans, 17.7% of American adults reported consuming dietary supplements other than vitamins and minerals in the past year, making these products the most popular CHA used in the U.S. (104).

Compared with nonusers, CHA users tend to be women, white, middle-aged, of higher income, and better-educated (90, 106, 110-116). The use of CHA approaches is higher for chronic conditions than for acute conditions (112, 116), and users are more likely to be wellness-oriented (116, 117), with the primary use for health promotion (89, 90, 116, 118).

Definition of Herbal Medicine

Herbs (plant-derived products, also known as 'Botanicals', 'Phytotherapies', 'Phytomedicine', and some 'biologically based therapies') are sometimes used to affect health status through biological activity within the body, and are most often sold as dietary supplements. Herbs are part of the broader CHA group of approaches called 'Natural Products', which also include vitamins and minerals (which are not plant-derived). The use of herbs for potential health benefit is sometimes called 'Herbal medicine' and is part of many 'Folk Medicine' traditions indigenous to specific populations around the world.
Herbs are available for use as supplements, tinctures (alcoholic and non-alcoholic extracts), loose herbs for making teas/infusions/decoctions, and are sometimes prepared as salves or ointments for topical use (119, 120). Some traditional uses indicate the smoking of herbs for health benefit. However, this dissertation does not specifically include the smoking of herbs and will avoid specific investigation of the

herb Marijuana (*Cannabis sativa, indica,* and *ruderalis*) in this proposed project, due to pending legality issues in the U.S. involving its growth, distribution, and use for recreational and health purposes. It is possible that this omission may result in the under-ascertainment of herbal use prevalence. In this research project, herbs will be referred to as "herbs", "herbal supplements", or "herbal medicine" (in lieu of "herbal remedies"), depending on the specific aim of the project.

Herbal medicine is also used as a complement to or as a component of other CHA approaches, including Ayurveda, folk medicine or traditional healing, naturopathy, Traditional Chinese Medicine, and to a lesser degree, specialized diets such as the macrobiotic diet. However, because existing research does not commonly discuss herbal use as a component of other CHA modalities, our aims will utilize and focus on research which relates specifically to the definition set forth by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) National Center for Health Statistics for 'Nonvitamin, nonmineral dietary supplements'; specifically, the latter are defined as herbs or other nonvitamin supplements (including those in pill, capsule, tablet, liquid or other form) that have been labeled as dietary supplements. Whenever discrimination is possible, we will limit our analyses to include only plant-based products (the NIH definition of 'herbs').

Because of the historical value placed on the sharing of herbal knowledge through 'Folklore' and 'Folk Medicine' in Appalachia (defined as a tradition of treating sickness by herbs, ethnic foods, prayers, healing objects, magic and dance ceremonies (121)), these terms will be considered as herbal medicine use in this project whenever it is clear that herbs were part of a healing regimen, to limit possible misclassification bias. Plant materials used for making folk medicines include the roots, bark, wood, sap, and leaves of plants (122).

Many of the top-selling herbs in the US have been subjected to clinical trials in Europe and are currently recognized as beneficial for a range of health conditions by respected international health authorities, including the World Health Organization, The European Scientific Cooperative on Phytomedicine and the German Commission E. (123). However, the vast majority of herbs and their components have yet to be studied; even among relatively well-researched herbs, specific active components have yet to be identified, and potential interactions with other constituents of the herb, other herbs, and pharmaceuticals remain largely unexplored. The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) does not regulate herbal products, and frequently, herbal products contain adulterants and manufacturers make unsubstantiated (and sometimes illegal) claims regarding specific health benefits. However, herbs remain a popular tool for the self-management of health among many people.

History and Prevalence of Herbal Medicine in the United States & Appalachia

Although herbal medicines are considered a CHA in the West, herbal medicine remains a primary source of medicine in many parts of the world, including present day China, India, and many countries in South America and Africa (123). Since aboriginal times, more than one thousand plants have been used for medicines in the United States and Canada. Native American exchanges with European settlers were important contributions to folk medicine (122), and both groups believed that a plant existed for every malady known to humankind (124). In the 1990s, specifically, Complementary and Alternative Medicine ('CAM', the term used before CHA) gained increasing popularity in the United States (90, 91, 106, 125, 126). The prevalence of adults using herbs increased from 2.5% in 1990 to 12.1% in 1997 (106, 125) in some of the earliest U.S. prevalence studies. Several groups also reported relatively high rates of herb and supplement use, including women (125, 127-135), middle aged adults (125, 128, 134), Caucasians (125, 128, 129, 132, 133), Asians (125, 130, 136), and Latinos [106]. One study showed higher herbal supplement use among minority populations (127).

Because we observed varied prevalence rates for herbal use, we conducted a preliminary systematic literature review (Appendix C) assessing the herbal use in the United States general population; our review was restricted to large studies (N≥500) of adults aged at least 18 years and published between 2001-2012, and we excluded studies assessing specific conditions such as diabetes and cardiovascular disease, among others. A total of 32 eligible studies were identified for inclusion. Collectively findings indicated that rates of medicinal herb use averaged 18.1%, ranging from ~5% in a group of physicians (137) to ~38.5% in a sample of Asian Americans (138). African Americans reported the lowest rates of herbal use (15.3%), followed by Hispanics (19.4%) and Non-Hispanic Whites (19.9%) (109, 116, 118, 137-165). Overall mean rates of herbal use were similar to the national prevalence rates for nonvitamin, nonmineral dietary supplement consumption cited in 2002 (18.9%), 2007 (17.7%), and 2012 (17.7%); together, use of herbs and other supplements remains the most popular complementary health approach in the U.S (166). Other gaps identified included a botanical use classification as either too narrow or too broad to enable generalizability of results, in addition to confusing presentation of results. Commonly cited suggestions for future studies included drug/botanical interactions, further investigation of the concurrent utilization of other CHAs, and increased understanding of beliefs and experiences which may act as enabling factors for herbal use.

Appalachia is a mountainous region in the eastern United States spanning southern New York to northern Mississippi, including all of West Virginia and parts of 12 other states (167). It is one of the most botanically diverse regions in the world (124); Appalachia's many micro-habitats are home to some 2,500 plant species, of which some 1,100 have been reported to have medicinal properties (168). As recent as the 1990s, there was written anecdotal evidence of medicinal plant and home remedy use in the Appalachian region, particularly among the elderly population (169). These plants have a rich tradition in oral history and folklore; while some plants are well-known only from older accounts, others have been

and continue to be used in the preparation of pharmaceuticals. Digging for the herbs Ginseng (also known as "sangin" or "digging sang"), wild cherry, goldenseal, sassafras (124), and other medicinal herbs was noted as a general occupation as early as 1886 (170-172), and prior to WWII was a vital part of the local economy of Southern Appalachia (124); several of these herbs continue to be harvested in WV (Image 1) (120, 122, 173-178).

The Appalachian region remained the principal primary source of crude drugs (i.e., raw plant material) (124) until the 1980s (179) and the advent of synthetic drugs (124); Appalachian forests continue to provide the primary domestic source of wild native plants used in the American drug industry. Much of the value of the plants harvested and used in the Appalachian region remain largely unknown and often undocumented. However, much of the oral history of the area is destined to be irretrievably lost to future generations unless it is collected in the very near future (121, 179). Rates of herbal use in the Appalachian region have never, to our knowledge, been investigated, with the exception of one study in 2523 older North Carolina adults which reported a prevalence rate of 19.3% (141).

Historically, people living in remote, isolated regions of southeastern KY found it necessary to formulate their own medicines, cures, and treatments for their self-diagnosed ills because of the scarcity and inaccessibility of trained physicians, nurses, and hospitals (179). Most families kept a tonic on hand for whenever someone felt "puny" (sluggish, weak), also known as the folk illness "low blood" (124) (Figure 1). When engaging in research to assess herbal use, it is important for investigators to be aware of self-diagnosed health conditions that may be part of folk illness tradition, rather than evidence-based diagnoses made by physicians. Because herbs were traditionally self-administered, people may continue to self-diagnose based upon folk illnesses; there has been contemporary practice of several widespread and culturally significant systems of "traditional" or "folk" medicine in eastern regions of NC and VA (108), and anecdotal evidence hints at its existence as far south as Alabama and potentially as far north as West Virginia. A single plant, such as Sarsaparilla or Sassafras, could serve as a health tonic for some of these folk illnesses, but often several plants were used (124). Qualitative analyses of patient sessions with herbalists, lay midwives, and "root doctors" (who formed part of a traditional ethnomedical system utilizing plant roots among African Americans, which in turn, influenced health behaviors among white and Native Americans in the rural South) in various rural counties in the central Piedmont and eastern NC from 1978-1991 demonstrated that individuals generally agreed herbal remedies worked effectively to cure most minor, "natural" ailments, which are a type of folk disorder (Figure 1). Qualitative research on folk medicine in Appalachia indicates a current revival of herbal medicine usage (Figure 2) (121, 180). However, aside from a few very limited studies on specific patient populations, distributions, patterns, and correlates have yet to be determined for herbal use in this particular region.

Physical barriers, as well as social and economic distinctions, have played a role in historical Appalachian herbal usage. Herbal consumption by Appalachian populations has varied depending on the

history and place; types of herbs consumed has largely derived from European and American herbal texts of the nineteenth century, which were likely learned through European and Native American tradition (179, 181). Herbal medicine appeared to be unevenly distributed in a North Carolina population study, with one or two practicing herbalists in any given rural community (1978-1991). Herbalists still actively practicing may treat hundreds or even thousands of people a year (182). Traditional herbalists have many years of experience in collecting and preparing plants, know the properties of many different varieties and species, and observe over time the empirical effects of their remedies on different illnesses. Traditional herbalism, however, is a skill that appears to be dying out as existing practitioners grow older. Traditional herbalists often understand the "proper" ways to prepare plants, and as their knowledge is lost with time, the likelihood of negative side effects and toxicity among users may increase (108).

Although the landscape of healthcare has evolved through time, the rurality of the Appalachian region, particularly in WV, may continue to contribute to the usage of herbal medicine. Isolation from hospitals, doctors, and pharmacies have, and to some extent, continued to characterize many populations resident in Appalachia today (122). It is not surprising that people facing these conditions of rurality may rely on traditional remedies such as herbs, and/or folk practitioners, many of whom are both accessible and willing to offer advice or treatment on short notice, often in their own homes (182).

Prevalence estimates of CHA use, including herbal use in WV, are largely unknown; a crosssectional study among primary care clinics from nearly three decades ago (N=170) found that 73% of patients used one or more folk medicine remedies, which are a CHA including herbs (mean= 4.5 remedies) (183). A more recent cross-sectional study on pregnant WV obstetrics patients (N=578) showed 45.2% of the participants used herbal medications, with acquisition from a plethora of retailers: grocery stores (40%), discount stores (21.8%), mail-order catalogs (11.3%), herbalists (7.0%), in-home sales by friends and fellow church members (4.0%), and pharmacies (3.8%). Two percent of participants grew and harvested their own herbal medicines (184). In lieu of largely absent prevalence rates for herbal use in Appalachia, there is anecdotal evidence of Appalachian (185), specifically WV, herbal usage in anthropological literature (175, 186-190). Within the last 40 years, WV was documented as having an unusually strong tradition of folk medicine (191).

Herbal Medicine Use for Fibromyalgia Syndrome (FMS) and other Pain Conditions

Pain-related disorders are the most commonly reported conditions for which patients use CHA approaches (86, 88, 93, 105, 106). A systematic review of the prevalence of CHA use in international rheumatology patients, specifically FMS patients, indicated about two-thirds of patients who had FMS were using at least one type of CHA by 1998 (192). Among the mixed study designs, three UK studies indicated that 20% (N=78) (193, 194) and 35% (N=94) (194, 195) of Rheumatoid Arthritis patients used

herbal medicines, while 78% (N=90) (194, 196) of FMS patients used dietary supplements (including the use of herbal supplements).

Results of a 2002 US national survey suggest that bodily pain, chronic conditions, and functional impairment are associated with the use of CHAs among midlife and younger adults (156). The same survey showed 3.3% of those with Arthritis, Gout, Lupus, and FMS used natural products (160). Another study utilizing the same survey showed that those who worked less than full time were more likely to use herbs compared with those who worked full time or more (116), which may indicate support for our hypothesis that people with disabling diseases which keep them from working full time, such as FMS, have an increased utilization of herbal supplements.

A U.S. study of CHA approaches among primary care patients receiving opioids (N=908) as a primary treatment method for chronic pain showed that 6.8% used herbs and supplements, and that 44% had used at least one CHA approach in the past year. CHA utilization was significantly related to age, female gender, pain severity, income, pain diagnosis of neck and upper back pain, and illicit drug use (93). Twenty-one percent of FMS cases used opioids, as well as herbs and dietary supplements (which were not plant-derived) 42.9% (mean = 2.8 per person) of the time, compared to 23% (mean = 2.2 per person) of the controls in a national case-control study (FMS = 434, Control = 198). Authors found no evidence of FMS status being associated with any specific herb. This was a moderately strong study, but limitations included lack of a random sample/significant differences on all demographic variables between cases and controls, self-reported data, and a low sample size for controls using herbs, severely limiting the statistical ability to compare herbal use between the two groups. Herbs used most often by those with FMS were Ginkgo (3.7%), Garlic (3.0%), Ginseng (3.0%), Echinacea (2.5%), Evening Primrose oil (2.3%), and Valerian (2.3%) (197). Although a number of studies have examined general herbal use among specific populations, no population studies have asked pain patients about herbs used specifically for pain. Additionally, whether opioids can be reduced by introducing herbal medications remains to be studied.

Herbal Medicines used for Pain: a beneficial treatment for Fibromyalgia in Appalachia?

Pain-related disorders are the most commonly reported conditions for which patients use CHAs (86, 104-106, 198). The history of Willow (*Salix* spp.) and other salicin-rich plants, which were precursors to Aspirin, is an example of the role botanicals have played in the management of pain (123). A meta-analysis of Capsicum (a compound extracted from the fruit of Chili peppers *C. frutecens* and others) for the treatment of pain, reported that topical Capsaicin was superior to placebo for the treatment of chronic pain due to neuropathic and musculoskeletal disorders (with trials of moderate to high quality);

the FDA has approved Capsaicin as an over-the-counter topical cream (199). There is a great deal of historical evidence which reveals extensive use of botanicals for the relief of pain, and plants with analgesic, anti-inflammatory and/or anti-spasmodic activities continue to be used (123). However, there is a need for research regarding the use and efficacy of herbs that may benefit those with FMS and its comorbidities, especially in the Appalachian region, where opioid prescription drug misuse and abuse have skyrocketed, and safer, effective treatments aside from other existing pharmacological therapies for those with FMS are clearly needed.

Existing Cochrane reviews and meta-analyses regarding herbal efficacy for chronic pain syndromes often co-occurring with or similar to FMS (Appendix A) include Passiflora (200), Valerian (201), and Kava (202) for anxiety disorders, compounds Qishe and Extractum Nucis Vomicae for chronic neck pain (203), Feverfew for preventing migraine (204-206), St. John's Wort for major depression (207), and mixed herbal medicine(s) for low back pain (208), irritable bowel syndrome (209), and rheumatoid arthritis (210) (*unless otherwise noted, Latin botanical names are omitted in this paper when source identification is unclear; otherwise, they are denoted following their common name*). Of these, sufficient data are available only to evaluate Kava and St. John's Wort, with Kava demonstrating a significant treatment effect for anxiety (202), and St. John's Wort demonstrating effects on depressive symptoms superior to placebo and comparable to standard antidepressant treatments (207).

A practicing Canadian herbalist specializing in the treatment of FMS recommends groups of herbs targeting various aspects of FMS, including muscle stiffness and pain, a lack of energy, pain and lack of sleep, joint pain and inflammation, depression and digestive disturbance, and "brain fog" impaired memory. Over 37 herbs are recommended (211), many of which have also been cited in qualitative Appalachian herbal literature for the treatment of symptoms that overlap with FMS symptoms (FMS is not cited in historical Appalachian herbal literature since it is a relatively new diagnosis, although the related, older term "rheumatism" is used extensively) (Appendix B).

A qualitative study of rheumatism treatments used by a prominent Appalachian herbalist (first located in Southern Appalachia, followed by residency in West Virginia) identified twenty-three different plants used for rheumatism (212). Similar findings have been reported for various other illnesses, both in contemporary field studies and in older regional collections of herbal texts (213-215). A literature review of qualitative herbal literature (Appendix B) cites the anecdotal use of 101 herbs in the Appalachian region for pain relief (121, 179, 180, 216-219) , rheumatism (121, 169, 178-180, 182, 191, 216-218), and arthritis (121, 169, 178, 179, 191, 212, 217, 218), while 12 were used for inflammatory issues (121, 179, 180, 217, 218), 3 for alleviation of sleep troubles (121, 169, 179), and 4 for headache (179, 180, 217). It is not clear if these herbs continue to be used for these conditions in Appalachia.

Herbs that have been used historically in the Appalachian region, and for which there is some evidence of efficacy include: Willow (*Salix* sp.) for pain (220-223) and headache (224); Phytolodor herbal

extract blend, which includes Ash bark (although a different *Fraxinus* species than that used in Appalachia) for musculoskeletal issues (123); Black Cohosh (*Cimicifuga racemosa)* and chamomile (*Chamomilla recutita*) for sleep (225-227); Hops (*Humulus lupulus*) for sleep (223, 228) and analgesia (223, 229, 230); Evening Primrose (*Oenothera biennis*) for rheumatoid arthritis (231); Ginger (*Zingiber officinale*) for rheumatic pain and musculoskeletal disorders (223, 232, 233); and Peppermint (*Mentha piperita*) for headache (223, 234, 235).

Herbs for which some evidence of efficacy for FMS symptoms or related conditions exist, but for which no usage in the Appalachian region has been cited, include Chili pepper (*C. frutecens* and others), Cat's Claw (*Uncaria tomentosa*), Devil's Claw (*Harpagophytum procubens*), Feverfew (*Tanacetum parthenium*), St. John's Wort (*Hypericum perforatum*), and Valerian (*Valeriana officinalis*) (123). Despite the apparent promise of several herbs for relief of pain and related symptoms, there are few population-based studies, high-quality trials, systematic reviews, and meta-analyses regarding the use and efficacy of herbs that may benefit those with FMS and associated comorbidities. Therefore, further research on herbs as a potential treatment for FMS is needed, specifically in the Appalachian region where opioid use is epidemic.

Relationship of Herbal Medicines, Inflammation, and Chronic Pain

A common underlying mechanism in the generation and promotion of chronic pain is the presence of inflammation at the site of the damaged or affected tissue (31); inflammatory responses in the peripheral and central nervous systems may also play key roles in the etiology of chronic pain (32). When the synthesis of prostaglandins is inhibited, inflammation may result, ultimately leading to pain. Chronic inflammation is characterized by a proliferation of fibroblasts and formation of blood vessels (angiogenesis), as well as an influx of chronic inflammatory cells, namely granulocytes (neutrophils, eosinophils, and basophils), lymphocytes, plasma cells and macrophages (236). When macrophages become activated, they produce cytokines and chemokines, some of which, in turn promote inflammation. C-reactive protein (CRP), part of an acute response to underlying infection or tissue injury (237-239), is now also believed to be a marker of chronic systemic inflammation (240). Because CRP levels have neither seasonal nor diurnal variations and are not influenced by food intake (237-239), CRP assay is commonly included as part of the diagnostic laboratory workup for many proinflammatory diseases, including FMS.

Herbs with evidence of anti-inflammatory action (in vitro and in vivo) which have historically been used in the Appalachian region (although exact rates of use are unknown) include Chamomile (*Chamomilla recutita*) (225-227), Dandelion (*Taraxacum officinale*) (223, 241-243), Common Elder (*Sambucus canadensis*) (223, 241, 244, 245), Eucalyptus (*E. globulus*) (223, 246), Hops (Humulus

lupulus) (223, 243, 247), Mint (243), Watercress (243), Licorice (*Glycyrrhiza glabra*) (223, 248), Witch Hazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*) (223, 249), Skullcap (*Scutellaria baicalensis*) (250-252), Willow (*Salix* spp.) (223, 253, 254), and selected components of Skullcap (*Scutellaria baicalensis*) (255), Willow (*Salix* spp.) (256), Ginger (*Zingiber officinale*) (233, 257-261), Ginseng (*Panax quinquefolia*) (262, 263), and Horse Chestnut (*Aesculus hippocastanum*) (223, 264, 265). Leukocytes, which are associated with cytokine production in both immune response and inflammatory processes, are mobilized by the herb Echinacea (*Echinacea* spp.) as well (223, 266-268); moreover, in a 15-day experimental study in a female rat model of arthritis, CRP values decreased significantly in those administered Echinacea, compared to untreated animals (269). Oroxylin A, a natural flavonoid from Skullcap (*Scutellaria baicalensis*), significantly attenuated expression of inflammatory mediators (i.e., iNOS and COX-2) and cytokines (i.e., TNF-alpha, IL-1beta, and IL-6), in an estrogen receptor-dependent manner, suggesting anti-inflammatory effects (270).

Herbs for which some evidence of efficacy of anti-inflammatory action, but for which current prevalence rates in the Appalachian region have, to our knowledge, never been measured, include the ethanolic extract of Cat's Claw (*Uncaria tomentosa*) (123), Thunder God Vine (*Tripterygium wilfordii*) (123, 271), Stevia (243), Cinnamon (243) , Turmeric (243), Mate (243), Boswellia (*Boswellia serrata*) (123), and Lavender (272), among others.

The relationship between many herbs and inflammatory markers may also be mediated in part by the elucidation of related antioxidant activity. Oxidative damage to membrane lipids, DNA, proteins, and lipoproteins, increases risk for several autoimmune and inflammatory diseases (273). Herbs are a rich source of polyphenol compounds (274) and their antioxidant activities are several times higher than those of vegetables (275) and fruits (276). Antioxidants contained in herbs may also suppress oxidative stress and related damage in the gastrointestinal tract before being absorbed (273), and thus, could modulate the level of oxidative stress by enhancing anti-inflammatory capacity (277, 278).

Because certain inflammatory cytokines are related to the development of contralateral hyperalgesia (an extreme, exaggerated pain response) and allodynia (central pain sensitization following painful, often repetitive stimulation) (33), which FMS patients experience (34), and because the modulation of inflammation and oxidative stress by herbs can be beneficial (277), the possible links between systemic inflammation and FMS, as well as herbal use and FMS, clearly warrant further investigation.

Challenges in Herbal Medicine Research

Methodological issues specific to research on herbal medicines include misclassification, ethnocentric, and recall biases. Areas in need of further exploration include the dialogue between physicians and patients regarding herbal use, safety, and efficacy; specifically, patient under-reporting of

herbal use to health providers should be examined. Studies utilizing biobehavioral approaches may help bridge this gap, and aid in understanding/clarifying motivating factors in an individual's decision to use herbal medicine. Rigorous efficacy research on herbs remains sparse. Both rigorous population-based epidemiologic studies and high quality clinical trials are needed; moreover, also needed is the dissemination of evidence-based information that allows for clear interpretation regarding safety, efficacy, and limitations.

The most universal and basic definition of an herb is 'plant-derived material'. Herbs go by many names, often creating confusion among researchers and the public, and can lead experienced researchers to overlook research on plants of interest. Additionally, most available research is only available in the Chinese language (279), which may result in an ethnocentric bias in herbs considered safe and efficacious among differing populations.

Misclassification bias often exists, even in high-quality meta-analyses, due to the differences in constituents between the same herbs grown in different locations, prepared or processed under differing conditions, plant parts used, dose, and even plant variety. Therefore, the "pooling" of different products to reach conclusions about the efficacy of a single herb is often difficult, if not impossible (123). Additional misclassification bias exists due to the "lumping" of other biologically-based therapies with herbs, such as vitamin or minerals, homeopathic supplements, fish oil supplements, and prebiotics/probiotics.

In many traditional medical systems, combination herbal formulae are more the rule than the exception. Many herbal practitioners individualize formulations and hold that combinations of plants may work together in a synergistic fashion, although this area has not been the subject of much scientific research (123). CHA users frequently use "bundles" of approaches rather than just one therapy in isolation (107), which can result in potential misclassification bias among CHA users who participate in poorly-designed observational studies, and clinical trials where exclusion criteria do not consider polypharmacy of herbal products and other CHAs.

A regrettable aspect of most folk medicine sources is that they provide scant information on dosage amount and intake regimen; dosing is often based on the number three or nine (times per day), and dosage directions may be vague (e.g., stipulating only "a potent" or "a right smart amount" of herb) (124). Recall bias in reporting specific herbs used may exist because of the more informal interactions which occur when herbalist practitioners meet with patients, compared to those which occur in clinical settings (182), where documenting procedures are more standardized. Additionally, preparation methods of herbs can vary greatly, and are typically not described in literature focused on herbal preparations that are not herbal supplements – and even for supplements, preparation and verification methods are not consistently described.

Not all physicians inquire about CHA use among their patients (137). A UK systematic review indicated that, although patients believed CHAs to be effective, their doctors indicated skepticism about the usefulness of CHA in rheumatology (192, 194). Commonly, there is miscommunication between physicians and patients about CHA approaches for which potential safety concerns can arise. Patient care may be improved if this miscommunication is addressed. This communication gap arises from differences in cultures and belief systems: thus it requires a blend of intellectual flexibility and nonjudgmental openness as it enables the physician to weave the patient's "explanatory model", which includes CHA use as well as the application of their own understanding of geographically relevant folk illnesses [Figure 1]), into the fabric of care (108).

There is a clear need for the utilization of behavioral theories in measuring factors related to herbal use, as this can help to guide clinical practice. The reasoning behind current national trends in herbal use are unclear; trends may be due to factors other than individuals' willingness to follow traditional remedies passed down through families or communities, often with accompanying magicoreligious healing practices/folk healing. It is plausible that changes in environmental factors, communication within families and communities, and in the health care system overall may have contributed to an overall decline in the identification, preparation, and usage of traditional herbs in the U.S. and in the Appalachian region; there has been variation in herbal trends since the large, population studies of the 1990s (90, 106, 125, 280). Conversely, these or factors may have increased the usage of already-prepared herbs in supplement form, which are often readily available from multiple sources (e.g. Walmart) and promoted through various media (e.g. Dr. Oz television show, which attracts ~3.5 million daily television viewers)(281). Additionally, it is important to note "no individual ever completely replicates a single tradition" (108), which adds further complexity in understanding the reasoning for changes in herbal use trends. In our preliminary systematic review on the prevalence of herbal use among the general population in the US (Appendix C) (N=32 studies) (109, 116, 118, 137-165), only 7 studies (~22%) documented using social, behavioral, or economic theories/models as a guide (116, 145, 150, 152, 153, 156, 163). These theoretical approaches included the Anderson-Newman Behavioral Model of Health Services Utilization, the Socio-Behavioral Model of Healthcare Utilization, Grossman's model of Health Capital Investment, and Leventhal's Self-Regulatory Model. By using behavioral theories such as the Transtheoretical model and others, researchers and clinicians can begin to understand some of the drivers for changes in out-of-pocket healthcare costs associated with CHAs, and may alter the dialogue between patients and physicians to enable better treatment and ongoing, effective care for poorly managed chronic pain syndromes such as FMS.

Lastly, the proof required by participants in folk-medical tradition is very different from that demanded by medical researchers. For members of the former group, the efficacy of a home remedy, an herbal cure, or a magical procedure can be verified through anecdotal or experiential evidence alone (182).

Some treatments are presumed to depend on the unique characteristics of the healer and on features of the healer-patient relationship (107). However, scientific research sometimes corroborates folk belief, as in the case of foxglove (*Digitalis purpurea*), which was prescribed as a heart tonic by community herbalists long before pharmacological studies confirmed its cardiotonic properties (182). There are many differences in the information flow pathways of efficacy research to the ultimate use of an herbal product versus a prescription (Rx) drug (Figure 3). The most obvious differences are: 1) Herbal use can occur even in the face of no or minimal scientific evidence. This differs from patient and clinician expectations regarding efficacy, and the ordered flow in prescription drug use, due to all constituents/ingredients known in the beginning of the Rx life cycle; 2) Herbal use often originates from anecdotal/qualitative literature. Therefore, the safety/efficacy is usually not known vs. a known safety/efficacy profile for Rx drugs; 3) Social media, social networks, and industry largely control the flow of information regarding evidence for herbal product use. Therefore, all information may be considered equally weighted evidence of efficacy among many herbal consumers. During a person's lifetime interaction with an herb, their perceived safety and efficacy of the herb may change depending on which source is recommending the herbal product. Although this may also occur with Rx drugs, it may be less likely due to more rigorous efficacy research requirements from the FDA and other regulatory bodies; 4) Doctors and pharmacists act as gatekeepers for Rx drug access, whereas there is no gatekeeper for herbal product access, since herbs are unregulated and potential users often have multiple avenues of access (i.e. pharmacies, health food stores, etc.). The current focus of herbal research is largely to identify constituents of herbs and their roles in various physiological pathways (282); thus, there may be a long waiting period before rigorous clinical research can verify the safety and efficacy of a wider variety of herbs, emphasizing the importance of conducting primary- and secondary-data analysis. When RCTs cannot be conducted, however, or when the results of RCTs may not be generalizable to the real world of CHA practice, it is necessary to use other study designs (107). Based on this, and the differences noted in the efficacy research information flow pathways of Rx drugs vs. herbs (Figure 3), epidemiological studies can play an important role for consumers of herbal products. For these reasons, researchers in this field must pay special attention to providing clear interpretations of their results for the public.

Summary

Complementary Health Approaches (CHAs) are frequently utilized to treat chronic pain syndromes, however, rigorous observational and clinical studies of herbal medicine are largely lacking. Additionally, no epidemiological studies have examined herbal use in Appalachian pain populations, where opioid misuse and abuse is epidemic. There is limited evidence suggesting those with Fibromyalgia Syndrome (FMS), a chronic pain syndrome with unknown etiology for which opioids are often prescribed, frequently use herbal medicine to help with FMS symptoms. Further, the Appalachian

region, particularly West Virginia, has a rich history of anecdotal herbal medicine use for many symptoms overlapping with those of FMS. Understanding the correlates of herbal use in this population (including pain level as a potential motivator for herbal use) as well as patterns of herbal medicine among pain populations over time, will provide a window into patient health behaviors physicians may not be aware of. Importantly, these studies will also lay the foundation for efficacy studies examining interactions and synergistic effects of herbal medicine with opioids and other analgesic drugs. Further elucidation of the relationship between inflammation and FMS is also necessary due to the inconsistency of existing studies; understanding the potential role of inflammation in FMS is important since the presence of inflammation is intrinsically tied to chronic pain, and many herbs are used for their antiinflammatory and analgesic effects (Conceptual Model for this dissertation found in Figure 4).

Self-management of chronic pain is in the current translational focus of the National Institutes of Health (NIH); additionally, the NIH Pain Consortium has stated that the understanding and treatment of pain remains incomplete, thus, research with a theoretical underpinning is needed to determine the extent for which specific CHAs, including herbs, are used in pain populations, specifically, FMS. Further elucidation of the relationship between pain and inflammation is also essential. This research is critical, since pain is poorly handled by current treatment methods.

Rationale

1) Chronic pain management for FMS by conventional treatments is often inadequate, perhaps contributing to the elevated use of CHAs such as herbal medicine among chronic pain patients;

2) While the use of herbs, like certain other CHAs, is likely high among those with chronic pain, little is known regarding herb use in specific chronic pain populations, including those who suffer from FMS; 3) Increased understanding of the patterns, correlates, and determinants of herbal and other CHA use is particularly important in chronic pain populations, given they are also likely to be on pharmacological treatments, including opioids, with the potential for interaction and/or abuse;

4) Appalachian adults, who reside in areas with some of the highest rates of opioid overdose deaths in the US, may be more likely to consume herbs for health benefit, given their rich traditions of herbal harvesting and consumption; and,

5) Increased understanding of herbal medicine and other CHA use in this population may aid in identifying new and potentially safer treatments for pain management, and help elucidate underlying mechanisms.

Specific Aim 1

Investigate if elevated blood serum levels of pro-inflammatory C-reactive protein (CRP) are associated with Fibromyalgia Syndrome (controlling for potential health factors, demographic variables, and lifestyle factors).

Objective 1.1. Determine the association between CRP and FMS diagnosis.

Hypothesis 1.1. Those with a FMS will have significantly elevated blood serum levels of CRP compared to those without FMS.

Specific Aim 2

To examine, in two nationally representative samples (2007 and 2012), potential associations between herbal supplement use and FMS diagnosis (controlling for potential health factors, demographic variables, and lifestyle factors) and potential changes in patterns of herbal use in this population over time.

Objective 2.1. Determine if those with a diagnosis of FMS were more likely to use herbal supplements than those without FMS in 2007 and 2012.

Hypotheses 2.1. Those with a FMS diagnosis will be more likely to use herbal supplements than those without fibromyalgia syndrome in both 2007 and 2012.

Objective 2.2. Determine if the prevalence of herbal supplement use among those with FMS diagnosis changed between 2007 and 2012.

Hypothesis 2.2. Prevalence rates for herbal supplement use will increase over time among those with FMS.

Specific Aim 3

Using a newly developed pain survey instrument, explore the patterns and correlates of herbal medicine use in a sample of WV pain patients, including potential variation by pain status.

Objective 3.1. Assess potential correlates of herbal medicine and other CHAs used in northern West Virginia (WV) pain patients, through the use of our recently established and pilot-tested pain survey utilizing a theoretically-guided novel CHA/herbal medicine measurement tool

Hypothesis 3.1. Herbal medicine used for pain in Northern WV will be significantly associated with a variety of demographic, lifestyle, and health factors, including the use of other complementary health approaches and many health conditions.

Objective 3.2. Provide a list of patient-reported herbal identification, with accompanying frequencies

Hypothesis 3.2. Northern WV pain patients will report a variety of herbs used for pain management

The three specific aims/studies listed above correspond to chapters two, three, and four. Chapter 5 presents a summary of key findings of these studies, strengths, limitations, potential public health implications as well as potential direction and recommendations for future research.

To our knowledge, no research has investigated inflammation as a potential mediator between herbal use and chronic pain, nor characterized varying levels of pain as a motivator for herbal medicine use. Additionally, no research (to our knowledge) has attempted to quantify the herbs potentially used in Appalachian folk medicine for pain

The Institute of Medicine stresses the importance of increased research into the translation of effective treatments into practice and into the occurrence and cost of pain (6). Each aim of this dissertation will use cross-sectional data to enhance our understanding of the prevalence, patterns, and correlates of the herbal medicine use among those with chronic pain. This information will help inform practitioners working with chronic pain populations, will lay the groundwork for additional exploration regarding the role of inflammation in chronic pain, identify new and potentially safer treatments for pain management, and may form the foundation for larger survey studies, future prospective studies, and clinical trials.

CHAPTER 2: The association of Fibromyalgia to serum C-reactive protein in a large Appalachian population

Introduction

Chronic pain, defined as ongoing or recurrent pain that extends beyond the usual course of acute illness or injury for at least three to six months, is debilitating and costly. Over 20% of adults experience chronic pain at some point in their lives (3). Fibromyalgia syndrome (FMS) is a rheumatologic chronic pain syndrome affecting approximately 0.5-5% of populations in developed countries (7), including 1.75% of those in the U.S. (8). FMS is characterized by a constellation of somatic symptoms that are typically present in addition to widespread pain (e.g., fatigue, sleep disturbance, memory, and mood problems), for which no clear cause can be found (9). FMS is typically accompanied by morning stiffness, and sensitivity to loud noises, bright lights, and temperature extremes; women with FMS often report painful menstrual periods (13). Although FMS affects both sexes and people of all ages, the majority (80-90%) have been Caucasian (13, 14) middle-aged women (13). Family members of FMS patients are at a higher risk for FMS (15); the cause is unknown.

While the etiology of FMS remains poorly understood, the widespread pain of FMS is thought to reflect abnormal central nervous system sensory information processing, with altered function in pain pathways and neuroendocrine disturbance (9); Inflammatory processes may also play a significant role in the pathogenesis of FMS (283). Although several MicroRNAs have been associated with FMS and symptom severity (19), diagnosis of FMS remains challenging, and there are currently no definitive diagnostic laboratory tests for the disease (18).

C-reactive protein (CRP), previously considered a biomarker of underlying infection or tissue injury (237), is now also believed to reflect chronic systemic inflammation (240). CRP is considered a reliable proinflammatory biomarker (237) and is often included as part of the diagnostic laboratory workup for many rheumatological conditions (237). While CRP is often included in the diagnostic workup for FMS, the relationship of CRP to FMS has not been clearly established.

Inflammation, as a characteristic reaction of tissues to injury or disease marked by physical swelling, redness, heat, and pain upon clinical examination, is not a classical symptom of FMS (18). Inflammatory cytokines promote the development of contralateral hyperalgesia (an extreme, exaggerated reaction to pain) and allodynia (central pain sensitization following painful, often repetitive stimulation) (33). FMS is typically characterized by both (34), and most (35-49), but not all recent studies (43, 50) have suggested a possible link between systemic inflammation and FMS. Of these, five studies measured CRP (44, 48, 49, 51, 284); four suggested a positive association between CRP and FMS (44, 48, 49, 284).

However, to date, only one large, cross-sectional, population-based study has examined the association of CRP to FMS (48). The study excluded women, and combined FMS with other pain syndromes, rendering assessment of the specific relationship between CRP and FMS difficult.

Moreover, to our knowledge, no studies to date examining the association of CRP to FMS have investigated the potential mediating effects of sleep or mood disturbance, factors linked to both elevated CRP levels and FMS (285-288). Few have assessed the influence of elevated BMI (287, 289),comorbidities, and other correlates (290). This large, population-based study will fill the gaps in our understanding of the potential influence(s) of mood, sleep, BMI, and comorbid conditions on the relationship between CRP and FMS.

In this study, we investigated the relation of serum CRP levels to FMS in a large population of Appalachian adults. We hypothesized that CRP serum levels would be significantly and positively associated with diagnosed FMS after adjustment for potential confounding factors.

Methods

Data Source

This cross-sectional study used data from the C8 Health Project, which was conducted as part of the settlement of a class-action lawsuit stemming from drinking water contamination by Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) released from the DuPont Washington Works Plant near Parkersburg, WV, USA (291). Data collection was conducted in 2005-2006 on individuals living or working in 6 PFOA-contaminated public water districts in West Virginia (WV) and Ohio (including those exposed to contaminated private-well drinking water) since 1951; a total of 69,030 individuals participated in the study, including 81% of eligible adults (291). Project data collection was administered by an independent company, Brookmar, Inc. (Parkersburg, WV), and was conducted under the authority and supervision of the Wood County, WV, Circuit Court. Participants completed a comprehensive health questionnaire and volunteered a blood sample after completing individual consent forms for both. Demographic data and health survey completion were verified by trained project staff (291). Project procedures, blood processing and assay methods, along with quality-assurance measures, have been described in detail elsewhere (291). Briefly, following collection of each blood sample, serum was separated from red blood cells into single-use aliquots by centrifusion, and was refrigerated at individual data collection sites until daily pickup from a large, independent, accredited clinical diagnostic laboratory (LabCorp, Inc., Burlington, NC, USA). Samples were transported to a regional processing center (LabCorp, Inc.,

Columbus, OH) where they underwent analysis by latex immunoturbidimetry on a COBAS Integra 800 (Roche, Germany). The West Virginia University (WVU) IRB permitted access to the de-identified data by WVU investigators. Demographic, lifestyle, and health characteristics were determined via self-report; diagnoses of certain disorders, including diabetes and cardiovascular diseases, were further verified via chart review.

Study Population

Our analysis excluded participants who were missing data on age or <18 years of age (n= 12471, 18.1%), pregnant (n = 640, 1.1%); those reporting a cancer diagnosis and receiving treatment for diagnosed cancer other than non-melanoma skin cancer (*n* = 437, 0.77%) to eliminate potential bias introduced by varied CRP levels as a result of chemotherapy treatment; those with service-related disabilities (n= 710, 1.3%); and those who did not complete both the survey and blood work (n= 468, 0.83%). Participants with extreme body mass index (BMI) values (<10.5 and >60.0) were also excluded to eliminate potential information bias (n= 94, 0.17%). Further exclusion of persons with missing data on CRP and FMS (*n* = 40, 0.002%) and other covariates of interest (*n* = 1673, 3.1%), with the exception of covariates for which missing data on >10% of participants occurred (for which a 'missing' category was included in analysis), yielded a final study sample of 52,535, including 51,410 FMS-free controls and 1,125 adults with FMS (Figure 1).

Variables

Outcome Variable. Our primary, dichotomous outcome variable was FMS diagnosis, which was ascertained via self-report response to the question "Have you ever been diagnosed with Fibromyalgia?"
Exposure Variable. Our primary exposure variable was serum level of inflammatory marker CRP (mg/L). C8 Health Project coordinators recoded CRP values below the level of detection to 50% of the lowest level (i.e., "<0.3"→0.15). Likewise, values above the level of detection were recoded to 50% above the maximum level.
Covariates. In addition to age, gender, race, education, employment, marital status, income, alcohol or tobacco use, and exercise program status, comorbid conditions were also selected a priori as covariates if known or suspected to be associated with FMS and/or CRP. These included BMI (21), autoimmune conditions (22), osteoarthritis (23), kidney (24), respiratory (25), cardiovascular (24), liver (26), and endocrine (24) disease, diabetes (27), severe allergies (24) and sinus disease (28), stomach conditions (24, 26), and headache (29). PFOA serum level and reproductive factors (292) were also examined as covariates.

Potential mediating and modifying factors. Potential mediating and modifying factors included fatigue, sleep impairment (26), mood disturbance (24, 26, 286), age (13), gender (13), obesity (289), tobacco use (293), statin use (294), and reproductive factors (292).

Statistical Analysis

We conducted complete-case analyses using SAS 9.4 (Cary, NC, USA). Logistic regression analyses were used to evaluate the independent association of CRP level to FMS status, and to assess the influence of potential confounding, mediating, and modifying factors. The primary explanatory variable of interest, CRP, was analyzed as a continuous and categorical variable (study population quartiles, with the lowest percentile group used as the referent). Linear trends for CRP quartiles were assessed using polynomial contrasts. Differences between participants missing any data were assessed using logistic regression. Cox-Snell R^2 values measured the predictive power of models. All p-values shown are twosided.

All demographic characteristics, in addition to lifestyle factors significantly differing by FMS, were controlled for in multivariate models. BMI was categorized using the National Institutes of Health clinical classifications (scores of <25='Underweight or Normal weight'; 25 – 29.9='Overweight'; 30 – 34.9='Obese Class 1'; and, 35+='Obese Classes 2/3') (295).

We evaluated the influence of both specific comorbid conditions and total number of comorbid conditions on the relation of CRP to FMS. A comorbidity index was created based on number of chronic comorbid conditions reported; these included: autoimmune disorders (defined as having any diagnoses of immune disease, lupus, or rheumatoid arthritis), osteoarthritis, allergies or frequent sinusitis, kidney disease, respiratory conditions (asthma, emphysema, chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder, bronchitis), heart disease, liver disease, endocrine disorders (thyroid, Addison's, or Cushing's disease), diabetes, or frequent headaches. This index was evaluated as both a continuous and categorical variable ('none', '1 comorbidity', 2 comorbidities', and '3+ comorbidities').

We assessed potential mediating influences of sleep impairment and mood disturbance. A composite sleep quality variable, with higher scores indicating poorer sleep quality, was derived from responses to individual questions regarding the frequency of short sleep, fitful sleep, insomnia, and/or daytime somnolence (scored as follows: 3='frequently', 2='sometimes', 1='rarely', and 0 ='never', for each). Mood disturbance was also assessed as a composite variable from responses to four individual questions, with higher scores indicating frequent mood swings, irritability, fatigue, and/or inability to concentrate (where 3='frequently', 2='sometimes', 1='rarely', and 0 ='never').

Additionally, we assessed the potential modifying influence of age (<45 vs. ≥45 years), tobacco use ('current'/'not currently using tobacco'), gender, obesity (BMI<30 vs. ≥30) current menstruation

(yes/no), menopausal status (peri- or post-menopausal/premenopausal), statin use (yes/no), and sleep impairment and mood disturbance (scores of <6 vs.≥6, respectively) on the association between CRP and FMS.

We also conducted separate ancillary analyses adjusting for statin use (yes/no), PFOA serum level (ng/mL, evaluated as quartiles), and reproductive characteristics (women only) to determine the potential confounding influence of these factors on any observed association between CRP and FMS. Reproductive factors assessed included menopausal status ('pre-menopausal,' 'peri-or post-menopausal,' or 'unsure'), parity (number of pregnancies), and age at menarche ('16+ years of age'/'other age or unsure').

The first regression model assessed the crude association of CRP levels to reported FMS diagnosis. The second model was adjusted for demographic and lifestyle covariates, while additional models adjusted for BMI and comorbid conditions, as well as sleep and mood disturbance (separately and combined, respectively). We conducted additional analyses to evaluate the potential confounding influence of statin use, PFOA serum level, and (in female participants) reproductive history (i.e., menopausal status, age at menarche, and parity).

The potential mediating effects of BMI and comorbid conditions, as well as sleep impairment and mood disturbance were examined using separate logistic regression models. We also conducted ancillary analyses excluding autoimmune disorders. To evaluate the potential modifying effects of age, smoking, gender, obesity, current menstruation, menopausal status, statin use, sleep impairment, and mood disturbance, we conducted multivariable analyses; interactions were assessed by including the corresponding multiplicative-interaction term in the statistical models.

Results

Relative to participants with complete data, those with missing data on key covariates had a higher number of comorbidities and were more likely to be poorly educated or to be retired, disabled, or unemployed (*p's* ≤.002), but did not differ in other factors. Demographic and lifestyle characteristics are displayed in Table 1. Study participants were predominantly white (97.2%), female (52.4%), and married or cohabitating (68.9%). Participant age ranged from 18.0 to 105.2 years, averaging 45.3 (SD = 16.1) years. Most participants were employed or students (64.1%) and overweight (69.0% BMI≥25, mean BMI = 28.5, SD = 6.3), while nearly half did not currently consume alcohol (51.1%) and never smoked (43.5%). CRP serum levels varied from 0.15 to 250.6 (mean CRP level = 3.79, SD = 7.2) mg/L.

FMS was present in 2.1% of the study population (n = 1125). After adjustment for demographic and lifestyle factors, the odds of FMS increased 2% for every year-unit increase in age (Adjusted odds

ratio (AOR) = 1.02, 95% confidence interval (CI): 1.02, 1.03 (Table 1)), with a significantly higher mean age among FMS cases (*M* = 51.1, SD = 11.6) compared to controls (*M* = 45.1, SD = 16.2). Those aged 45-64 years were 8.3 times more likely (AOR = 8.28, CI 4.91, 13.95) than those in the age group 18-24 years to have FMS. Those with FMS were nearly 11 times more likely to be female (AOR = 10.68, CI 8.53, 13.37). Participants who were employed or students were less likely to have FMS than all others, as were those with <12th grade education, compared to those with higher educational attainment. Relative to participants who were married or cohabitating, those who were single were almost 40% less likely to report a diagnosis of FMS (AOR = 0.63, CI 0.47, 0.84). Participants who reported current consumption of alcohol were slightly less likely to report a diagnosis of FMS (35.8% vs. 49.2%, respectively; AOR = 0.86, CI 0.75, 0.98), and women who had experienced menopause were about 80% more likely to have an FMS diagnosis compared to pre-menopausal women (AOR = 1.82, CI 1.49, 2.21).

Health characteristics of the study population are detailed in Table 2. Mean BMI was significantly higher among FMS cases (*M* = 30.47, SD = 7.2) than controls (*M* = 28.49, SD = 6.3), and was significantly and positively associated with FMS after adjustment for demographic and lifestyle factors (AOR per unit BMI increase= 1.02, CI 1.01, 1.03). Relative to those with a BMI <25, participants who were obese were significantly more likely to have FMS (AOR = 1.24, CI 1.02, 1.49; and, AOR = 1.43, CI 1.18, 1.74, for BMI 30-35 and BMI >35, respectively). There was a 60% increase in FMS diagnosis for each additional comorbidity (AOR = 1.60, CI 1.54, 1.67 (Table 2); participants reporting a diagnosis of 3 or more comorbidities were 10.5 times more likely to have FMS (AOR = 10.46, CI 7.90, 13.84) compared to those with no comorbidities. FMS was likewise strongly and positively associated with most chronic conditions evaluated, including in order of decreasing magnitude osteoarthritis (AOR = 3.86, CI 3.34, 4.45), autoimmune disease (AOR = 3.43, CI 2.89, 4.06), allergies/chronic sinusitis (AOR = 2.91, CI 2.51, 3.38), frequent headaches (AOR = 2.03, CI 1.78, 2.31), and kidney (AOR = 1.72, CI 1.47, 2.01), respiratory (AOR = 1.89, CI 1.64, 2.17), endocrine (AOR = 1.82, CI 1.57, 2.12), and liver (AOR = 1.51, CI 1.06, 2.16) diseases.

FMS cases reported higher sleep (*M* = 7.3, SD = 3.3 vs. *M* = 3.9, SD = 3.5) and mood disturbance scores (*M* = 7.3, SD = 3.4 vs. *M* = 4.5, SD = 3.7) than did controls (Table 2). After adjustment for demographic and lifestyle factors, FMS remained strongly and positively related to scores for both sleep (AOR = 1.23, CI 1.21, 1.25), and mood disturbance (AOR = 1.19, CI 1.17, 1.21).

Relation of CRP to FMS. Mean CRP (mg/L) was significantly higher among FMS cases (*M* = 5.54, SD = 9.8) compared to controls (*M* = 3.75, SD = 7.2) (Table 3). CRP serum level showed a positive association with FMS (unadjusted OR for highest vs. lowest quartile = 2.50, CI 2.10, 2.97; P for trend <.0001); adjustment for demographic and lifestyle factors substantially attenuated but did not eliminate this association (AOR for highest vs. lowest quartile = 1.35, CI 1.13, 1.62; P for trend <.0001). Analysis of CRP as a continuous variable yielded similar findings, with odds of FMS increasing by 2% for each

one mg/L of CRP rise (unadjusted OR = 1.02, CI 1.01, 1.02); adjustment for demographic and lifestyle factors slightly attenuated this association (AOR = 1.01, CI 1.00, 1.01).

The addition of BMI and comorbidities to the model further weakened the relationship between CRP and FMS (AORs for highest vs. lowest CRP quartile = 1.17 (CI 0.96, 1.42) and 1.10 (CI 0.92, 1.32), for BMI and comorbidities, respectively; and, combined OR = 1.07 (CI 0.88, 1.30)) suggesting that these factors may at least partially explain the observed associations (Table 3). The inclusion of mood disturbance and sleep impairment, separately and combined, only slightly attenuated the association of FMS to CRP after adjustment for demographic and lifestyle factors (AOR = 1.01, CI 1.00, 1.01) (Table 4). These findings suggest that any mediating effect of these factors was modest.

Additional adjustment for statin use, PFOA, and female reproductive characteristics (menopausal status, age at menarche, and parity) did not appreciably change the relationship between CRP and FMS. Similarly, exclusion of those with rheumatoid arthritis and other autoimmune conditions did not appreciably affect risk estimates. Likewise, we found no evidence for a modifying effect of age, tobacco use, gender, obesity, menopausal status, or other factors on the relationship between CRP and FMS.

Discussion

This is the first large, population-based investigation to examine the relationship between CRP and FMS, to assess the potential influence of BMI and comorbid conditions on this relationship, and to evaluate the potential mediating role of mood and sleep impairment. In this cross-sectional study of a large Appalachian population, CRP serum level showed a positive association with FMS, which remained significant after adjustment for multiple demographic and lifestyle factors, including age, gender, education level, employment, marital status, alcohol, and tobacco use. Adjustment for BMI and comorbid conditions substantially attenuated this relationship. These findings are broadly consistent with those from a recent cross-sectional investigation of 5110 Norwegian men; cases with FMS/Chronic Pain Syndrome showed a strong, positive relationship to high sensitivity-CRP level (OR for $\geq$10 mg/L vs. <1 mg/L = 2.6, 95% CI: 1.4, 4.6, p = .002; P for trend = .006) after adjustment for age, education, smoking, and cholesterol medication (48). In contrast, as stated in the introduction, findings from smaller casecontrol studies examining the association between CRP and FMS have been inconsistent (44, 46, 49, 51), perhaps due to varying sample sizes and differing selection criteria among controls; of the four casecontrol studies published to date, only one reported significantly higher CRP levels in FMS patients compared to healthy controls after adjustment for age, sex, and race (44).

As indicated above, the inclusion of BMI in our model substantially attenuated the association of FMS to CRP, suggesting BMI may have largely explain the elevated CRP levels in FMS; this was second

to the inclusion of comorbidities. Only one study to date has considered the potential contribution of BMI to the profile of CRP in FMS, with a strong and positive correlation (44). Ours is the first study to assess the contribution of multiple comorbidities on the relation of CRP and FMS. Additionally, in agreement with our study, others have suggested a mediating effect of BMI on the relation between CRP and FMS; FMS symptom improvement has followed weight loss among several FMS cases (296), and a longitudinal study revealed regular exercise and maintenance of body weight lowered the risk of FMS (297). Additionally, one case-control study found that after adjustment for demographic factors, BMI was the only significant contributor in a model exploring the relation between CRP and FMS ($r = .062$, $p < 0.001$) (44).

Comorbidities characterized by pain may contribute to the development of FMS; shared pain mechanisms between FMS and other conditions with a similar underlying pathophysiology (e.g., tension headache) or as a comorbidity characterized by inflammation or ongoing peripheral damage (e.g., autoimmune disorders and osteoarthritis) and FMS have recently been explored (9, 23, 298). Our study found that as the number of comorbidities increased, the odds of FMS increased as well.

Additionally, the presence of sleep impairment and mood disturbance modestly attenuated, but did not eliminate, the association between CRP and FMS. No existing studies have examined the role of sleep impairment on this relationship. We found no evidence supporting mood disorder as an effect modifier, similar to a study finding where CRP level did not differ by psychiatric status among those with FMS (47). The influence of sleep impairment and mood disturbance on the relation between CRP and FMS in our study likely reflects a bidirectional relationship.

The prevalence rate of FMS in our study (2.1%) mirrored recent estimates for the U.S. population (8, 299). Consistent with previous studies, we found the likelihood of FMS diagnosis was increased in middle-aged females (8, 13). However, in contrast to findings from two large studies (8, 300), those who were married or reported higher levels of education were more likely to report FMS. Females who had experienced menopause were 1.8 times more likely to have FMS than those who had not; however, a lack of epidemiological research exists in the topical area of sex hormones, neurotransmitters, and FMS. We observed no significant association between age at menarche or parity and FMS, unlike a German casecontrol study of 653 middle-aged women (FMS cases = 36) which found, after controlling for age, those with FMS had significantly later menarche and were less likely to have ever been pregnant (301).

In agreement with previous cross-sectional and longitudinal studies (8, 297, 302), BMI was strongly and positively related to reported FMS in this large Appalachian population. Additionally, higher BMI has been associated with an increased risk of FMS after adjustment for mood and/or other health factors (8, 297), including familial FMS diagnosis (302). Likewise, consistent with findings from a recent cross-sectional study of a nationally representative sample of U.S. adults (N = 8446, FMS cases = 201) (8) FMS showed significant positive associations to multiple comorbid conditions in our study after

adjustment for demographic and lifestyle factors; these included cardiovascular disease, rheumatoid arthritis and other autoimmune disorders, kidney, respiratory and liver diseases, and frequent headache. Osteoarthritis was also associated with a nearly 4-fold likelihood of FMS, dissimilar from a large, national analysis of U.S. electronic medical records (N = 587961, FMS cases = 4296) of only a (unadjusted) 2-fold likelihood (303). In contrast to other large studies of U.S. adults (8, 303), diabetes was not associated with FMS in this sample of Appalachian adults.

The strengths of this study were its high response rate, population-based design, and large sample size; this was the largest comprehensive community study conducted to date in the Appalachian region. We were able to control for a large number of potential confounders, including comorbid conditions. Misclassification of CRP was unlikely due to standardized assay procedures used.

This study targeted a population of predominantly white Appalachian adults, potentially limiting generalizability. Possible misclassification of FMS may have occurred depending on time the participant was diagnosed and the physician's awareness and use of the American College of Rheumatology classification criteria for FMS first established in 1990. In particular, poor or incomplete recognition of FMS by healthcare providers may have led to under-ascertainment (304). However, such underascertainment would be expected to bias the observed associations toward the null. FMS, in addition to most other assessed health conditions, was based on self-report, possibly leading to response or misclassification bias. To our knowledge, no clinical validation study has assessed the agreement between self-report and medical record-verified data on FMS.

Unmeasured confounding may have also contributed to our findings, although our ability to control for a large number of both known and potential risk factors for FMS diminishes this possibility. Our study also lacked specific information on certain conditions previously linked to FMS, including sleep apnea and irritable bowel syndrome. Although contact with former residents of counties used for study inclusion was attempted, some may not have participated in the study, possibly introducing sampling bias. Lastly, we cannot draw any conclusions regarding causality due to the lack of a temporal component in our cross-sectional study design.

Conclusion

In this large cross-sectional study of Appalachian adults we observed a significant, positive association between serum CRP and diagnosed FMS, which was largely explained by elevated BMI and chronic comorbid conditions. Adjustment for sleep and mood disturbance only modestly attenuated this association, suggesting that BMI and chronic comorbid conditions may largely account for elevated CRP levels among FMS patients over the presence of sleep and mood disturbance. Further prospective

research is needed to determine the relation of CRP and other inflammatory markers to the development and progression of FMS, and to clarify the potentially complex role of obesity and comorbidities, in the potentially causal pathway between inflammatory markers and FMS.

CHAPTER 3: Prevalence Trends and the Association between Herbal Supplement Use and Fibromyalgia Syndrome in two National Samples (2007-2012)

Introduction

Fibromyalgia syndrome (FMS) is a rheumatologic chronic pain syndrome affecting approximately 0.5-5% of populations in developed countries (7), including 1.75% of those in the U.S.(8). FMS is characterized by a constellation of somatic symptoms that are typically present in addition to widespread pain (e.g., fatigue, sleep disturbance, memory, and mood problems), for which no clear cause can be found (9). Additionally, those with FMS also experience high rates of comorbidity, such as autoimmune disease (22), osteoarthritis (23), kidney (24), respiratory (25), cardiovascular (24), liver (26), diabetes (27), stomach conditions (24, 26), and headache (29). Although FMS affects both sexes and people of all ages, the majority (80-90%) of cases occur in Caucasian (13, 14) middle-aged women (13).

Chronic pain, such as that accompanying FMS, is difficult to manage; this is partially due to limited efficacy of conventional pharmaceutical therapies and the significant side effects associated with these medications. In addition, although specific clinical criteria for FMS, first developed by the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) in 1990, have been in effect for over 25 years, many physicians remain unfamiliar with FMS and FMS treatment (305). Therefore, many FMS patients have experienced difficulty in receiving diagnosis and consistent care for their symptoms, particularly before less constrictive ACR criteria were introduced in 2010 (306), which additionally gauges impact of FMS upon quality of life through the use of an impact score (17).

Although there is no evidence of efficacy for opioids as treatment for FMS (18, 75), more than 80% of FMS patients receive opioid therapy (63). Some physicians are reluctant to prescribe opioids (6), while others overprescribe them (85), even though prescription drug overdose deaths involving opioids (using age-adjusted data) have more than quadrupled since 1999 (84). People with FMS are also typically treated with antidepressants (54), muscle relaxants (11), as well as other pain (54) and sleep medicines (11). Drugs commonly used off-label to treat FMS include Gabapentin (56), Fluoxetine (57), Pramipexole (57), Amitriptyline (54), and Tramadol plus Paracetamol (57), among others (307); all carry significant side effects. Although three drugs (Anticonvulsant Lyrica/Pregabalin, and Serotonin-norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors Cymbalta/Duloxetine (58, 59) and Savella/Milnacipran) have been approved by the FDA for FMS treatment, they also carry significant side effects (57, 60, 61), and the mechanisms by which these drugs alleviate FMS symptoms is unknown. For some FMS patients, these drugs are not effective (11). Chronic Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs) are also given as treatment for

some pain symptoms (18), but likewise carry significant side effects for as many as 25% of long-term users (62).

Complementary Health Approaches (CHAs) (formerly referred to as 'Complementary and Alternative Medicine', or 'CAM' by the National Institute for Complementary and Integrative Medicine) are medical and health care systems, practices, and are often used by those with chronic pain(308). The ACR suggests people with FMS consider non-drug treatments in addition to their pharmaceutical approaches, and that certain CHAs may be helpful in managing FMS symptoms. Many of these treatments, including herbal dietary supplements, have not been well tested in FMS patients for safety and efficacy (76-78). Although CHA use is popular in the U.S., patients often do not disclose their use of CHAs to their physicians (97, 98), largely because the role of CHA in chronic pain management remains controversial. Physicians disagree with one another and with their patients about the cost, validity, and effectiveness of individual CHAs (99). The use of CHA use may reflect greater autonomy patient populations who are less dependent upon conventional medicine and wish to direct their own health care (88); some patients also use CHAs due to concerns over the safety of conventional medicine (100). Compared with nonusers, CHA users tend to be women, white, middle-aged, of higher income, and better-educated (90, 106, 110-116).

In the United States, 30-60% of the general population use CHAs (88), and in 2007, about $14.8 billion was spent on the purchase of non-vitamin, non-mineral, natural CHA products (109). According to the 2012 National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), which included a comprehensive survey on the use of CHAs in the U.S., 17.7% of adults had used a dietary supplement other than vitamins and minerals in the past year, making these products the most commonly used CHA for which data were available (104); these supplements included herbal products (Image 1) Consistent with these findings, systematic reviews of population-based studies in U.S. adults (2001-2012) indicate 18.1% of the general population used herbal medicine (109, 116, 118, 137-165). Echinacea, Ginseng, Ginkgo, and Garlic were the most common natural products among adults in 2007 (161).

'Herbs' (plant-derived products also known as 'botanicals' or 'biologically based therapies') are often sold as dietary supplements and are part of the broader CHA group of approaches called 'Natural Products', which also include (non plant-derived) vitamins and minerals. The use of herbs for potential health benefit is called 'herbal medicine use' or 'phytomedicine' and is part of many 'folk medicine' traditions. Many herbs have been documented to have anti-inflammatory action (in vitro and in vivo) (123, 223, 225-227, 233, 241-265, 271), and anecdotal accounts demonstrate herbalists have recommended many herbs for the treatment of FMS and/or related symptoms such as pain (121, 179, 180, 211, 216-219), rheumatism (121, 169, 178-180, 182, 191, 216-218), and arthritis (121, 169, 178, 179,

191, 212, 217, 218); others have been used for non-specific inflammation (121, 179, 180, 217, 218), sleep troubles (121, 169, 179), and for headache (179, 180, 217); it is not clear if these herbs continue to be used by those with FMS. A 2009 case-control study (FMS = 434) showed nearly half (42.9%) of those with FMS used herbs and other supplements; herbs used most often by those with FMS were Ginkgo (3.7%), Garlic (3.0%), Ginseng (3.0%), Echinacea (2.5%), Evening Primrose oil (2.3%), and Valerian (2.3%) (197).

Pain-related disorders are the most commonly reported conditions for which patients use CHAs (86, 88, 93, 105, 106). Those in the US most frequently use CHAs for back pain, neck pain, joint pain, and arthritis (161). However, investigations regarding the prevalence and correlates of herbal use in chronic pain populations remains limited, and even fewer studies have examined the relation of FMS to herbal use; one case-control study assessing this relationship combined herbal supplements with other natural products (197). Further, only one large study examined herbal use in a pain population receiving opioids (93), while UK population studies conducted over three decades ago examining similar chronic pain syndromes to FMS used small sample sizes (N<100).

Further research on FMS and herbal use is clearly warranted given that FMS is poorly managed by current treatment options, and there is a national opioid epidemic; while previous studies suggest CHA use is popular, research regarding herbal use for pain remains limited, particularly before and after implementation of updated FMS diagnostic criteria. We hypothesize that rates of herbal supplement use will differ between time points among those with FMS, and those with FMS will be more likely to use herbal supplements than those without FMS.

Methods

Data Sources

In two nationally nationally-representative samples of 23,501 and 34,525 U.S. adults (the National Health Interview Surveys (NHIS), 2007 and 2012, respectively), we investigated if those with Fibromyalgia Syndrome (FMS) were more likely to use herbal supplements than those without FMS, and determined if prevalence rates for herbal supplement use among those with FMS significantly changed over a 5-year time period. The NHIS is an annual national, cross-sectional household survey of the noninstitutionalized US population and is administered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Health Statistics. An additional supplement (Adult Alternative Medicine) to the core individual, family, and household surveys in both years asked participants about use of a broad range of CHAs, including herbal supplements. All questions were administered in a

personal interview format. Adult response rates to the NHIS were 78.3% in 2007 and 79.7% in 2012, respectively (309, 310).

The NHIS is the only national, public-use survey that includes comprehensive sets of questions regarding herbal and other CHA use. Both 2007 and 2012 surveys used a stratified multistage probability design weighted on age, sex, race/ethnicity; using 2000 and 2010 Census data for 2007 and 2012, respectively. Both surveys oversampled Asian, Black, and Hispanic persons, and the minority elderly population. Thus, each person in the covered population had a known non-zero probability of selection. These probabilities of selection, along with adjustments for nonresponse and post-stratification (defined as post-survey implementation stratification of the sample according to auxiliary information about the sampled population, similar to direct standardization) were reflected in the sample weights and complex survey procedures recommended by the CDC for our analyses. Additional project details have been described elsewhere (310).

Study population

Our analysis excluded participants who were <18 years of age, pregnant, senile, had a stroke and used a proxy to complete the interview, or had current cancer; those missing data on key covariates were also excluded, as were participants with extreme values for exercise (>6,000 minutes per week) in order to eliminate potential information bias; these were the only extreme values considered for exclusion. Further exclusion of persons with missing data on FMS and herbal use (at 30 days, 12 months, or ever using herbs) yielded final study samples of 20,127 and 30,672 adults for 2007 and 2012, respectively (Figure 1).

Variables

Outcome Variables. The main outcome variables for 6 separately run analyses were (in three models for each of the two survey years) the use of herbal supplements within the previous 30 days, 12 months, and having ever used herbal supplements (all dichotomous variables); these included herbs in the form of pills, capsules, tablets (2007) or liquids (2012), and excluded herbal or green teas.

Exposure Variable. Our main exposure was Fibromyalgia Syndrome (FMS) diagnosis, a dichotomous variable, which was self-reported as a previously diagnosed condition by a health professional.

Covariates. Demographics lifestyle factors, health conditions, and related factors known or suspected to be associated with CHAs, herbal use, and/or FMS were considered a priori as potential covariates in multivariable models. Demographic factors assessed included age, gender, race/ethnicity, education, employment, income, marital status, geographic region, and place of birth. Additional related factors included insurance status, family out-of-pocket medical costs in the past year, and delay of care due to

concerns over cost. Lifestyle factors included smoking status, alcohol use, exercise, BMI (21), health status, and substance abuse. Health conditions included self-reported history of physician diagnosed diabetes (27), kidney disease (24), gastrointestinal disorder (24, 26), respiratory conditions (22), dyslipidemia, liver condition, Rheumatoid arthritis, Cardiovascular disease (24), hypertension, nonspecific arthritis (23), gout, migraines (29), mental health condition, insomnia, and previous cancer diagnosis. These variables are described in greater detail below.

Potential Effect modifiers. Gender (Male/Female) and number of health conditions (0-1/2+) were assessed for their potential influence on the relationship between FMS and herbal use.

Statistical Analysis

We conducted complete-case analyses using SAS 9.4 (Cary, NC, USA). We merged NHIS Family, Person, Household, Sample Adult, and Adult Alternative health files for each year, and measured sample characteristics, including frequencies and percentages/prevalence rates of herbal use (ever, past 12 months, and past 30 days) for 2007 and 2012, respectively (using PROC SURVEYFREQ and PROC SURVEYMEANS); we extrapolated estimates to generate population frequencies using NHIS sampling weights. Weighted t-tests (PROC SURVEYREG) and Rao-Scott Chi-square tests were used to determine significant differences by herbal use status for three herbal use time points in both survey years; significant factors were included in final models, for which we assessed the influence of potential confounding factors. Weighted logistic regressions (PROC SURVEYLOGISTIC) were used to evaluate the independent associations of FMS diagnosis to herbal use in the last 30 days, the last 12 months, or ever. We also used a DOMAIN statement to keep our exclusions separate while maintaining the integrity of sampling weights. We used Chi-square and t-tests to determine significant changes between 2007 and 2012 on weighted frequencies and means of all items, in addition to specific herbs used, herbal practitioner visits, physician disclosure of herbal use, and use of other CHAs; we considered trends between time points significant if there was no overlap in weighted percentage confidence intervals. Differences between participants missing any data were assessed using logistic regression. All p-values shown are two-sided at $p \leq 0.05$.

For 2007 and 2012, we examined crude associations between FMS and herbal use at 30 days, 12 months, and any previous use of herbs. Three additional models for each year adjusted for demographic and related covariates, followed by six total models additionally adjusting for lifestyle factors. Last, we additionally controlled for health conditions as well, in six (full) models.

Our models included demographic characteristics of age (evaluated as both continuous and in groups 18-24, 25-44, 45-64, 65-74, and 75+ years), sex (Male/Female), race (defined as 'Non-Hispanic White,'

'Non-Hispanic Black,' 'Hispanic,' 'Asian,' and 'Other'), education (a categorical variable defined as '<Some HS,' 'HS/GED,' 'Some college/AA/tech,' and 'Bachelor's Degree+,'), employment ('Employed for pay,' 'Employed but not for pay,' and 'Unemployed,'), income ($1 - $24,999; $25,000 - $44,999; $45,000 - $74,999; $75,000+; 'Don't know'; and 'Missing'), and geographic region ('Northeast,' 'Midwest,' 'South,' and 'West'), and place of birth (U.S.-born/other), which were controlled for in a multivariate model first, as were related factors insurance status (separate categories 'Uninsured,' 'Medicaid,' 'Medicare,' 'disability,' and 'private'), family out-of-pocket medical costs in the past year (aside from insurance premiums, deductibles, and/or co-pays) ('None;' <$500; $500-$1999; $2000-$2999; $3000-$4999; $5000 and over; and, 'Don't know'), and delayed access to care because "could not afford" or "worried about cost" (yes/no). Marital status (evaluated as 'married or co-habitating,' 'divorced/separated/ widowed,' and 'single') was additionally controlled for in 2012 models. Models also controlled for lifestyle factors BMI (evaluated as continuous and categorical variables using the National Institutes of Health clinical classifications scores of <18.5 – 25 ='Underweight or Normal weight;' 25 – 29.9='Overweight;' 30 – 34.9='Obese Class 1;' and, 35+='Obese Classes 2/3') (295), tobacco use (defined as 'current smoker,' 'former smoker,' and 'never smoked'), alcohol use ('None,' 'Light,' and 'Moderate to heavy'), substance abuse (other than tobacco or alcohol) in past year (yes/no), physical activity of at least 10 minutes per week (continuous and dichotomous as 'Any'/'None'), and self-reported health status ('Excellent/very good/good,' 'Fair,' and 'Poor').

In our fully-adjusted models, we also evaluated the influence of both specific health conditions and total number of health conditions on the relation of FMS to herbal use. A comorbidity index was created from 0-13 participant-reported conditions; these included history of 1) diabetes (27); 2) kidney disease (24); 3) gastrointestinal disorder (including history of ulcers, inflammatory/irritable bowel disease or constipation severe enough to require medication in the past year and/or (2012) abdominal pain, digestive allergy, and/or heartburn in the past year) (24, 26); 4) respiratory conditions (history of asthma or emphysema, and/or chronic bronchitis) (22); 5) dyslipidemia; 6) liver condition; 7) rheumatoid arthritis; 8) cardiovascular disease (coronary heart disease, angina, and/or heart attack) (24); 9) hypertension; 10) non-specific arthritis (23); 11) gout; 12) migraines (29); and, 13) mental health condition (depression, phobias, and/or often anxious in past year, and/or ever having bipolar disorder). We categorized this index as 'No health conditions,' '1 condition,' 2 conditions,' and '3 or more conditions'; Health conditions were evaluated both collectively (as continuous and categorical variables) and individually; insomnia in the past year or previous cancer diagnosis were also evaluated individually.

We assessed the potential modifying influence of gender and number of health conditions (0-1/2+) on the association between FMS and herbal use at each outcome time point and for each survey year;

interactions were assessed by including the corresponding multiplicative-interaction term in crude statistical models.

Results

Relative to participants with complete data in both survey years, those employed and with higher education were less likely to have missing data on key covariates (*p's* ≤.0001). Those more likely to have missing data were underweight, older, and with poor reported health status (*p's* ≤.0001); in 2012, insured women were also more likely to have missing data (*p* ≤.0001). Participant age ranged from 18 to 85 years, averaging 47.5 (SE = 0.25) and 48.5 (SE = 0.18) years for 2007 and 2012, respectively. In both survey years, study participants were predominantly white (72.2% and 69.5% for 2007 and 2012, respectively), female (53.1% and 53.5%), and insured (84.3% and 84.2%); most (56.4% and 57.9%) reported never smoking. Nearly one-third of participants were overweight (mean BMI for 2007 BMI = 27.3± 0.05; 2012 = 27.7± 0.04), and most (64% and 72.3%) reported at least one chronic health condition, with the number of chronic health conditions increasing from a mean of 1.5± 0.02 in 2007 to 1.9± 0.01 in 2012.

Demographic and lifestyle characteristics are displayed in Tables 1a (any previous use of herbs), 2a (herbal use in past 12 months), and 3a (herbal use in past 30 days), while Tables 1b, 2b, and 3b display health characteristics, respectively. Those reporting herbal use (ever, and past 12 months) significantly decreased between 2007 and 2012 (p's < .0001). Those with any herbal use (ever) comprised 27.1% (2007 n = 5057) and 24.2% (2012 n = 7328) of population samples (Table 1a), with decreases in these prevalence rates for recent use of herbs (12 months: 2007 PR = 19.1%; 2012 PR = 16.4%) (Table 2a); nearly 14% used herbs within the past 30 days (2007 PR = 13.9%; 2012 PR = 13.9%) in both survey years (Table 3a).

In 2012, fewer whites consumed herbs (ever, past 12 months) for health benefit compared to 2007, while the Hispanic population increased their use (p's = < .0001). Herbal users exercised more and smoked less in 2012 than in 2007 (p's = < .0001). Additionally, herbal use was associated with a significant increase in out-of-pocket costs in both survey years (p's for trend = .0001; not shown); specifically, there was a significant increase in out-of-pocket costs over $3,000 among herbal users (ever, past 12 months) between time points. There was a significant decrease in privately-insured herbal users (ever), and an increase in herbal users (past 12 months) with Medicaid (p's < .0001). All herbal users had significantly higher numbers of health conditions compared to non-herbal users in both 2007 and 2012 (p's for trend = <.0001; not shown). Rates of chronic pain conditions (including migraines, non-specific arthritis, gout, non-specific joint pain last greater than 3 months, and/or Rheumatoid

arthritis) and mental health conditions among herbal users (past 12 months, past 30 days) was also significantly higher in 2012 than in 2007 (p's = <.0001) between time periods. Lastly, consumption of natural products increased among all herbal users between time points, while significant decreases occurred in those using herbs and reported ever using manipulative therapies/bodywork, as well as alternative medical systems (Acupuncture, Ayurveda, homeopathy, naturopathy) (p's < .0001).

Prevalence of diagnosed FMS also increased significantly from 1.3% of adult participants in 2007 to 1.7% in 2012 (p<.0001) (Table 4). However, consistent with overall trends in herbal use (Table 1a-3a), herbal use (ever) among adults diagnosed with FMS declined significantly from 2007 to 2012, decreasing from 57 to 41% (p <0.0001); however, there were no significant differences in the proportions of those with FMS using herbs in the past 12 months (42% to 31%) or 30 days (33% to 25%) (Table 4). There were no changes between time points in herbal use disclosure rates to physicians (64.6% within the past 30 days in 2007 to 71.4% within past 12 months for "top herbal supplements used") and number of different of herbal supplements taken in the past 30 days (2007 Mean = 0.99, SE = 0.20 vs. 2012 Mean = 1.1, SE = 0.38; p = .89) among those with FMS.

Relation of FMS to Herbal use. Nearly 60% of those with FMS had previous/current use of herbs (ever), while 42% used herbs in the past 12 months, and 33% used herbs in the past 30 days. Approximately 3% of herbal users (ever, past 12 months, past 30 days) had FMS in 2007 and 2012; this rate did not differ between time points (Table 5). Relative to those without FMS, participants diagnosed with FMS were over three times as likely to use herbs for any length of time in 2007. After adjustment for demographic, lifestyle, and health factors, those with FMS were 2.7 times more likely to ever use herbs than those without FMS (Adjusted odds ratio (AOR) = 2.66, 95% confidence interval (CI): 1.85, 3.82); this positive association remained when examining the association between FMS and recent herbal use as well (12 month and 30 day AOR's = 2.25 (CI: 1.51, 3.35) and 2.34 (CI: 1.55, 3.52)). Likewise, FMS was significantly associated with all herbal use outcomes in 2012, although the magnitude of the associations were comparatively attenuated (2012 AOR's: herbal use (all) = 1.59 (CI: 1.25, 2.03); 12 month = 1.57 (CI: 1.21, 2.04); 30 days = 1.51 (CI: 1.15, 2.00)).

As illustrated in Table 6, we found evidence of a modifying effect of comorbidity only for the relationship between ever using herbs and FMS in 2007; the magnitude of the association of herbal use to FMS was significantly greater in those with 0-1 comorbid health condition than in those with 2 or more health conditions (OR's, respectively= 4.67 (CI: 2.22, 9.81) vs. 2.80 (CI: 1.99, 3.92; p for interaction = .008); we found no evidence of a modifying effect of multiple comorbidities for either year, even after controlling for age. Additionally, we found no evidence for a modifying effect of gender on the relation between FMS and herbal use in either year.

Discussion

Our study was the first large, population-based study to examine the relation of herbal use to FMS in any population, while controlling for a wide array of potential confounders and examining the modifying influence of comorbid conditions; it is also among the first rigorous studies to investigate the relation of herbal use to any chronic pain condition in a large sample. Relative to adults without FMS, those with FMS were significantly more likely to use herbs at 30 days, 12 months, or ever, in both 2007 and 2012 survey years; these positive associations remained highly significant even after controlling for a broad array of demographic, lifestyle, and health-related factors.

In our study, 60% of those with FMS had ever used herbs, while 42% used herbs in the past 12 months, and 33% used herbs in the past 30 days. Studies assessing herbal use in FMS have not examined relationships as we did, but only reported frequencies of use; these ranged from 6.8% (in a large sample of Wisconsin primary care patients receiving opioids) to 78% (among 90 FMS patients in the UK) (93, 196, 197). However, these studies were limited by combining herbs with other natural products (14, 93, 196, 197, 311) in proportion estimates, and the wide variation in proportions likely arise from using different definitions for herbs and supplements. When examining herbal use in rheumatoid arthritis populations, 20% - 35% used herbal medicine; however, these small (N=78 and N = 94) studies were conducted over three decades ago (193-195).

Prevalence of diagnosed FMS was significantly higher in 2012 compared to 2007 (1.7% vs. 1.3%), which is slightly less than national estimates (1.75% of those in the U.S. (8)) but fits within prevalence ranges (0.5-5%) of developed countries (7); this apparent rise is likely due in part to increased recognition of FMS by physicians after updated 2010 ACR criteria, potentially enabling shorter patient waiting times to diagnoses than before.

In contrast, we found reported herbal use among adults with FMS to decline significantly from 2007 to 2012; this decrease may in part reflect the modest but significant reduction in overall herbal use observed between survey time periods. Additionally, the decrease in odds of herbal use in FMS may also reflect the availability of FDA-approved FMS treatments that became available in 2007, 2008, 2009 shortly following implementation of the 2007 NHIS survey.

It remains possible that both the increase in FMS diagnoses and the decrease in odds of herbal use for FMS over time are also in part perhaps the result of corporate promotion for FMS drugs, increased off-label use of other drugs for FMS, and potentially, increased opioid use for FMS. Between 2007 and 2012, the mean number of different herbal supplements used by those with FMS did not differ, and both means (2007 mean = 0.99; 2012 mean 1.07) were lower than that of a 2009 North-

American case-control study (FMS = 434, Control = 198) which showed those with FMS took ~ 2.8 per person; however, this average was also combined with the use of all other natural products (197). Ours is the first study to document the rates of FMS in herbal users, which remained consistent at ~3% in both 2007 and 2012.

The magnitude of the association between herbal use (ever) and FMS was significantly greater in those with 0-1 comorbid conditions in 2007 but not 2012. Although the possibility remains that this finding may indicate those diagnosed with FMS before 2007 were more likely to have used herbs in an attempt to exercise control over their health, since no FDA-approved treatments existed before 2007 data collection (312). While it remains possible those with FMS managed their illness more successfully with herbs, resulting in fewer FMS comorbidities before FDA-approved treatments were made available, these findings should be interpreted with caution.

Our ability to examine associations between herbal use and FMS in nationally representative samples that spanned two time periods comprehensive data on herbal use, as well as on many potential confounders, including demographic, lifestyle, health-related, and other factors, are major strengths of our study.

However, there were some limitations, including inadequate capture of certain herbal products. No data were available on consumption of herbal teas used for health purposes or on other herbal products not labelled as a "dietary supplement", including traditionally prepared herbal creams, tinctures/extracts, and powders, or products (with different labelling than that specified by the NHIS) that are sometimes recommended by herbalists over widely-available supplements due to quality and processing concerns. Additionally, many of the CHAs were only assessed in NHIS if they were administered by a practitioner (e.g., massage therapy, deep breathing only as part of other guided meditation practice, etc.). Our estimates for herbal use and other CHAs are likely underestimated due to misclassification of herbal use by the additional inclusion of non-herbal products including coenzyme Q-10, fiber, SAM-e, fish oil, and prebiotics/probiotics in the NHIS.

Additionally, the 2012 questionnaire differed substantially from 2007. Based on cognitive testing and input from expert panels, the definitions of certain modalities were modified between years to reduce false-positive responses (313), which may have affected findings. However, these changes were relatively minor and are unlikely to impact our estimates.

Given the high prevalence rates of those with FMS using herbs (as indicated through positive associations with all herbal use outcomes), additional observational studies are needed to explore potential impacts of herbal use on a variety of chronic pain conditions, in order provide rationale for clinical trials on potential herbal therapies for other poorly-managed chronic diseases. Future observational research should continue to examine patterns of herbal use, and clinical research should also examine the safety and efficacy of herbs.

Conclusion

In this large cross-sectional study of two nationally representative samples of US adults, reported diagnosis of FMS was strongly and positively associated with any duration of herbal use in both 2007 and 2012 after adjustment for demographic, lifestyle, and health factors; As a result of this study, we have an increased understanding of the patterns of herbal use prior to and following the implementation of an update to FMS diagnostic criteria and increased availability of treatments for a disease characterized by chronic pain. Rigorous prospective studies are needed to confirm these findings, to further explore the patterns and determinants of herbal use in other chronic disease populations.

CHAPTER 4: Correlates of Herbal Use and other Complementary Health Approaches among Appalachian Pain Patients

Introduction

Over 20% of adults eventually experience chronic pain (2, 3), and as many as 100 million individuals are affected in the United States alone (4). The International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP) defines pain as chronic if it persists beyond normal tissue healing time of 3 months (314). Unrelieved pain results in decreased function, longer hospital stays, and increased rates of rehospitalization and outpatient visits, leading to lost employment, income, and insurance coverage (5). Chronic pain costs the U.S. more than $635 billion annually in medical costs and lost productivity, which equates to approximately $2,000 per person (3).

The Institute of Medicine stresses the importance of increased research regarding the translation of effective treatments into practice and regarding the prevalence and costs associated with pain (6). While many pain measurement tools exist (315-324), some instruments incorporate frequency and intensity criteria, while others do not; this adds to variation in prevalence estimates (1-3, 325). Recently, pain physicians and researchers gathered to create a more standardized measurement tool for pain assessment, the Global Pain Scale (GPS) which incorporates elements of existing pain measurement tools and measures various clinical and quality of life factors (315).

Poor pain management frustrates patients and their caregivers; poor symptom management often prolongs pain treatment, and many of these treatments carry significant side effects (326). The identification of superior management options for chronic pain is difficult, likely due to the multiple complex mechanisms and signaling pathways through which chronic pain is generated (30, 31); many chronic pain patients thus experience poor treatment outcomes (2). Chronic pain is challenging to manage, partially due to limited efficacy and negative side effects from conventional medical therapies, but also because some physicians are reluctant to prescribe opioids (6), while others overprescribe them (85).

Over the past decade, the worrisome trend of increased prescription and utilization of opioids for the treatment of chronic nonmalignant pain has emerged (83), even though opioids cause physical and psychological dependence in users. Additionally, there is no concrete evidence opioids are effective in treating some chronic pain conditions for which they are prescribed (18, 75). Opioid pain relievers—also called prescription painkillers—such as Oxycodone, Hydrocodone, Fentanyl, and Hydromorphone, were responsible for three-fourths of all prescription drug overdose deaths in the United States in 2010 (84). Nationally, deaths involving opioids (using age-adjusted data) have more than quadrupled since 1999

(84). However, non-opioid medications such as Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs) carry significant side effects for as many as 25% of long-term users (62).

Opioid treatment for chronic pain management presents a great challenge in the unique demographic of Appalachia. In particular, West Virginia, the only state situated entirely within Appalachia, ranks among the highest in the nation for several health disparities, including opioid pain medication misuse and abuse. West Virginia's overdose death rate has been climbing (28.9 per 100,000 population in 2010, compared to 35.5 per 100,000 in 2014), and was more than double the national rate, which has also been rising over time (12.4 per 100,000 population, compared to 16.1 per 100,000, respectively) (86, 327).

Understanding the patterns of usage and efficacy of other, safer forms of chronic pain treatment are necessary, and may include Complementary Health Approaches (CHAs) such as herbal medicine. Some patients choose CHAs because of concerns over the safety of conventional medicine (100); Painrelated disorders are the most commonly reported conditions for which patients use CHAs (86, 88, 93, 105, 106); CHAs encompass therapeutic approaches not customarily prescribed by medical doctors to treat chronic pain, such as natural products (e.g., herbs, probiotics, fish oil) and Mind-body practices (e.g., yoga, meditation, etc.), as well as Ayurvedic medicine, Traditional Chinese Medicine, Naturopathy, homeopathy, and other practices. Most people use CHAs with conventional treatments (90, 95, 96), but patients often do not disclose the use of CHAs to their physicians (97, 98). CHA use is popular in the United States, with 30-60% of the general population estimated to use CHAs (88). In 2007, about $14.8 billion was spent on the purchase of non-vitamin, non-mineral, natural CHA products in the United States (e.g., herbs, fish oil, etc.) (109). The most comprehensive systematic review to date (28 trials meeting quality criteria and presenting an economic evaluation) concluded that substituting a complementary and integrative medicine (a.k.a. self- or practitioner-administered CHA) care component in place of usual care had better health outcomes and lower costs than usual care alone for a variety of chronic health conditions (328). However, comparative research is largely lacking, as is research regarding the overlap of CHA use and/or conventional treatments among those with pain conditions (329).

Herbs (plant-derived products also known as 'botanicals', 'biologically based therapies', and 'herbal medicine') are sold as food and dietary supplements in the United States. In 2012, 17.7% of U.S. adults had used a dietary supplement other than vitamins and minerals in the past year, making these products the most popular CHA (104).

Herbal medicine is also part of many 'folk medicine' traditions. Anecdotal accounts suggest that many herbs have been recommended by herbalists for the treatment of pain, rheumatism, and related symptoms (121, 179, 180, 211, 216-219). The history of Willow (*Salix* spp.) and other salicin-rich plants, which are pre-cursors to the NSAID Aspirin, is an example of the role herbs have played in pain

management (123). A meta-analysis of Capsicum (a compound extracted from the fruit of Chili peppers *C. frutecens* and others) for the treatment of pain, reported that topical Capsaicin was superior to placebo for the treatment of chronic pain from neuropathic and musculoskeletal disorders (with trials of moderate to high quality); the FDA approves Capsaicin as an OTC medicine as topical cream (199). There is also extensive anecdotal evidence indicating widespread use of botanicals for the relief of pain. Based on current anecdotal evidence, plants with analgesic, anti-inflammatory and/or anti-spasmodic activities continue to be used as well.

However, there are relatively few population-based studies assessing the prevalence and/or correlates of herbal use in pain populations. A large cross-sectional study among Wisconsin primary care patients receiving opioids as a primary treatment method for chronic pain showed that 6.8% used herbs and supplements (93). However, a cross-sectional study of primary care patients with chronic pain conducted in 12 academic medical centers demonstrated a higher prevalence rate (15%) for herbal use (95). Additionally, two studies indicated herbal use prevalence among U.K. Rheumatoid Arthritis patients varied from 20% (N=78) (193, 194) to 35% (N=94) (194, 195) of used herbal medicines, while 78% (N=90) (194, 196) of U.K. FMS patients used dietary supplements (including herbal supplements).

The history of folk medicine in Southern Appalachia is much better known in some areas than others; more research has been conducted in western NC, eastern TN, and eastern KY. Comparable research has been conducted more recently in other areas, particularly northern Georgia, southwestern VA, mid-TN, western KY, and northern Alabama (124). West Virginia has a known anecdotal history of herbal medicine use, and some of it is specific to folk illnesses as part of Appalachian folk medicine (169, 217); however, no epidemiological studies on herbal use have been conducted in WV pain populations. There are many methodological problems attending the gathering of information on the use of folk medicine, including small sample sizes, misclassification bias (investigators have failed to distinguish between past and present herbal medicine usage), and failure to account for contextual factors influencing use, including concurrent use of conventional medicines (124).

In a comprehensive literature review of herbal texts and qualitative studies of herbal use in Appalachia (Appendix B), we found anecdotal evidence for the historical use of 101 herbs for pain relief (121, 179, 180, 216-219), rheumatism (121, 169, 178-180, 182, 191, 216-218), and arthritis (121, 169, 178, 179, 191, 212, 217, 218); 12 herbs for non-specific inflammation (121, 179, 180, 217, 218); 3 for alleviating sleep troubles (121, 169, 179); and 4 for headache (179, 180, 217). It is not clear if these herbs continue to be used for these conditions in Appalachia. Unfortunately, rigorous observational studies and high-quality trials regarding the use and efficacy of herbs for chronic pain syndromes remain sparse and little is known regarding the correlates and motivators of herbal use, including pain level and prescription drug use. Clearly additional research is needed, particularly in Appalachia, where prevalence of chronic pain disorders (such as arthritis (330)) is high and opioid misuse is epidemic.

In this study, we examine potential motivators of herbal and CHA use by using a Transtheoretical Model-guided tool to better understand the underpinnings of short-term and long-term use. The Transtheoretical Model (TTM) is a behavioral theory which proposes that changes in a health behavior consist of movements between sequences of discrete, qualitatively distinct stages, characterized by distinct mindsets. As individuals move between these stages, specific social-cognitive factors influence stage progression (331); stage progression occurs through 6 separate 'Stages of Change' (Figure 1): *Precontemplation* (a person has no intention to change a health behavior), *Contemplation* (they begin to consider changing a health behavior), *Preparation* (they intend to change this behavior), *Action* (initiation of the new health behavior), *Maintenance* (execution of the health behavior for more than 6 months) (332), and the newly added *Termination* (desired health behavior complete) (333) . The 'Stage of Change' construct is the central organizing dimension of the TTM (334); this construct has demonstrated success in measuring various stages of health behavior change in cross-sectional research on the topics of diet (335, 336), the use of health care proxies (337), exercise in pain patients (338), physical activity and body satisfaction (339), and measuring health-promoting behaviors for cancer prevention in a healthy population (340). However, the TTM Stages of Change construct has never been applied to measure the health behavior of herbal use, nor other CHAs.

Current and future public health research calls for the use of theoretical models to better understand motivators of health behaviors (341) such as herbal medicine use; social/biobehavioral underpinnings in research are critical to understanding the processes and motivators of health behavior change. The use of a theoretical underpinning/conceptual framework, such as the TTM Stages of Change construct, in assessing the correlates of herbal medicine use (and the use of other CHAs) can help elucidate the reasoning and potential motivators behind an individual's decision-making process regarding the use of these approaches.

The use of herbs and other CHAs may signal a patient is actively engaged in a potentially positive health behavior, but may carry a risk of potentially negative interactions with other treatments. Gaps in existing research highlight a need to examine correlates of herbal use, as well as use of a variety of CHAs, to better understand if pain and other factors may influence individuals to engage in these health behaviors. Additionally, gaps exist with regard to identification of herbs used in Appalachia for pain, for which knowledge of potentially superior pain treatments may be lost; further investigation is also needed regarding the relation of herbal and other CHA use to demographics, lifestyle characteristics, pain and other health conditions, and other health-related factors, including prescription drug use. By employing a new, comprehensive instrument for measuring pain and CHA use and incorporating questions regarding a broad range of potential correlates, this cross-sectional study was designed to help address these gaps.

Methods

Scope of Project

This cross-sectional survey study was conducted from June 2014 – March 2016 in a sample of 301 English-speaking adult (≥18 years) patients in four Northern West Virginia pain and rheumatology clinics. We conducted primary data collection using a new measurement tool, the Complementary Approaches for Pain Survey (CHAPS) (Appendix D), using consecutive sampling (Response rate across clinics = 88.0%), in order to investigate the associations between a variety of demographic, lifestyle, health, and pain correlates with herbal use and other CHAs for pain in an Appalachian pain patient population. Details regarding survey development and content, study population, and survey administration are given below.

Survey Development

Development. The CHAPS included 2 closed-ended items regarding past and present chronic pain; demographics and lifestyle (10 and 6 items, respectively); 24 health conditions (including nine known to cause pain) and other health factors (3 items); the Shortened-Form Global Pain Scale (SF-GPS) pain assessment (20 items), and, open-ended questions regarding specific herbs and other CHAs (2 items). Additionally, we assessed the usage of 12 separate CHAs, including Herbs/Botanicals, following the definition of 'Herbs' from the National Institutes of Health's (NIH's) National Center for Complementary and Integrative Medicine (NCCIM), which consider herbal products a CHA falling into the subgroup of 'Natural products'. Natural products listed on our survey instrument included 'Herbs/botanicals,' 'Vitamins and minerals,' *'Probiotics,' and 'Other Natural products;' accompanying examples (e.g., "*Herbs/Botanicals (such as Echinacea, Black Cohosh, etc.)"), *were also included to minimize misclassification bias among users who may have been confused.* These questions were asked how long they had used each CHA; length of time corresponded to Stage of Change (334, 341); for each CHA, this included: "I do not know what this is;" "No, and I do not intend to within the next 6 months (Precontemplation stage);" "No, but I intend to within the next 6 months (Contemplation stage);" "No, but I intend to within the next 30 days (Preparation stage);" "Yes, and I have for less than 6 months (Action stage);" "Yes, and I have for more than 6 months (Maintenance stage);" and, "If Yes, how effective is it in managing your pain?". Twelve optional, nested questions regarding the efficacy of CHAs (if used) were also included.

Stage of change questions were constructed based on previous surveys measuring health behaviors by the TTM Stages of Change framework (334, 341). Researchers have indicated that projects

applying TTM should include investigation of problem severity (341). Our approach to measuring problem severity among this WV pain populations was through the use of the SF-GPS (315).

The SF-GPS (315) was adapted from the pre-validated Global Pain Scale (GPS) by its original authors, and was used in this research; The GPS was created to meet the need for a simplified instrument for use by both clinicians and researchers, incorporating key elements of many existing pain assessments. The GPS uses a variation of the Visual Analog Scale (VAS); numbers are spaced equidistant from one another on a horizontal line, both ends are defined as the extreme limits of the parameter measured (pain severity, etc.), and orientation is from the left (best) to the right (worst), indicating the impact each measure has had in a participant's life. The SF-GPS contains 5 items each on pain, feelings, clinical outcomes, and activities; it addresses the ceiling, floor, and average pain over the past week, as well as current pain state; screens for depression, anxiety, fear, hopelessness, and energy level, while exploring the effect of pain on respondents' quality of sleep, comfort, medication consumption, mood, independence, energy, work interference, perceived control over pain, health care utilization, and satisfaction with health care received. Finally, it also assesses how pain affects respondents' ability to complete a variety of activities.

A cover page was attached to every survey, indicating that the study was open only to patients over the age of 18 years, ensuring anonymity, and indicating the intent of the research study (Appendix D); returning of the survey served as implied informed consent. The CHAPS was designed to require no more than 15 minutes to complete, and the average time for survey completion among clinic patients was ~12 minutes.

Pre-testing/Pilot period. Following initial development of CHAPS and after obtaining provider permissions and IRB approval, we piloted the survey in a convenience sample of pain patents attending the WVU Medicine Pain clinic in Morgantown, WV (June 2014 – March 2015). We visited the clinic waiting room in person to solicit patient participation in the survey. In addition, we also placed a stack of surveys, pens, and a survey drop box in the waiting room; during the following 9 months, we visited every 2-3 weeks to collect surveys, and ensure surveys and pens were replenished. A total of 66 patients completed surveys during this period, including 28 during our in-person visit.

A preliminary version of the CHAPS was also pre-tested in 10 patients by two independent investigators in order to assess comprehension, recall, identification of strong and weak points, and through gauging sensitive/controversial elements (342); our investigators gauged this through the assessment of 13 pre-determined questions. Wording of the survey was designed to be at a ninth grade reading level or below.

Based on responses to and feedback on this preliminary survey, and after learning more about the patient experience through a 20-hour clinical immersion (accompanying a lead physician in patient rooms

at the WVU Medicine Pain clinic), we made minor formatting changes to the CHAPS to improve clarity, and included an additional question about (each) prescription use, CHA efficacy (if respondent used a CHA), and military status. We then pre-tested the final survey version in 11 additional patients at the same clinic location.

Final Version. Minor alterations were made to the final version of the CHAPS by September 2015. This 89-item self-administered survey required 10-12 minutes to complete. The survey included questions regarding use of a variety of CHAs, including herbs, in a manner consistent with surveys utilizing a Stages of Change approach (335, 337-339, 343). The CHAPS also included the 20-item SF-GPS(315); questions regarding a variety of demographic, lifestyle, and health factors (10, 6, and 25-items, respectively); and, 4 open-ended questions regarding additional CHA use, diagnoses, and prescriptions used for pain. There were no differences in CHA/herbal use outcomes by survey version (Fisher's $p = .102$ and .690, respectively) or (pilot) test period (Fisher's $p = .879$ and .678). Based upon the similarity of the preliminary and final CHAPS surveys, data from these surveys were pooled in our primary analyses.

Data Collection

Target study population and Identification of Sampling Locations. Our target study population comprised adult chronic pain patients attending a WV pain management or rheumatology clinic within a 100 mile radius of Morgantown, WV. Pain and rheumatology clinics were identified by conducting an internet search utilizing the Bing search engine; an online White Pages directory (www.whitepages.com); and, online healthcare specialist directories (www.healthgrades.com; www.RA.com; and, www.vitals.com) with search terms "Rheumatology," "Rheumatology clinic," or "Pain clinic," and "WV," or "West Virginia" and (for internet specialist directories) using the 'Physician locator' function to search for rheumatologists within 100 miles of the CHAPS office (May – July 2015).

Of the 15 and 91 rheumatology and pain management practices identified, respectively, non-pain specializing physicians were excluded, as were multidisciplinary practices that included specialties other than pain or rheumatology (Figure 2); also excluded were eye doctors, podiatrists, neurosurgeons, chiropractors, acupuncturists, and weight centers, leaving 9 and 30 eligible rheumatology and pain clinics, respectively. After exclusion of duplicates and those not meeting location criteria, we made phone calls to all remaining clinics (6 and 9, respectively) to verify address and purpose of the business, asking "Is this a rheumatology/pain management clinic, and do a majority of patients seek care in your facility for pain?". Following a positive response from rheumatology and pain clinic personnel, we

engaged clinic managers or lead physicians from each facility in an effort to describe the study and secure permission to administer the survey to their patients. When clinic managers were not available to speak by phone or email, we attempted to follow up 3 times. A total of 4 eligible clinics (1 rheumatology and 3 pain management) located in 4 different WV counties agreed to participate. Managers from each participating clinic signed a consent form which: briefly described the study purpose, stated that study investigators would neither disrupt clinic practice nor provide any medical advice; and, provided the IRB number and the primary contact information for the CHAPS study coordinator. Our resources allowed 24 total clinic visits throughout the study.

Clinic visits. Although our presence was not specifically advertised in clinics, we chose our seating in strategic areas of clinic waiting rooms (corners and/or areas located close to the entrance) so that we could utilize table space to hold our equipment (a number of clipboards, pens, and a stack of surveys). While we dressed nicely (i.e., no jeans or sneakers), we omitted the use of uniforms or formal business attire because we did not want to draw attention to our non-patient status. During clinic visits, a member of our team consecutively approached every patient (with the exception of one, who was on a stretcher with his face covered) by (in order) verifying patient status, giving a self-introduction and description of the study purpose, and asking for their participation as an anonymous respondent. When approaching someone in obvious pain, we added "I understand if you are in too much pain, or if you are not interested in filling out a survey." If they agreed to participate, we handed them a clipboard, survey, and pen; we thanked them regardless of decision. All surveys were self-administered with the exception of 14 (4.7%), which were completed by a proxy; we also assisted with personal interview format requests (n =6, 2.0%). Upon submission to a CHAPS team member, all surveys were marked with date and clinic location, folded to conceal any written information, and placed in a bag beneath our sitting area for delivery to the CHAPS office for analysis. All surveys were placed in a locked filing cabinet in our research coordinator's office when not in use by the CHAPS team. All data entry and compilation of a master codebook was completed by TF; data were checked periodically for data entry errors by visual examination, assessment of the distribution of each variable, and by examining the consistency of related variables.

During all phases of CHAPS research, we also engaged with clinic administrative staff, ensuring they were familiar with our study objectives; this enabled the return delivery of surveys taken back into the patient rooms. We used phones and other technology only minimally in waiting rooms, engaged in dialogue with patients when prompted, and kept a record of distance traveled and participant refusals. Public notification was not given for this study.

No participant incentives were used for this research study. Approval for the study was obtained from West Virginia University Institutional Review Board (IRB# 1403248198).

Variables

Outcome Variables. The main, dichotomous outcome variables for these analyses are 1) Current herbal use for pain (defined as 'Action [<6 months] or Maintenance [≥6 months] stage of herbal use' or 'Does not use herbs'); and, 2) Current use of other CHAs for pain (defined as the 'Action or Maintenance stage of CHA use' or 'Does not use CHAs'), which included the use of vitamins and/or minerals, probiotics, other natural products (excluding herbs), acupuncture, massage therapy, spinal manipulation/Chiropractic, Tai Chi, yoga, meditation, other relaxation practices, and/or movement therapies.

Independent Variables. We examined relationships between the outcomes with a variety of demographic, lifestyle, and health exposure variables in separately run models for each exposure.

Demographics: variables included age, gender, race/ethnicity, education, marital status, household Income, body mass index, and employment status.

Lifestyle factors: Smoking status, alcohol use in past year, and exercise were included as lifestyle factors.

Health factors: The SF-GPS score was our overall indicator variable for pain. Additionally, twenty-three comorbidities were assessed, as was past/current prescription medication use for pain management.

Covariates. We adjusted for education, age, exercise, SF-GPS, and health conditions in models, when sample sizes allowed.

Statistical Analysis

We conducted analyses using SAS 9.4 (Cary, NC), and measured means/frequencies of sample characteristics, including outcomes CHA/herbal use by each length of time used (Stage of Change). We manually coded the answers to open-ended questions describing specific herbs used for pain and generated frequencies for each. Next, we examined relationships between CHA/herbal use and a variety of demographic, lifestyle, and health factors among pain patients; we also assessed the potential influence of education and other significantly associated covariates from crude, individual models on CHA/herbal use for pain.

Demographic variables included age (continuous and 18-49/50+ years), gender (Male/Female), race/ethnicity (Non-Hispanic White/Other Race), education ('<HS/GED;' 'Some College/Associate/ Technical training;' '≥Bachelor's degree'), marital status ('Single;' 'Divorced/Separated/Widowed;'

'Married/Cohabitating'), and household Income (ordinal and in categories '≤$50,000'/'$50,001+'). Additionally, Body Mass Index (BMI, calculated as weight (pounds) x 703/height in inches^2) was evaluated as continuous and categorical, using the National Institutes of Health clinical classifications (BMI scores of <25 = "Underweight or Normal weight;" 25 – 29.9 = "Overweight;" 30 – 34.9 = "Obese Class 1;" and, 35+ = "Obese Classes 2/3") (295), as was employment status (a categorical variable defined as 'employed,' 'not employed and not disabled,' 'disabled,' and 'retired'). Lifestyle factors included smoking status (defined as Current/former/Never), alcohol use in past year (None/any), and exercise (categorical as None/Any, and continuous, in 30-minutes per week increments).

Health factors included SF-GPS score, as well as comorbidities. The total SF-GPS score was our overall indicator variable for pain. As stated before, the SF-GPS contains 5 items each on pain, feelings, clinical outcomes, and activities; the total score is the sum of these subscales, and ranges from 0 -100, where 0 = pain generally doesn't affect life and 100 = pain causes great distress in life) (315). Additionally, twenty-three comorbidities (a continuous index from 0-23, in addition to dichotomous variables: 'Pain syndromes,' which incorporated diagnoses of spine/back/neck pain, migraines, tension headaches, rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, temporomandibular jaw disorder, non-specific knee pain, fibromyalgia, and/or gout; 'Mental Health conditions,' including depression and/or anxiety; 'Injury,' including broken bones and/or musculoskeletal injury/tissue trauma; and, 'Other conditions,' for which hypertension, heart disease, irritable bowel disorder, renal disorder, asthma, chronic bronchitis, diabetes, cancer, stroke, and/or chronic fatigue syndrome were included). Past and current prescription medication use for pain management was manually recoded (None/any Rx) and examined as an exposure variable as well.

Additionally, we assessed the association of herbal use to concurrent use of other CHAs. Thus, we examined as independent variables CHA use (Current user of any CHA except herbs/None), Dietary supplement use (current use of Vitamins/Minerals, Probiotics, and/or other natural products excluding herbs/None), Mind and Body practices use (current use of Meditation, Relaxation, Yoga, and/or Tai Chi/Qi Gong/None), and, use of Acupuncture, Manipulative treatments, Massage, and/or Movement therapies (current user/None) in separate models. All CHA exposures were further examined in separate models by Action (short-term use, defined as <6 months) and Maintenance (long-term use, defined as ≥6 months) Stages of Change for each respective CHA.

All multivariable models were adjusted for demographic and lifestyle factors that did not have a substantial proportion of missing values (≥10%) and were associated ($p \leq .10$) with herbal/CHA use in the unadjusted analyses, such as education, chosen due to its established associations with herbal (144) and CHA use (95, 144). Additionally, we controlled for variables significantly associated with either

respective outcome in crude models; these variables included age, exercise, SF-GPS, and health conditions, when adequate sample sizes for power allowed.

Sensitivity Analysis of Missing Data

As we had over 10% missing data on certain variables, including CHA use, herbal use, BMI, alcohol consumption, and income, we conducted additional sensitivity analyses using the fully conditional specification (FCS) method of multiple imputation (PROC MI/MIANALYZE); FCS was chosen because it allowed us to incorporate both dichotomous outcomes and all categorical/continuous predictors (with missing values ranging from 5.0% – 53.5%, for SF-GPS and those missing any of the 11 other CHA use questions, respectively) using a total of 250 imputed datasets. Prior to performing multiple imputation analyses, we first verified that data were missing at random by conducting regression tests on missing data for all variables of interest, followed by an assessment of missing data patterns to further verify data were missing at random (PROC MI). After imputation, we compared the unadjusted odds ratios between our imputed and original datasets; because no differences were detected, we have presented the results from our original dataset in the Results section.

Results

Response rates were high overall (88% ± 4.1%) ranging from 84 to 94%. Common reasons for refusal to participate included hand pain, visual impairment (e.g., forgot glasses), or a reluctance to fill out paperwork. The average one-way travel time for patients across all locations was 74 minutes (ranging from 34 to and 129 minutes for pain clinics in Elkins and Morgantown, respectively). Results from our preliminary survey indicated very high internal consistency for the SF-GPS (Cronbach's alpha = .919); the internal reliability of each (5-question) subscale was also high (Cronbach's alpha for the Pain subscale = .888; Feelings subscale = .874; Clinical Outcomes subscale = .804; Activities subscale = .904). Coefficients for the total sample were similar, likewise indicating high internal reliability of the SF-GPS (Cronbach's alpha overall= .931; Pain subscale= .892; Clinical outcomes subscale = .830; Activities subscale= .908 Feelings subscale = .865).

Relative to participants with complete data, those missing data on any survey item were more likely to be older (Odds Ratio (OR) for age = 1.04, 95% CI 1.02, 1.07), prescribed opioids (OR = 3.41, CI 1.39, 8.38), and have a lower SF-GPS score (OR for lowest vs. highest SF-GPS quartile = 3.46, CI 1.62, 7.39). Those missing data on outcome variables CHA/herbal use were also older (OR = 1.04, CI 1.02, 1.06 and OR = 1.04, CI 1.01, 1.07, respectively) and more likely to use opioids (OR = 2.59, CI 1.24, 5.42 and OR = 5.42, CI 1.92, 15.30) over no drugs. Although there was no difference in herbal use by clinic

location (Fisher's p = .656), there was a borderline significant difference in CHA use by location (Fisher's p = .05), with the lowest use of CHAs (other than herbs) found among rheumatology clinic patients in our sample (4.0%), compared to the highest proportion of other CHA use in the Morgantown pain clinic (78.5%). There was no difference between those using a proxy/personal interview vs. selfadministered format (Fisher's p = .857) by herbal use; however, there was a difference in survey format by CHA use (Fisher's p = .034), with a lower CHA use proportion among those using a proxy or personal interview format (4.0%) compared to those self-administering surveys (96.1%).

Demographic and lifestyle characteristics are displayed in Table 1. Study participants were predominantly white (92.0%), female (56.9%), and married or cohabitating (57.5%). Participant age ranged from 22 to 88 years, averaging 55.6 (SD = 13.6) years. Over 40% of participants were disabled (43%) and/or obese (44%, mean BMI=33.4±31.5), and over 55% reported no exercise during the last month. Nearly half did not consume alcohol within the past year (46.8%).

Health characteristics are displayed in Table 2. As expected, the majority of study participants were experiencing chronic pain (93.4%). Average GPS scores were high (mean=50.9 ±20.6), with 44% of participants reporting opioid use for pain management. The mean number of pain syndromes/conditions was 2.3 (SD = 1.6), and prevalence of comorbidity was high, with 93% reporting at least 2 health conditions (mean=5.4±3.1).

Herbal Use

Table 3 displays frequencies for the use of CHAs, including herbal use. Eight percent of participants (n = 24) used herbs for pain, with the majority using herbs for 6 months or more (Maintenance stage) (4.3% of sample). Nineteen specific herbs used for pain management were reported; of these, the most commonly reported were ginger (41.7%), lavender (33.3%), peppermint (29.2%), black cohosh (16.7%), marijuana (12.5%), and turmeric/curcumin (12.5%). The mean age for those using herbs was 49.5 (SD = 12.2) years, with nearly half of herbal users reporting at least a Bachelor's degree (45.8%). Those using herbs had a mean of 6.1 health conditions (SD = 3.5) and a SF-GPS score of 56.9 (SD = 18.2). Eighty-four percent of herbal users were using or had used prescriptions for pain; 63.2% of herbal users had used opioids (not shown). Nearly all herbal users were also using other CHAs (95.8%), with the highest proportion using other dietary supplements (91.7%). Over half of herbal users also reported using Acupuncture, Manipulative treatments, and/or Movement therapies (60.9%), as well as Mind - Body practices (56.5%).

Relation of herbal use to demographic, lifestyle, and health factors (including other CHAs). Age showed a marginally significant inverse association with herbal use which persisted after adjustment for

education (adjusted odds ratio (AOR) = 0.97, 95% confidence interval (CI) 0.94, 1.01). After adjustment for age, those with the highest education level were approximately five times as likely to use herbs than those with the lowest education level (AOR = 4.94, CI 1.59, 15.29) (Table 4). While herbal use was significantly and positively related to household income in the unadjusted model (OR = 1.59, CI 1.07, 2.37 per $25,000-unit income increase), this association was eliminated after adjustment for age and education (AOR = 1.25, CI 0.81, 1.93). There were no significant differences in herbal use by other demographic or lifestyle factors.

Although there was no difference in herbal use by prescription medication, those using CHAs other than herbs were 11.5 times more likely to concomitantly use herbs compared to those not using CHAs (AOR = 11.46, CI 1.49, 87.93); specifically, in order of decreasing magnitude, those more likely to consume herbs included those using: Dietary supplements (OR = 12.26, CI 2.82, 53.38), Acupuncture, manipulative treatments, massage, and/or movement therapies (OR = 5.15, CI 2.11, 12.60), followed by Mind-body practices (OR = 3.83, CI 1.59, 9.23). Adjustment for age and education only modestly attenuated these associations (Dietary supplements AOR = 10.25, CI 2.31, 45.47; Acupuncture, manipulative treatments, massage, and/or movement therapies AOR = 3.99, CI 1.55, 10.23; and, Mind-Body practices AOR = 2.44, CI 0.94, 6.30). Short-term (<6 months) dietary supplement users were 4.7 times more likely to use herbs than those not using dietary products for under 6 months (AOR = 4.46, CI 1.76, 11.32); long-term ($\geq$ 6 months) dietary supplement use was not associated with concomitant herbal use (AOR = 1.83, CI 0.75, 4.49) (not shown). Additionally, short-term users of Acupuncture, manipulative treatments, massage, and/or movement therapies were 3 times as likely to use herbs (AOR = 2.97, CI, 1.09, 8.07), although long-term use of these CHAs was not associated with concomitant herbal use (AOR = 2.38, CI 0.84, 6.70) (not shown). Conversely, longer-term users of Mind-Body practices were over 3 times more likely to use herbs than those not using mind and body practices long-term (AOR = 3.21, CI 1.23, 8.37), while no significant association existed between short-term use of Mind-Body practices with herbal use (AOR = 0.50, CI 0.10, 2.45) (not shown).

Other CHA use

CHAs other than herbs were used by the majority of survey participants (58.8%, n= 177), with 47% of survey participants in the long-term/Maintenance ($\geq$6 months) stage of use; an additional 32% of participants were in the Contemplation or Preparation stage (i.e., had an intention to use within 6 months). Most commonly reported CHAs used were dietary supplements (53.6% of participants), followed by Mind -Body practices (28.9%) and Acupuncture, manipulative treatments, massage, and/or movement therapies (28.1%).

Relation of CHA use (excluding herbs) to demographic, lifestyle, and health factors. Relative to participants with a high school diploma or less, those with higher education levels were significantly more likely to use CHAs other than herbs than those with the lowest education levels (Crude OR's for ≥Bachelor's degree and some college/Associate's degree/tech training = 2.55 (CI 1.21, 5.40) and 2.11 (CI 1.17, 3.79), respectively); adjustment for age, exercise, health conditions, and GPS strengthened these associations (AOR for the highest vs lowest education level = 2.68, CI 1.13, 6.39). CHA use was significantly and inversely associated with age (OR = 0.98, CI 0.96, 0.99) in the unadjusted model, although adjustment for education and exercise eliminated this association (AOR = 0.99, CI 0.96, 1.01). (Table 5).

Exercise was strongly associated with CHA use in both crude and adjusted models, with a 14% increase in the odds of CHA use per 30-minute increase in exercise per week, after adjustment for age, education, GPS, and health conditions (AOR = 1.14, CI 1.01, 1.29). Relative to those reporting no exercise, participants indicating engagement in physical activity were over twice as likely to use CHAs (fully adjusted OR =2.34, CI 1.29, 4.22). Reported SF-GPS, which includes pain severity, was also positively related to CHA use (OR adjusted for age, education, exercise, and health conditions=1.02 (CI 1.00, 1,03) per unit GPS increase).

Sensitivity Analyses. Missing data was unrelated to specific patient characteristics, suggesting that missing data likely occurred due to inability to complete the survey while with a physician, or the wording/layout of the CHAPS, rather than a patient misunderstanding of what specific CHAs were. In addition, risk estimates for herbal/CHA use calculated using imputed data did not differ appreciably on any variable from those derived using the original CHAPS data set, suggesting that missing data are unlikely to account for our findings. Further, exclusion of participants in the pilot phase did not appreciably alter our findings.

Relation of specific CHA groups (excluding herbs) to demographic, lifestyle, and health factors. We examined the relationships between all covariates and: dietary supplements (other than herbs) (Table 6); Mind-body practices (Table 7); and Acupuncture and other approaches (Table 8). After controlling for demographic, lifestyle, and health factors, education level remained significantly and positively associated with all CHA categories, with Mind-body practices showing the strongest relationship (AOR for Bachelor's degree or higher= 6.45, CI 2.71, 15.37). In addition, exercise remained significantly associated with dietary supplements (AOR = 2.42, CI = 1.41, 4.14) and Mind-body practices (AOR = 2.31, CI 1.22, 4.39) after adjustment for other covariates, while associations with age were largely eliminated (Mind and body practices AOR = 0.98 (CI 0.95, 1.00); Acupuncture and other approaches

AOR = 0.98 (CI 0.96, 1.01)). Those who were morbidly obese (BMI ≥35) were 70% less likely to use Acupuncture, manipulative treatments, massage, and/or movement therapies relative to normal or underweight individuals (AOR = 0.32, CI 0.12, 0.82) (Table 8); likewise, morbid obesity showed an inverse, although more modest association with use of dietary supplements other than herbs (AOR = 0.40, CI 0.16, 1.02) (Table 6).

Concomitant use of other CHAs was significantly and positively associated with all CHA categories; these associations persisted after adjustment for demographic, lifestyle, and health factors, with AORs ranging from 2.5 (1.2, 5.2) for dietary supplements (Table 6) to 3.3 (1.6, 6.7) for Acupuncture (and other manipulative/bodywork/movement approaches) (Table 8). Dietary supplement use was positively related to the number of health conditions (OR for total number of health conditions adjusted for demographic and lifestyle factors= 1.1, CI 1.01, 1.22) and specifically to pain syndromes and injuries (partially adjusted OR's = 1.25 (CI 1.04, 1.51) and 1.52 (CI 0.99, 2.34), respectively); these associations were modestly attenuated by the addition of SF-GPS to the model (Table 6).

Discussion

This was the first study to examine correlates of herbal use and other CHAs specifically used for pain in a chronic pain population, and among one of the first to examine correlates of herbal use and other CHAs in an Appalachian population, while controlling for a variety of potential confounders. To our knowledge, correlates of overall herbal use have only been assessed in the general population; unadjusted bivariate comparisons are seen more often in the literature, and many do not separate herbs from other natural products.

A wide variety of herbs were reported as having been used for pain management, some of which have at least preliminary evidence of benefit for pain, and/or have been anecdotally used for pain symptoms in Appalachian herbal texts and qualitative literature. Herbal users (and those using all other CHAs) had higher education levels, and were significantly more likely to concomitantly use a variety of CHAs; the strongest association was found between herbal use and short-term use of other dietary supplements. Other CHAs were used by almost 60% of participants; dietary supplements (excluding herbs) were the most commonly used CHA, followed by an approximately equal proportion of those using either Acupuncture (including manipulative or movement therapies, and/or massage), or, Mind and body practices. Additionally, CHA use was marginally associated with increased SF-GPS scores. Exercise was associated with the use of all individual CHAs, with the exception of herbal use. The 8% prevalence of herbal use in our study was higher than that reported in a recent study of primary care

patients using opioids for pain management (93) and another U.S. study of chronic pain patients (95), but substantially lower than that reported in prior European (193-195). However, these differences may be due to the differing classification of our outcome of herbal use specifically for pain, rather than herbs used for a variety of purposes. The lower rates of herbal use reported in our study population may reflect the modest decline in the national use of herbs over the last decade (125), and/or differences in methodology, time period, and/or study population. For example, in their cross-sectional study of 463 chronic pain primary care patients sampled from multiple U.S. academic medical centers, Rosenberg et al. used an open-ended item administered with a personal interview format to assess herbal use; this may have allowed a broader capture of herbs and herbal preparations in their study (35). Two of the three European investigations assessing use of herbs for pain conditions were conducted 3 decades ago; including two U.K investigations indicating 20 (193, 194) to 35% (194, 195) of Rheumatoid Arthritis patients used herbal medicines; one more recent (1996) survey study in another U.K. population suggested high prevalence of herbal use in FMS patients (194, 196, 197), although the authors did not distinguish herbal from other dietary supplements, rendering comparisons with our findings challenging. Only two prevalence studies have assessed herbal use in non-pain Appalachian populations, including a 2003 prevalence study on 578 WV pregnant women which showed that 45.2% used herbs (184); however, this included soft drinks, cocoa butter for external use, and other products not counted as herbs in our study, while in 1999-2004, 19.3% of 2523 rural NC adults over 45 years of age used herbs and other natural products, with garlic (4.9%) and cayenne (1.8%) the most widely reported (141).

In contrast, the reported prevalence of CHA use other than herbs was higher in our sample (58.8%) than that reported in prior studies of U.S. chronic pain populations (93). For example, in a large sample of Wisconsin primary care patients using opioids for chronic pain, participants reported lower usage of several CHAs; the most striking contrast was the difference between supplement use in our sample (53.6%) compared to that of the Wisconsin sample (6.8% for herbs/supplements) (93, 95). Likewise, observed CHA use in our population also higher than that of reported by a sample of chronic pain primary care patients from academic medical centers in the US, although differences were more modest (58.8% vs. 52%) (95).

Our preliminary systematic review on herbal prevalence among the general U.S. population (Appendix C) showed the majority of large cross-sectional studies frequently lumped herbs and dietary supplements together, resulting in uncertainty regarding true herbal prevalence rates; this was often due to misclassification of herbal use with other natural products (such as fish oil, etc.) in national surveys (primarily, the NHIS, which was used for a majority of these studies). Many studies assessing potential correlates of herbal use have used inconsistent definitions as well, often combining herbs with other dietary supplements (141, 143, 144, 146, 147, 155, 156, 159, 161, 165, 344) or other approaches (139,

145, 152, 154); few have kept the outcome herbal use separate from other CHAs (138, 157, 160, 162, 345); our study separately classified herbal products from other dietary supplements.

Two herbs used in the Appalachian region and for which both evidence of anti-inflammatory and pain management exist were also reported in our sample; these were Ginger (223, 232, 233, 257-261) and Peppermint (223, 234, 235, 243) (41.7% and 29.2% of herbal users, respectively). Although not for pain, 18% of 578 WV pregnant women used peppermint in a 2003 study (184). Lavender has at least preliminary evidence of efficacy for pain management (346-348), and anti-inflammatory (272) effects as well; our study is the first to report its use in an Appalachian sample. Herbs used most often by a U.S./Canadian sample of 434 with Fibromyalgia syndrome (FMS) were Ginkgo (3.7%), Garlic (3.0%), Ginseng (3.0%), Echinacea (2.5%), Evening Primrose oil (2.3%), and Valerian (2.3%) (197). With the exception of Ginkgo and Ginger, these were not reported by our participants; however, this was due to a difference in the assessment of herbal use for management of pain (in our sample) vs. herbal use for a variety of conditions.

Compared with nonusers, CHA users in the general population tend to be women, white, middle aged, better-educated, and of higher income (90, 106, 110-116). CHA use was not associated with female gender or race, and a borderline association between CHA use and (younger) age was eliminated when controlling for education, exercise, SF-GPS, and health conditions. Similarly, a study of 463 primary care patients with chronic pain also found no association between female gender, race, and age, after controlling for a variety of factors. It is plausible the demographic makeup and likelihood of CHA use differs in populations experiencing pain, compared to populations with a greater variety of health characteristics. Other CHA use was significantly associated with higher levels of education in our sample of pain patients, particularly mind and body practices; herbal use was as well.

Both CHA and herbal use in our sample were significantly and positively associated with higher education levels, consistent with previous studies, including two large 2002 studies which found those with a higher education were more likely to use CHAs (95, 144) and natural products (144).After adjustment for other factors, income was not associated with herbal use or other CHAs, unlike a study of over 900 chronic pain patients using opioids (93). Although an income effect (349) may influence CHA use (i.e., higher-wage individuals are more likely to invest in health because they perceive higher benefits associated with improved health, including an increase in productive days and less sickness-related income loss), Bhargava et al. recently proposed that a substitution effect may also be present among those with higher incomes (i.e., higher wages may also increase the opportunity cost of time used for producing health, thus discouraging time spent on health care) (116). This may, perhaps, apply to CHAs use among those with higher incomes in pain populations; alternately, the impact of pain may influence individuals (regardless of income) to try approaches outside of or alongside conventional medicine. However, neither of our outcomes was associated the SF-GPS subscale, which incorporated pain severity as a component,

even after controlling for income and other factors; this contrasts a cross-sectional study which found an adjusted (age, gender, race, pain sites, and illicit drug use) association between CHA use and pain severity without the use of the SF-GPS (93).

Overall, CHA users had higher odds of exercise and a marginal inverse association with higher BMI, associations of BMI and exercise were particularly pronounced with dietary supplement and Acupuncture (and manipulative/movement approaches) users. These findings are consistent with those from a study using 2012 NHIS data which indicated a significant, positive association of exercise to use of Chiropractic, Massage, herbs, and yoga (116). Herbal and CHA use was not associated with specific health conditions (such as both neck/upper back and multiple sites of pain), in contrast to findings reported in previous studies, including a larger study also controlling for demographic, health, and lifestyle factors similar to ours (93). Neither CHA nor herbal use was associated with prescription drug use in the CHAPS, similar to a large sample of primary care patients with chronic pain using opioids (95).

In addition, CHA use differed by those using a proxy or personal interview format, while no difference was found for herbal use. Thus, there may be a possibility that those lacking skills to complete the survey on their own may have limitations, perhaps disability and/or cognitive impairment, preventing them from using CHAs which require either physical movement or frequent practitioner visits – however, this may not prevent them from engaging in self-administered CHAs such as herbal use. Only one study has compared differences between self- and practitioner-administered CHA use, for which disability/cognitive impairment factors were not assessed (116).

This the first study to assess correlates of both herbal use and other CHAs in an Appalachian pain patient population. We pilot-tested and employed a newly developed survey instrument, the CHAPS. Incorporating pain items adapted from a previously validated pain measurement tool (315), the CHAPS included comprehensive information on a range of factors and constructs, yet required only 12 minutes to complete, and may thus be appropriate for use in future population- and clinic-based survey studies of pain populations. Survey response rates were high and we exceeded our target sample size, despite limited resources and other challenges including clinic lockdown, suspension of physician licensure, and inclement weather. In addition, our high reliability estimates for the SF-GPS also support further use of this measurement tool in pain populations.

Despite these strengths, there were also some limitations. Due to limited data regarding the use of CHAs in an Appalachian population with pain, we powered our study based on herbal prevalence rates reported in the literature for the general population (18%); given that CHA use is known to be further elevated in chronic pain populations, we assumed that herbal use would be at least as high in our sample of Appalachian chronic pain patients. However, due to the lower than expected rates of herbal use in survey participants, we did not have sufficient power to examine associations by specific Stages of Change regarding herbal use, or to determine with confidence the prevalence of use of specific herbs.

Many of our confidence intervals were wide, suggesting estimates should be interpreted with caution. Notably, some factors had relatively high rates of missing data, including the outcome herbal use (18.3%), BMI (11.6%), alcohol use (11%), and income (12.3%). However, we used multiple imputation procedures to account for missing data in order to obtain appropriate estimates of uncertainty associated with missing variables, assess for and minimize potential bias, and maximize the use of available information in our CHAPS dataset,; notably, estimates using imputed data did not differ appreciably from those derived from the original data, suggesting that missing data are unlikely to account for our findings. As there were no systematic patterns associated with missing data, and risk estimates did not appreciably change, we have confidence that estimates obtained from our data provided reasonably reliable measurements regarding the correlates of CHAs, including herbal use, in northern WV pain patients.

As in many studies using self-report data, there is a possibility of recall bias. While the misclassification of outcomes was unlikely, specific herbs or prescriptions listed in open-ended items may have suffered from misclassification bias, potentially resulting in underascertainment. For example, we overheard a proxy interviewer ask a respondent, "Do you want to list your prescriptions?" to which the respondent replied, "No, it would take too long.". Additionally, we did not incorporate specific questions about marijuana due to concerns regarding the sensitivity of this issue. Nonetheless, marijuana use for pain was still reported by 12.5% of herbal users in our open-ended item, a figure that likely substantially underestimates true prevalence.

Selection bias may have been present since this study utilized a convenience sample. However, our consecutive sampling approach minimized this possibility; in addition, response rates were very high, reducing the likelihood of non-response bias. Researchers wishing to implement the CHAPS or similar surveys should explore barriers to survey implementation present at specific clinics, including the physical space made available to them; one clinic was gracious enough to offer our coordinator a workstation behind their check-in window during data collection days, and although all patients were solicited for participation, this site had the lowest overall response rate (84.1%) of all clinics.

Additionally, much remains unknown about the health behavior habits of opioid users with regard to CHA use. Our measurement of CHAs, particularly herbal use, was hindered by a high proportion of missing responses among those using opioids, which comprised nearly half of our population, potentially leading to an underestimate for herbal use. Other issues surrounding the use of our survey instrument include a lack of data on specific reasoning to use herbs and other CHAs. This was the result of our decision to keep the CHAPS as brief as possible; however, future studies may wish to incorporate more contextual elements of herbal use and CHAs, including specific reasons for use, concomitant use of medications, spirituality and/or prayer, access to CHAs, and disclosure of CHA use to physicians.

Additional considerations should be made for the capture of information in future iterations of the CHAPS, or for similar surveys. These include additional questions regarding e-cigarettes and other forms of tobacco, capture of previous use of CHAs beyond the 6-month time point assessed in our study, and reformatting CHA questions with equally-spaced bins on multiple pages with adequate visual cues and space for nested efficacy questions.

Conclusion

Our study was the first to assess concomitant CHA use in a pain population and to document specific herbs used within this population. Although the majority of patients in our sample did not use herbs for pain, their use was reported 8% of the time and through the use of 19 unique herbs, and was strongly and positively associated with the use of other CHAs. The majority of our sample used at least one CHA for pain. Investigation of factors associated with herbal medicine, other CHAs, and their concomitant use in pain populations will help inform physicians concerned about potential interactions. Additional studies are needed to further explore the patterns and determinants of herbal and other CHA use in chronic pain populations, to assess perceived efficacy of these approaches, and to lay the foundation for future clinical efficacy studies on herbal and other CHA approaches for managing chronic pain.

CHAPTER 5: Discussion

Summary of Key Findings

Inflammation is often a component of chronic pain, yet its potential role in fibromyalgia syndrome (FMS) remains inconclusive. FMS is a complex chronic pain condition affecting ~2% of the population; management is challenging and treatment options remain limited. Many herbs contain anti-inflammatory properties, and herbs indicated for analgesia and rheumatic conditions have traditionally been used in Appalachia. Despite the popularity of herbs in the US, determinants and patterns of herbal use in FMS and other chronic pain populations have not been well studied, particularly in Appalachia, where prevalence of chronic pain and related comorbid conditions is high. Likewise, prevalence, patterns and correlates of other CHA use remain little studied in Appalachian chronic pain populations, or in adults with certain pain conditions, including FMS. This series of 3 studies are designed to help fill these knowledge gaps; the overall objectives of these investigations were to investigate: 1) the association of

FMS to a marker of inflammation, serum C-reactive protein (CRP) in a large Appalachian population; 2) the demographic, lifestyle, and health-related correlates of herbs and other complementary health approaches (CHAs) used for pain in a sample of WV chronic pain patients, using a newly developed survey instrument; and, 3) the relation of herbal supplement use to FMS in two nationally representative samples of U.S. adults (NHIS 2007 and 2012), as well as trends in patterns of herbal use over time.

Although we found herbal use was associated with concurrent use of other CHAs in WV pain patients, it was not associated with pain level, the use of prescription medications, or the number of pain conditions. Results of these studies suggest the following 1) FMS is positively associated with serum CRP; this association was largely explained by obesity and comorbidity, suggesting the role of inflammation in FMS may be complex 2) CHA use in chronic pain patients in northern WV is high, although reported use of herbs for pain appears low. Herbal use for pain was strongly associated with use of other CHAs, but was unrelated to pain severity or use of prescription medications. 3) Use of herbs and other CHAs is strongly and positively associated with FMS diagnosis in U.S adults.

Strengths of the Dissertation

All studies had high response rates and population-based designs. Sample sizes for two of the three studies were large. The C8 Health Project, from which we drew data for Chapter 2, was the largest comprehensive community study conducted to date in the Appalachian region; Chapter 3 was conducted using two nationally representative samples of US adults. Chapter 4, the CHAPS, was the first to assess correlates of CHAs and herbal use in an Appalachian pain population and to employ a newly developed comprehensive survey instrument for measuring herbal and other CHA use, pain severity, and a wide range of demographic, lifestyle, and health-related factors (see below). With the exception of analyses regarding correlates of herbal use in the CHAPS, we were also able to control for a broad array of potential confounders, including health conditions, which diminished the possibility of unmeasured confounding. We were also able to assess the influence of a variety of potential mediators and/or effect modifiers in our analyses.

In Chapter 4, we employed our newly developed survey instrument, the CHAPS, in over 300 pain patients, utilizing independent investigators to conduct quality assessment, and incorporating pain items adapted from a previously-validated pain measurement tool (315). Although allowing for capture of information on a wide array of health-related information, the CHAPS required only 10-12 minutes to complete; reliability of the CHAPS was also excellent overall, indicating high internal reliability estimates and further supporting the use of this instrument for observational research in chronic pain populations. We exceeded our target sample size, even though we faced significant obstacles to data collection including clinic lockdown, inclement mountain weather, and temporary withdrawal of physician licensure which limited our access to patients. In addition, we conducted a sensitivity analysis

using imputation procedures to verify our estimates against those without missing data, which enabled us to interpret our findings with confidence.

Limitations of the Dissertation

Although our studies had many strengths, there were several limitations. Most important conclusions regarding causality cannot be drawn due to the lack of a temporal component in our crosssectional study designs. Two of our studies targeted populations of predominantly white Appalachian adults, potentially limiting the generalizability of findings to other populations. Moreover, our original study in a sample of WV chronic pain patients was underpowered to assess herbal use based on the TTM Stages of Change as originally envisioned. Given the often poor recognition of FMS in the medical community, particularly prior to 2010, misclassification is also possible and may have led to underascertainment. Nearly all health conditions, and all herbal/CHA use measurements in our studies were based on self-report, possibly leading to response or misclassification bias.

Additionally, neither NHIS dataset captured the use of herbal products other than supplements, likely leading to underestimates of herbal use. Likewise, many of the CHAs were only assessed in the NHIS if they were administered by a practitioner, likely resulting in underestimates, which may have impacted our ability to measure concurrent CHA and herbal use accurately. Additionally, we were unable to incorporate an additional year of the NHIS (2002) due to a lack of specific information regarding FMS diagnosis.

Potential Public Health Implications and Future Recommendations

FMS, a disease with largely unknown etiology, has higher odds of comorbid conditions compared to non-FMS populations; this includes inflammatory-mediated diseases such as autoimmune disease (22). However, the potential shared role of inflammatory markers between FMS and specific comorbidities remains largely unexplored by population studies. Because we were only able to assess the role of CRP as an overall measure of systemic inflammation, however, we remain unaware of specific dynamics regarding inflammatory response, or interplay, between other cytokines (and related markers) in those with FMS, in the presence of obesity and comorbidities such as autoimmune disease.

Although it is possible inflammation is not associated with FMS, given the results of our first study, further large, population-based research is still needed to replicate our findings while assessing for a variety of inflammatory markers while controlling for a variety of factors and assessing potential mediators as we did; based on established knowledge of the anti-inflammatory effects of some herbs (123, 223, 225-227, 233, 241-268, 270-272), and, given FMS was positively associated with herbal use in

our second study, future research should also compare a variety of inflammatory measures among those using herbs (ideally, with known anti-inflammatory benefit) by FMS status; based on sensitivity analysis results from our second study as well, the role of comorbidities in research on herbal use in FMS populations should be further explored.

As a result of our second study, we have a better understanding of the patterns of herbal use prior to and following the implementation of updated FMS diagnostic criteria and increased availability of FDA-approved treatments for FMS. It remains possible that both the increase in FMS diagnoses and the decrease in odds of herbal use for FMS over time are also in part perhaps the result of corporate promotion for FMS drugs, increased off-label use of other drugs, and, opioid use for FMS. Additional research should continue to monitor FMS trends, in addition to herbal use trends over time for a variety of diseases; all trend studies should continue to consider changes in diagnostic criteria as well as the changing availability of treatments for respective diseases.

Whether opioids can be reduced by introducing herbal products remains to be examined. Our second and third studies offer information regarding the patterns and correlates of complementary health practices in specific chronic pain populations in WV and nationally. Although efficacy studies for such approaches, including herbs, are largely lacking, our research may encourage a more open dialogue between physicians and patients about potential opioid alternatives at a time when there is a public health epidemic of opioid misuse and abuse (86). However, studies regarding perceived or demonstrated efficacy of herbs for FMS and other pain syndromes remain sparse; unfortunately, we were unable to adequately measure efficacy on a number of CHAs due to low sample size. Nonetheless, clinical studies should ideally examine aspects of CHA and herbal efficacy in pain populations rather than observational research; with the inclusion of a larger sample size, the CHAPS will be a useful tool in identification of potential herbs and other CHAs of interest. Future observational and clinical studies should, however, capture concurrent dietary supplements and medication intakes, including opioids, to enable assessment of potential herb-drug interactions in populations with disease.

Neither CHAs nor herbal use were strongly associated with the SF-GPS subscale in our third study; however, 8% of pain patients still reported using herbs specifically for pain. Due to lack of a standard definition for herbal products, true herbal prevalence rates for pain are unknown. Moving toward an international consensus regarding a widely-used definition for herbal products will only improve the quality of research by enabling a greater degree of comparison between studies. Other CHAs were used by 58.8% of participants in our sample; again, the comparability of our results to other studies is greatly hampered by the lack of standardized CHA definitions.

Herbs reported as used for pain management in our third study included ginger and peppermint, which have at least preliminary evidence of benefit for pain and/or inflammation, and have been anecdotally used for pain in Appalachian herbal texts and qualitative literature (223, 232-235). Our study was the first

to report pain patient use of lavender, an herb for which some evidence of anti-inflammatory mechanism exists (272); lavender was used specifically for pain in our sample. While ethnobotanical studies are important in documenting herbal preparations in a variety of populations for health purposes, our epidemiological approach to quantifying the use of herbs is also useful; this approach lays the foundation for understanding differences regarding a variety of factors associated with herbal use in subpopulations, while enabling our ability to draw estimates for measures of association. Replication of the CHAPS in a larger population may yield additional information about the correlates of specific herbs; these future studies may inform differences in herbal use by a variety of demographic, lifestyle, and health factors, to lay the foundation for clinical studies or when clinical studies are not feasible.

Conclusion

Our studies, collectively, demonstrate a need for further clarification regarding the relationships between herbal use, FMS, and inflammation. Our main findings suggest that: inflammation in FMS may be partially accounted for by factors including BMI, comorbidities, and other factors; those with FMS are significantly more likely to use herbs; and, although herbal use (specifically) for pain may be strongly associated with concurrent use of other CHAs for pain, their use may not be associated with pain level, but other factors. Future observational and longitudinal studies must replicate our studies with specific improvements: correct classification of herbal use as plant-based products consumed in a variety of formats; multiple, concurrent, inflammatory marker measurement; ascertainment of FMS diagnosis timing; and, for CHAPS, larger samples to obtain more precise estimates regarding correlates of herbal use for pain.

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Tables

Chapter 2

Table 1: Characteristics of an Appalachian adult population by Fibromyalgia (FMS) status, Adjusted for Demographic and Lifestyle factors, C8 Health Project, 2005-2006

Characteristic	Total Population	FMS	Non-FMS	Adjusted Odds Ratio[a]
	N (%) / Mean (SD)			OR (CI), *p-value*
Total	52535	1125 (2.1%)	51410 (97.9%)	---
Age (years)	45.25 (16.14)	51.14 (11.58)	45.12 (16.20)	**1.02 (1.02-1.03), <.0001***
Age				
18-24 (ref)	6540 (12.5%)	16 (1.4%)	6524 (12.7%)	---
25-44	20178 (38.4%)	300 (26.7%)	19879 (38.7%)	**3.89 (2.30-6.56), <.0001***
45-64	19098 (36.4%)	689 (61.2%)	18409 (35.8%)	**8.28 (4.91-13.95), <.0001***
65+	6719 (12.8%)	120 (10.7%)	6599 (12.8%)	**4.37 (2.50-7.64), <.0001***
Gender				
Male (ref)	25002 (47.6%)	90 (8.0%)	24912 (48.5%)	---
Female	27533 (52.4%)	1035 (92.0%)	26498 (51.5%)	**10.68 (8.53-13.37), <.0001***
Race/Ethnicity				
Non-Hispanic White	51092 (97.2%)	1098 (97.6%)	49994 (97.2%)	1.09 (0.73-1.62), .683
Other Race (ref)	1443 (2.8%)	27 (2.4%)	1416 (2.8%)	---
Education				
<12th grade (ref)	6261 (11.9%)	106 (9.4%)	6155 (12.0%)	---
HS/GED	22353 (42.6%)	445 (39.6%)	21908 (42.6%)	**1.57 (1.25-1.96), .0001***
Some College	17081 (32.5%)	442 (39.3%)	16639 (32.4%)	**2.22 (1.75-2.82), <.0001***
Bachelor's degree+	6840 (13.0%)	132 (11.7%)	6708 (13.1%)	**1.91 (1.42-2.56), <.0001***
Employment				
Employed/Student(ref)	33682 (64.1%)	482 (42.8%)	33200 (64.6%)	---
Retired/Unemployed	9057 (17.2%)	144 (12.8%)	8913 (17.3%)	**1.44 (1.16-1.79), .0008***
Disabled	3357 (6.4%)	252 (22.4)	3105 (6.0%)	**5.70 (4.73-6.87), <.0001***
Homemaker	5979 (11.4%)	233 (20.7%)	5746 (11.2%)	**1.50 (1.26-1.78), <.0001***
Other	460 (0.88%)	14 (1.2%)	446 (0.9%)	**2.23 (1.28-3.88), .004***
Marital Status				
Married/Cohabitating (ref)	36198 (68.9%)	836 (74.3%)	35362 (68.8%)	---
Single	8729 (16.6%)	60 (5.3%)	8669 (16.9%)	**0.63 (0.47-0.84), .002***
Divorced/Sep/Widow	7608 (14.5%)	229 (20.4%)	7379 (14.4%)	0.85 (0.71-1.01), .058
Household Income				
Don't know/Missing	5335 (10.2%)	92 (8.2%)	5243 (10.2%)	0.85 (0.66-1.10), .217
<$20,000 (ref)	12308 (23.4%)	288 (25.6%)	12020 (23.4%)	---
$20,000-40,000	14326 (27.3%)	301 (26.8%)	14025 (27.3%)	1.03 (0.86-1.24), .759
$40,001-70,000	13559 (25.8%)	291 (25.9%)	13268 (25.8%)	1.05 (0.86-1.29), .619
$70,000+	7007 (13.3%)	153 (13.6%)	6854 (13.3%)	1.09 (0.85-1.39), .514
Alcohol				
Don't drink (ref)	26847 (51.1%)	722 (64.2%)	26125 (50.8%)	---
Currently Drink	25688 (48.9%)	403 (35.8%)	25285 (49.2%)	**0.86 (0.75-0.98), .023***
Tobacco User				
Never (ref)	22859(43.5%)	567 (50.4%)	22292 (43.4%)	---

Current	16691 (31.8%)	274 (24.4%)	16417 (31.9%)	0.91 (0.78-1.07), .243
Former	12985 (24.7%)	284 (25.2%)	12701 (24.7%)	1.06 (0.91-1.23), .441
Exercise Program				
No regularity (ref)	36113 (68.7%)	762 (67.7%)	35351 (68.8%)	---
Regular exercise	16422 (31.3%)	363 (32.3%)	16059 (31.2%)	---
Menopause occurred	10526 (38.2%)	631 (61.0%)	9895 (37.3%)	**1.82 (1.49, 2.21), <.0001***

Note: Column Percentages shown [a] Model adjusted for demographic covariates Age, Gender, Marital Status, Employment, Education level, White Race, and Household Income; Also adjusted for lifestyle covariates Tobacco Use and Current Alcohol consumption

Table 2: Health Characteristics of an Appalachian adult population by Fibromyalgia (FMS) status, Adjusted for Demographic and Lifestyle factors, C8 Health Project, 2005-2006

Characteristic	Total Population	FMS	Non-FMS	Adjusted Odds Ratio[a]
	N (%) / Mean (SD)			OR (CI), *p-value*
BMI+	28.53 (6.31)	30.47 (7.22)	28.49 (6.28)	**1.02 (1.01-1.03), .001***
≤ 24.99 (ref)	16258 (31.0%)	279 (24.8%)	15979 (31.1%)	---
25.5-29.99	18200 (34.6%)	320 (28.4%)	17880 (34.8%)	1.11 (.932-1.31), .248
30 – 34.9	10704 (20.4%)	251 (22.3%)	10453 (20.3%)	**1.24 (1.02-1.49), .028***
35+	7373 (14.0%)	275 (24.4%)	7098 (13.8%)	**1.43 (1.18-1.74), .0003***
Number of Comorbidities	1.29 (1.27)	2.78 (1.59)	1.25 (1.24)	**1.60 (1.54-1.67), <.0001***
Comorbidity Index				
None (ref)	16778 (31.9%)	58 (5.2%)	16720 (32.5%)	---
1	16999 (32.4%)	177 (15.7%)	16822 (32.7%)	**2.38 (1.77-3.21), <.0001***
2	10535 (20.1%)	301 (26.8%)	10234 (19.9%)	**5.16 (3.88-6.86), <.0001***
3+	8223 (15.7%)	589 (52.4%)	7634 (14.9%)	**10.46 (7.90-13.84), <.0001***
Autoimmune disorder	2192 (4.2%)	220 (19.6%)	1972 (3.8%)	**3.43 (2.89-4.06), <.0001***
Osteoarthritis	4093 (7.7%)	411 (35.5%)	3782 (7.1%)	**3.86 (3.34-4.45), <.0001***
Allergies or Chronic Sinusitis	24470 (46.6%)	893 (79.4%)	23577 (45.9%)	**2.91 (2.51-3.38), <.0001***
Kidney disorder	5202 (9.9%)	226 (20.1%)	4976 (9.7%)	**1.72 (1.47-2.01), <.0001***
Respiratory disease	7385 (14.1%)	342 (30.4%)	7043 (13.7%)	**1.89 (1.64-2.17), <.0001***
Cardiovascular disease	4661 (8.9%)	148 (13.2%)	4513 (8.9%)	**1.25 (1.03-1.51), .027***
Liver disease	684 (1.3%)	38 (3.4%)	646 (1.3%)	**1.51 (1.06-2.16), .022***
Endocrine Disorder	4083 (7.8%)	264 (23.5%)	3819 (7.4%)	**1.82 (1.57-2.12), <.0001***
Diabetes	4778 (9.1%)	157 (14.0%)	4621 (9.0%)	.978 (.813-1.18), .810
Frequent Headache	10105 (19.2%)	439 (39.0%)	9666 (18.8%)	**2.03 (1.78-2.31), <.0001***
Sleep Impairment Score[s]	4.00 (3.56)	7.32 (3.29)	3.93 (3.53)	**1.23 (1.21-1.25), <.0001***
Mood Disturbance Score[m]	4.59 (3.70)	7.25 (3.40)	4.53 (3.68)	**1.19 (1.17-1.21), <.0001***

Note: Column Percentages shown

[a] Model adjusted for demographic covariates Age, Gender, Marital Status, Employment, Education level, White Race, and Household Income; Also adjusted for lifestyle covariates Tobacco Use and Current Alcohol consumption

[S] Sleep impairment derived from responses to four individual questions regarding the frequency of short sleep, fitful sleep, insomnia and/or daytime somnolence; higher score indicates increased frequency of impairment [m] Mood disturbance derived from responses to four individual questions regarding frequent mood swings, irritability, fatigue and/or inability to concentrate; higher score indicates increased frequency of disturbance

Table 3: Model Statistics assessing the association between Fibromyalgia (FMS) and blood serum C-reactive Protein (CRP) quartile adjusting for BMI and Comorbidity index in an Appalachian adult population, 2005-2006 (N=52,535)

Characteristic	Total	FMS	NonFMS	Models Odds Ratio (CI) (*p-value*)				
	N (%) / Mean (SD)			Crude[e]	Adjusted for Demographic and Lifestyle Factors (Model 1)[f]	Model 1 + BMI[g]	Model 1 + comorbidities[h]	Model 1 + BMI & comorbidities[r]
CRP level (mg/L)	3.79 (7.22)	5.54 (9.77)	3.75 (7.15)	**1.02 (1.011.02) (<.0001*)**	**1.01 (1.00-1.01) (.004*)**	1.01 (1.00-1.01) (.059)	1.00 (.997-1.01) (.267)	1.00 (.997-1.01) (.279)
CRP Quartile 1[a] (ref)	14516 (27.6%)	192 (17.1%)	14324 (27.9%)	---	---	---	---	---
Quartile 2[b]	12221 (23.3%)	214 (19.0%)	12007 (23.4%)	**1.33 (1.09-1.62) (.004*)**	1.13 (0.92-1.38) (.243)	1.07 (0.88-1.32) (.473)	1.04 (0.85-1.28) (.686)	1.03 (0.84-1.27) (.750)
Quartile 3[c]	12755 (24.3%	297 (26.4%)	12458 (24.2%	**1.78 (1.48-2.14) (<.0001*)**	**1.23 (1.02-1.48) (.032*)**	1.12 (0.92-1.37) (.244)	1.08 (0.89-1.30) (.452)	1.06 (0.87-1.29) (.576)
Quartile 4[d]	13043 (24.8%)	422 (37.5%)	12621 (24.6%)	**2.50 (2.10-2.97) (<.0001*)**	**1.35 (1.13-1.62) (.0009*)**	1.17 (0.961.42) (.120)	1.10 (0.92-1.32) (.310)	1.07 (0.88-1.30) (.510)
Wald X^2, *p* for trend[t]				**118.42, (<.0001*)**	**17.48, (<.0001*)**	**4.02, (.045*)**	3.44, (.064)	1.23, (.269)

[a] C-reactive protein .15-.80 mg/L [b] C-reactive protein .81-1.80 mg/L [c] C-reactive protein 1.81-4.20 mg/L [d] C-reactive protein 4.21-250.6 mg/L

t Linear trend [e] (R^2=.003) [f] Full Model adjusted for demographic covariates Age, Gender, Marital Status, Employment, Education level, White Race, and Household Income; Also adjusted for lifestyle covariates Tobacco Use and Current Alcohol consumption (R^2= .031)

[g] (R^2=.031)

[h] Model adjusted for Comorbidity index; index included diabetes, other endocrine disorders (thyroid, Addison's, and Cushing's disease), kidney disease, respiratory conditions (asthma, emphysema, chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder, bronchitis), osteoarthritis, heart disease, liver disease, autoimmune disorders (defined as having any diagnoses of immune disease, lupus, or rheumatoid arthritis), sleep apnea, irritable bowel syndrome, allergies or frequent sinusitis, or frequent recurrent headache (R^2=.041)

[r] (R^2=.041)

Table 4: Model Statistics assessing the association between Fibromyalgia (FMS) and blood serum C-reactive Protein (CRP) quartile adjusting for Sleep impairment and Mood disturbance in an Appalachian adult population, 2005-2006 (N=52,535)

	Models Odds Ratio (CI) (*p-value*)				
	Crude[e]	Adjusted for Demographic and Lifestyle Factors (Model 1)[f]	Model 1 + Mood[g]	Model 1 + Sleep[h]	Model 1 + Mood & Sleep[r]
CRP level (mg/L)	**1.02 (1.01-1.02) (<.0001*)**	**1.01 (1.00-1.01) (.004*)**	**1.01 (1.00-1.01) (.021*)**	**1.01 (1.00-1.01) (.035*)**	**1.01 (1.00-1.01) (.031*)**
CRP Quartile 1[a] (ref)	---	---	---	---	---
Quartile 2[b]	**1.33 (1.09-1.62) (.004*)**	1.13 (0.92-1.38) (.243)	1.12 (0.91-1.36) (.287)	1.10 (0.90-1.35) (.357)	1.10 (0.90-1.34) (.363)
Quartile 3[c]	**1.78 (1.48-2.14) (<.0001*)**	**1.23 (1.02-1.48) (.032*)**	1.20 (1.00-1.45) (.056)	1.18 (0.98-1.43) (.083)	1.18 (0.97-1.42) (.093)
Quartile 4[d]	**2.50 (2.10-2.97) (<.0001*)**	**1.35 (1.13-1.62) (.0009*)**	**1.28 (1.07-1.53) (.007*)**	**1.26 (1.05-1.51) (.011*)**	**1.24 (1.03-1.48) (.021*)**
Wald X^2, *p* for trend[t]	**118.42, (<.0001*)**	**17.48, (<.0001*)**	**11.06, (.0009*)**	**10.40, (.001*)**	**8.25, (.004*)**

[a] C-reactive protein .15-.80 mg/L [b] C-reactive protein .81-1.80 mg/L [c] C-reactive protein 1.81-4.20 mg/L [d] C-reactive protein 4.21-250.6 mg/L

t Linear trend [e] (R^2=.003) [f] Full Model adjusted for demographic covariates Age, Gender, Marital Status, Employment, Education level, White Race, and Household Income; Also adjusted for lifestyle covariates Tobacco Use and Current Alcohol consumption (R^2= .031)

[g] Mood disturbance derived from responses to four individual questions regarding frequent mood swings, irritability, fatigue and/or inability to concentrate (R^2=.035)

[h] Sleep impairment derived from responses to four individual questions regarding the frequency of short sleep, fitful sleep, insomnia and/or daytime somnolence (R^2=.037)

[r] (R^2=.038)

Table 1a: Demographic and Lifestyle Characteristics of two National U.S. samples (NHIS 2007 & 2012) , stratified by Herbal use (previous or current use of herbal products)

	2007 (N = 20,127)					2012 (N=30,672)					
	Herbal use				P	Herbal use				P	Overall P [W]
	Yes			No		Yes			No		
Characteristic	N (%)	95% CI	Weighted population estimate*	N (%)		N (%)	95% CI	Weighted population estimate**	N (%)		
Total	5057 (27.1)	(26.2, 27.9)	23057602	15070 (72.9)		7238 (24.2)	(23.5, 25.0)	21914809	23434 (75.8)		<.0001
Age in years											
18-24											
25-44					<.0001					<.0001	<.0001
45-64											
65-75											
75+	397 (8.4)	(7.2, 9.7)	1943145	1756 (12.0)		507 (7.3)	(6.4, 8.2)	1600475	2521 (11.5)		
Mean (SE)											
Gender											
Male	1700 (33.5)	(31.9, 35.0)	7717572	5664 (36.2)		2400 (32.5)	(31.0, 33.9)	7112702	8254 (34.1)		
Female											
Race/Ethnicity											
Non-Hispanic White											
Non-Hispanic Black	1992 (39.4)	(37.8, 41.0)	9088019	4736 (31.7)		2846 (39.5)	(38.1, 40.9)	8653969	7695 (32.5)		
Hispanic											
Asian											
Other Race/ethnicity	591 (11.3)	(10.3, 12.3)	2597876	1470 (9.6)		953 (13.7)	(12.8, 14.6)	3002082	2565 (11.3)		
Education											
<12th grade											
HS/GED	377 (7.4)	(6.6, 8.3)	1710990	1444 (10.5)		532 (7.1)	(6.3, 7.8)	1545581	2399 (10.6)		
Tech Training/some College											
≥Bachelor's degree											
Employment	*48.35 (0.33)*	*(47.71, 48.99)*		*47.14 (0.28)*	*0.0009*	*49.44 (0.28)*	*(48.90, 50.00)*		*48.2 (0.20)*	*0.001*	*0.0158*
Employed for pay											
Employed but not for pay											
Unemployed					<.0001					<.0001	<.0001
Income											
$1 - $24,999											
$25,000 - $44,999	2187 (44.0)	(42.4, 45.6)	10145502	6992 (48.0)		3136 (43.4)	(41.9, 44.9)	9516692	10770 (47.5)		
$45,000 - $74,999											
$75,000 and over											
Don't know	2870 (56.0)	(54.4, 57.6)	12912100	8078 (52.0)		4102 (56.6)	(55.1, 58.1)	12398117	12664 (52.5)		
Missing											
Marital Status											
Married/Cohabitating					<.0001					<.0001	<.0001
Never married											
Divorced/Sep/Widow											
Insurance status											
Uninsured	3771 (82.0)	(80.9, 83.2)	18915344	8364 (68.5)		5226 (78.5)	(77.4, 79.7)	17213880	13390 (66.6)		
Medicaid											
Medicare											
Disability	523 (7.7)	(6.9, 8.6)	1782620	2618 (13.9)		681 (7.7)	(7.0, 8.5)	1697535	3890 (13.7)		
Private insurance											
Out of pocket costs, past year[$]											
None	516 (6.8)	(6.1, 7.5)	1567155	3202 (13.4)		839 (8.9)	(8.2, 9.7)	1961358	4579 (14.8)		
<$500											
$500-$1999											
$2000-$2999	141 (1.8)	(1.5, 2.2)	426139	505 (2.3)		266 (2.7)	(2.3, 3.1)	593743	905 (2.9)		
$3000-$4999											
$5000+											
Don't know	106 (1.6)	(1.3, 1.9)	366344	381 (1.9)		226 (2.0)	(1.7, 2.3)	448293	670 (2.1)		
Delayed Care because could not afford/worried about cost											
Geographic location					<.0001					<.0001	<.0001
Northeast											
Midwest											
South	411 (7.3)	(6.5, 8.1)	1687140	3168 (17.4)		576 (6.6)	(5.9, 7.4)	1456473	4261 (15.7)		
West											
Place of birth											
US born											
Physical Activity[R]	1147 (22.3)	(20.9, 23.6)	5138228	4491 (30.4)		1409 (19.0)	(17.9, 20.1)	4161460	6494 (27.2)		
None[S]											
Low/Moderate											
High	1682 (33.3)	(31.8, 34.9)	7680535	4030 (28.0)		2547 (35.4)	(33.9, 36.9)	7764858	6925 (30.3)		
Mean (SE) (weekly)(min)											
Tobacco Use											
Never	1817 (37.1)	(35.5, 38.7)	8551699	3381 (24.2)		2706 (38.9)	(37.4, 40.5)	8532018	5754 (26.8)		
Former											
Current											
Alcohol Use					<.0001					<.0001	<.0001
None											
Light											
Moderate to heavy	3125 (62.3)	(60.7, 63.9)	14359042	8882 (59.0)		4287 (59.3)	(57.8, 60.8)	12989605	12871 (55.3)		
Substance Abuse											
Use of other Complementary											
Health Approaches[t]	211 (4.6)	(3.9, 5.3)	1056194	416 (3.0)		309 (4.5)	(3.8, 5.1)	979184	621 (2.8)		
Other Natural Products[a]											
Mind-body[b]											
Manipulative/Bodywork[c]	1721 (33.1)	(31.6, 34.6)	7642366	5772 (38.0)		2642 (36.3)	(34.8, 37.7)	7946020	9942 (41.9)		
Energy healing/Reiki											
Spiritual practices[d]											
Alternative medical systems[e]					<.0001					<.0001	<.0001
	1170 (23.4)	(22.0, 24.8)	5392332	3360 (22.1)		1608 (21.8)	(20.6, 22.9)	4772787	5248 (21.4)		

831 (16.8)	(15.6, 18.0)	3878888	2290 (15.5)		1185 (16.4)	(15.3, 17.5)	3586770	3384 (14.4)		
678 (13.5)	(12.3, 14.7)	3115599	1443 (10.3)		1038 (14.6)	(13.6, 15.6)	3192245	2492 (11.4)		
455 (9.4)	(8.4, 10.4)	2163806	744 (5.4)		741 (11.0)	(10.1, 11.9)	2412850	1525 (7.4)		
192 (3.7)	(3.1, 4.2)	843187	881 (5.4)		230 (2.9)	(2.5, 3.4)	646373	1062 (4.5)		
1731 (33.2)	(31.5, 35.0)	7663790	6352 (41.3)		2436 (33.3)	(31.9, 34.7)	7303784	9723 (41.0)		
				0.118					0.0002	<.0001
2699 (52.4)	(50.7, 54.2)	12086329	7711 (51.1)		3780 (52.1)	(50.5, 53.7)	11421411	11439 (49.1)		
1030 (21.4)	(19.9, 22.9)	4937934	3480 (23.1)		1577 (22.4)	(21.1, 23.8)	4915172	5813 (25.0)		
1328 (26.2)	(24.8, 27.6)	6033339	3879 (25.7)		1881 (25.5)	(24.2, 26.7)	5578226	6182 (25.9)		
716 (13.5)	(12.6, 14.4)	3108438	2788 (16.5)	<.0001	1089 (13.8)	(12.9, 14.7)	3025400	4406 (16.5)	<.0001	<.0001
237 (4.2)	(3.6, 4.8)	971775	1428 (7.8)	<.0001	412 (4.7)	(4.1, 5.2)	1021071	2611 (9.6)	<.0001	<.0001
1061 (20.6)	(19.2, 22.0)	4749125	3191 (22.1)	0.058	1654 (22.9)	(21.6, 24.1)	5011748	5545 (24.1)	0.1	<.0001
86 (1.9)	(1.3, 2.4)	426800	142 (0.89)	<.0001	130 (1.8)	(1.4, 2.2)	394974	239 (1.0)	<.0001	<.0001
3572 (72.5)	(71.1, 73.9)	16717518	9176 (64.6)	<.0001	4826 (69.0)	(67.5, 70.4)	15115629	13148 (59.9)	<.0001	<.0001
				<.0001					<.0001	<.0001
424 (8.0)	(7.1, 8.9)	1842858	2017 (12.0)		674 (8.6)	(7.8, 9.4)	1879476	3620 (14.2)		
1763 (34.6)	(33.1, 36.1)	7972887	6205 (40.2)		2406 (31.9)	(30.6, 33.2)	6989608	8967 (37.5)		
1739 (34.4)	(33.0, 35.9)	7935523	4252 (28.9)		2340 (33.2)	(32.0, 34.4)	7272642	6407 (28.1)		
467 (9.4)	(8.4, 10.3)	2165805	1017 (7.4)		722 (10.3)	(9.5, 11.2)	2267715	1857 (8.6)		
296 (5.9)	(5.2, 6.7)	1368788	612 (4.4)		528 (7.9)	(7.3, 8.6)	1737660	1129 (5.0)		
305 (6.3)	(5.7, 7.0)	1460678	552 (3.9)		501 (7.1)	(6.4, 7.8)	1557788	1075 (5.0)		
63 (1.3)	(0.91, 1.8)	311063	415 (3.1)		67 (0.96)	(0.70, 1.2)	209920	379 (1.6)		
856 (17.3)	(16.1, 18.5)	3991358	1712 (11.5)	<.0001	1273 (16.9)	(15.9, 17.9)	3703456	3169 (12.9)	<.0001	<.0001
				<.0001					<.0001	<.0001
763 (15.6)	(14.1, 17.2)	3600700	2561 (17.6)		993 (13.8)	(12.5, 15.1)	3029506	4094 (18.7)		
1213 (26.0)	(23.6, 28.4)	5992975	3279 (24.8)		1610 (26.0)	(24.2, 27.7)	5690774	4793 (23.1)		
1703 (32.5)	(30.2, 34.8)	7491580	5824 (38.3)		2033 (29.7)	(27.6, 31.7)	6503257	9156 (39.5)		
1378 (25.9)	(24.0, 27.8)	5972347	3406 (19.3)		2602 (30.5)	(28.8, 32.3)	6691272	5391 (18.8)		
										<.0001
4472 (91.1)	(90.3, 91.9)	21012787	11808 (84.7)	<.0001	6287 (89.3)	(88.5, 90.2)	19578199	18616 (83.2)	<.0001	
1371 (25.9)	(24.4, 27.4)	5970320	6972 (43.7)	<.0001	1552 (20.5)	(19.4, 21.7)	4500886	8662 (35.5)	<.0001	<.0001
3155 (63.7)	(62.0, 65.4)	14689791	6647 (46.1)	<.0001	4971 (69.9)	(68.6, 71.2)	15313768	12295 (53.9)	<.0001	<.0001
2240 (45.9)	(44.1, 47.7)	10581806	4537 (32.7)	<.0001	3705 (52.7)	(51.2, 54.2)	11550005	9036 (40.1)	<.0001	<.0001

	275.56 (8.87)	*(258.10, 293.02)*		*192.0 (6.28)*	*<.0001*	*310.63 (8.6)*	*(293.79, 327.47)*		*237.8 (4.8)*	*<.0001*	*0.0046*
					<.0001					<.0001	<.0001
	2696 (51.8)	(50.2, 53.5)	11951861	9175 (58.0)		4087 (56.0)	(54.7, 57.4)	12277432	13966 (58.6)		
	1438 (28.5)	(27.1, 29.9)	6570756	2921 (20.9)		1974 (28.0)	(26.8, 29.3)	6141595	4846 (21.7)		
	923 (19.7)	(18.2, 21.1)	4534985	2974 (21.0)		1177 (16.0)	(14.9, 17.0)	3495782	4622 (19.7)		
					<.0001					<.0001	<.0001
	1405 (26.4)	(24.9, 27.9)	6088296	6559 (40.9)		1974 (25.0)	(23.7, 26.3)	5471701	9377 (37.2)		
	2438 (47.6)	(46.0, 49.2)	10973974	5911 (40.4)		3477 (48.8)	(47.4, 50.3)	10701511	9611 (42.4)		
	1214 (26.0)	(24.5, 27.5)	5995332	2600 (19.1)		1787 (26.2)	(24.9, 27.5)	5741597	4446 (20.3)		
	39 (0.80)	(0.52, 1.1)	182916	87 (0.60)	0.189	78 (1.2)	(0.85, 1.5)	252648	148 (0.65)	0.0008	<.0001
	4990 (98.8)	(98.5, 99.1)	22775084	12699 (84.8)	<.0001	6996 (97.0)	(96.6, 97.4)	21258408	16050 (70.4)	<.0001	<.0001
	4672 (92.8)	(91.9, 93.6)	21394190	8902 (61.5)	<.0001	6747 (93.8)	(93.1, 94.4)	20545840	14274 (62.8)	<.0001	<.0001
	2577 (52.0)	(50.5, 53.5)	11983152	2914 (20.8)	<.0001	2646 (37.9)	(36.5, 39.4)	8310751	2738 (12.5)	<.0001	<.0001
	2730 (55.3)	(53.7, 56.9)	12753689	3448 (24.8)	<.0001	3584 (50.4)	(49.0, 51.9)	11051380	5274 (23.7)	<.0001	<.0001
	260 (5.3)	(4.6, 6.1)	1230209	95 (0.61)	<.0001	286 (4.1)	(3.6, 4.6)	894463	77 (0.32)	<.0001	<.0001
	3267 (63.7)	(62.0, 65.4)	14681433	8704 (56.0)	<.0001	813 (11.9)	(11.0, 12.7)	2603754	548 (2.4)	<.0001	<.0001
	1094 (21.6)	(20.2, 23.0)	4972413	900 (5.9)	<.0001	1281 (17.8)	(16.8, 18.9)	3910655	987 (4.2)	<.0001	<.0001

Note: Column Percentages shown * Adjusted for age, sex, race/ethnicity based on 2000 Census data race/ethnicity based on 2010 Census data **Adjusted for age, sex,

a. Supplements other than herbs, including Vitamins/Minerals, probiotics (past 30 days), fish oil (past 30 days), chelation therapies

b. Tai Chi/Qi Gong, Yoga, guided imagery, progressive relaxation, deep breathing exercises, Meditation (for which singular term "meditation" is used in 2007; was expanded in 2012 to include mantra, and mindfulness meditation), Stress-management class and support group (2007), mindfulness meditation: including mindfulness-base stress reduction and congitive therapy (2012) Biofeedback, hypnosis c. (Ever) Practitioner-based massage, chiropractic/osteopathic manipulation, Sobador visit

d. Prayed for one's own health (2007) or centering prayer/contemplative meditation (2012); and/or, visit with espiritista (2007 only), cuarandero, shaman, and/or Native American healer e. Acupuncture, Ayurveda, homeopathy, naturopathy

$ family costs aside from deductibles, premiums, copays

R. Defined as >10 min per week

W. p-values obtained by comparing weighted estimates

Table 1b: Health Characteristics of two National U.S. samples (NHIS 2007 & 2012) , stratified by ever using herbal products

	2007 (N = 20,127)					2012 (N = 30,672)					
	Herbal use				P	Herbal use				P	Overall P [W]
	Yes			No		Yes			No		
	N (%)	95% CI	Weighted population estimate*	N (%)		N (%)	95% CI	Weighted population estimate**	N (%)		
Body Mass Index (BMI)					0.125					0.158	<.0001
<24.9											
25-29.9											
30-35	1929 (38.6)	(37.0, 40.1)	8889846	5698 (38.8)		2663 (37.6)	(36.3, 39.0)	8244907	8433 (36.5)		
35+											
Mean (SE)											
Comorbidity Index[a]	1739 (34.2)	(32.8, 35.6)	7883150	5382 (35.6)		2524 (34.5)	(33.2, 35.8)	7562183	8109 (34.8)		
0											
1											
2	871 (17.1)	(15.9, 18.4)	3944736	2474 (16.0)		1209 (16.6)	(15.6, 17.6)	3633769	4119 (17.3)		
3+											
Mean (SE)											
Chronic Health Conditions											
Diabetes	518 (10.1)	(9.1, 11.2)	2339870	1516 (9.6)		842 (11.3)	(10.5, 12.1)	2473950	2773 (11.4)		
Kidney disease											
GI disease[aa]											
Chronic Respiratory conditions[b]	*27.47 (0.10)*	*(27.27, 27.67)*		*27.31 (0.06)*	*0.182*	*27.70 (0.08)*	*(27.55, 27.86)*		*27.73 (0.05)*	*0.735*	0.0743
CVD[c]					<.0001					<.0001	<.0001
Hypertension											
Dyslipidemia											
Liver disease											
Chronic pain conditions[d]	1331 (26.3)	(24.9, 27.7)	6056905	6119 (39.6)		1372 (18.7)	(17.7, 19.7)	4095224	7251 (30.6)		
Mental health conditions[e]											
Insomnia											
History of Cancer	1268 (25.6)	(24.3, 27.0)	5911165	3490 (23.5)		1614 (22.2)	(21.1, 23.4)	4873381	5321 (22.9)		
Perceived health status											
Excellent/very good/good											
Fair	919 (18.2)	(17.0, 19.4)	4199183	2231 (15.2)		1405 (19.5)	(18.5, 20.5)	4265489	3921 (17.1)		
Poor											
	1539 (29.9)	(28.5, 31.3)	6890349	3230 (21.6)		2847 (39.6)	(38.2, 41.0)	8680715	6941 (29.4)		
	1.82 (0.03)	*(1.76, 1.88)*		*1.42 (0.02)*	*<.0001*	*2.25 (0.03)*	*(2.20, 2.31)*		*1.80 (0.02)*	*<.0001*	<.0001

442 (8.2)	(7.3, 9.0)	1885710	1505 (9.5)	0.007	806 (10.7)	(9.8, 11.5)	2337648	2755 (11.1)	0.388	<.0001
85 (1.8)	(1.3, 2.1)	397934	261 (1.6)	0.621	126 (1.6)	(1.3, 1.9)	352738	471 (1.9)	0.128	<.0001
830 (16.7)	(15.5, 17.9)	3848711	1456 (10.1)	<.0001	2907 (40.8)	(39.4, 42.1)	8936761	6747 (29.0)	<.0001	<.0001
875 (17.2)	(16.0, 18.4)	3957352	1884 (12.9)	<.0001	1331 (18.3)	(17.2, 19.4)	4015034	3416 (14.8)	<.0001	<.0001
359 (6.9)	(6.1, 7.7)	1597503	976 (6.8)	0.09	517 (7.2)	(6.5, 7.8)	1569346	1705 (7.3)	0.674	<.0001
1594 (30.8)	(29.3, 32.3)	7107125	4306 (28.5)	0.01	2439 (33.5)	(32.2, 34.8)	7336612	7585 (32.1)	0.067	<.0001
1608 (31.5)	(30.1, 33.0)	7274054	3528 (24.0)	<.0001	2468 (33.8)	(32.4, 35.2)	7408479	6041 (26.2)	<.0001	<.0001
74 (1.5)	(1.1, 1.9)	345579	178 (1.1)	0.06	123 (1.6)	(1.3, 1.9)	345528	316 (1.3)	0.135	<.0001
2561 (50.8)	(49.2, 52.4)	11715342	5215 (35.6)	<.0001	3928 (55.0)	(53.6, 56.4)	12047659	9033 (38.9)	<.0001	<.0001
1189 (23.9)	(22.4, 25.3)	5506796	2266 (15.1)	<.0001	2249 (30.8)	(29.6, 32.1)	6758368	5279 (22.2)	<.0001	<.0001
1331 (26.4)	(24.9, 27.8)	6082197	2502 (17.0)	<.0001	1957 (26.8)	(25.6, 28.0)	5874097	4259 (18.1)	<.0001	<.0001
488 (9.8)	(8.9,10.7)	2258274	968 (7.2)	<.0001	740 (10.5)	(9.6, 11.3)	2293335	1868 (8.6)	<.0001	<.0001
				0.002					<.0001	<.0001
4402 (87.5)	(86.5, 88.5)	20170533	12893 (86.2)		6335 (88.6)	(87.8, 89.5)	19423622	19897 (86.2)		
520 (10.0)	(9.1, 10.9)	2305743	1624 (10.2)		713 (9.0)	(8.2, 9.7)	1962675	2734 (10.6)		
135 (2.5)	(2.0, 3.0)	581326	553 (3.7)		190 (2.4)	(2.0, 2.8)	528512	803 (3.2)		

Note: Column Percentages shown

* Adjusted for age, sex, race/ethnicity based on 2000 Census data

**Adjusted for age, sex, race/ethnicity based on 2010 Census data

a. Includes diabetes, kidney disease, Gastrointestinal disorder (including ulcer and/or abdominal pain, digestive allergy, heartburn), respiratory conditions (Asthma, emphesema, and.or chronic bronchitis), dyslipidemia, liver condition, Rheumatoid Arthritis, CVD, hypertension, non-specific arthritis, gout, migraines, mental health condition

aa. Includes: bowel conditions and ulcers (2007); past 12 month abdominal pain, digestive allergy, heartburn, and ever having ulcer (2012) b. Asthma, emphysema, and/or chronic bronchitis

c. Myocardial Infarction, Heart Disease, Angina pectoris

d. Migraines (past 3 months), nonspecific arthritis, gout, non-specific joint pain for 3+ months, Rheumatoid Arthritis

e. Depression, bipolar disorder, phobias, often anxious in past year

W. p-values obtained by comparing weighted estimates

Table 2a: Demographic and Lifestyle Characteristics of two National U.S. samples (NHIS 2007 & 2012) , stratified by herbal use in the last 12 months

Characteristic	2007 (N = 20,127) Herbal use: Yes N (%)	95% CI	Weighted population estimate*	Herbal use: No N (%)	P	2012 (N=30,672) Herbal use: Yes N (%)	95% CI	Weighted population estimate**	Herbal use: No N (%)	P	Overall P[W]
Total	3582 (19.1)	(18.4, 19.8)	16270972	16545 (80.9)		5490 (16.4)	(15.8, 17.1)	16713004	25182 (72.4)		<.0001
Age in years											
18-24											
25-44					<.0001					<.0001	<.0001
45-64											
65-75											
75+											
Mean (SE)	269 (8.2)	(6.8, 9.6)	1332833	1884 (11.7)		391 (7.4)	(6.3, 8.4)	1231081	2637 (11.1)		
Gender											
Male	1169 (31.9)	(30.1, 33.7)	5193487	6195 (36.3)		1775 (32.1)	(30.4, 33.7)	5358304	8879 (34.1)		
Female											
Race/Ethnicity											
Non-Hispanic White	1414 (39.8)	(37.9, 41.7)	6476821	5314 (32.3)		2162 (39.1)	(37.5, 40.8)	6542615	8379 (33.1)		
Non-Hispanic Black											
Hispanic											
Asian	462 (12.6)	(11.4, 13.7)	2044193	1599 (9.5)		741 (14.0)	(12.8, 15.1)	2332396	2777 (11.4)		
Other Race/ethnicity											
Education											
<12th grade	268 (7.5)	(6.5, 8.5)	1223638	1553 (10.2)		421 (7.5)	(6.6, 8.4)	1248608	2510 (10.3)		
HS/GED											
Tech Training/some College	*49.06 (0.35)*	*(48.38, 49.75)*		*47.09 (0.27)*	*<.0001*	*49.58 (0.33)*	*(48.93, 50.23)*		*48.24 (0.19)*	*<.0001*	*0.2794*
≥Bachelor's degree											
Employment											
Employed for pay					0.0001					<.0001	<.0001
Employed but not for pay											
Unemployed											
Income											
$1 - $24,999	1535 (43.2)	(41.3, 45.1)	7028291	7644 (47.8)		2341 (42.8)	(41.1, 44.5)	7153927	11565 (47.3)		
$25,000 - $44,999											
$45,000 - $74,999											
$75,000 and over	2047 (56.8)	(54.9, 58.7)	9242681	8901 (52.2)		3149 (57.2)	(55.5, 58.9)	9559077	13617 (52.7)		
Don't know											
Missing					<.0001					<.0001	<.0001
Marital Status											
Married/Cohabitating											
Never married											
Divorced/Sep/Widow	2716 (82.9)	(81.7, 84.1)	13487880	9419 (69.6)		3979 (78.8)	(77.5, 80.1)	13163299	14637(67.4)		
Insurance status											

Uninsured	329 (6.9)	(6.0, 7.8)	1121133	2812 (13.5)		513 (7.6)	(6.7, 8.4)	1266927	4058 (13.3)		
Medicaid											
Medicare											
Disability	360 (6.7)	(5.9, 7.5)	1091895	3358 (12.8)		622 (9.0)	(8.1, 9.8)	1496127	4796 (14.4)		
Private insurance											
Out of pocket costs, past year[$]	99 (1.8)	(1.4, 2.2)	297318	547 (2.3)		196 (2.6)	(2.2, 3.0)	438850	975 (2.9)		
None											
<$500											
$500-$1999	78 (1.7)	(1.3, 2.0)	272746	409 (1.8)		180 (2.1)	(1.7, 2.4)	347801	716 (2.1)		
$2000-$2999											
$3000-$4999											
$5000+					<.0001					<.0001	<.0001
Don't know											
Delayed Care because could not afford/worried about cost	272 (7.0)	(6.1, 7.8)	1131795	3307 (16.5)		417 (6.4)	(5.7, 7.2)	1076502	4420 (15.1)		
Geographic location											
Northeast	808 (22.3)	(20.7, 23.8)	3624376	4830 (29.6)		1043(18.4)	(17.2, 19.6)	3078409	6860 (26.8)		
Midwest											
South											
West											
Place of birth	1185 (33.4)	(31.6, 35.2)	5436406	4527 28.5)							
US born						1924 (35.3)	(33.6, 36.9)	5896361	7548 (30.7)		
Physical Activity[R]	1317 (37.4)	(35.4, 39.3)	6078395	3881 (25.4)		2106 (39.9)	(38.1, 41.6)	6661732	6354 (27.4)		
None											
Low/Moderate											
High					<.0001					<.0001	<.0001
Mean (SE) (weekly)(min)											
Tobacco Use	2189 (61.6)	(59.8, 63.3)	10016152	9818 (59.5)		3301 (60.2)	(58.5, 61.9)	10065089	13857(55.4)		
Never											
Former											
Current	162 (4.8)	(4.0, 5.6)	784425	465 (3.1)		227 (4.3)	(3.7, 5.0)	725979	703(3.0)		
Alcohol Use											
None	1231 (33.6)	(31.9, 35.3)	5470395	6262 (37.4)		1962 (35.4)	(33.7, 37.1)	5921936	10622 (41.7)		
Light											
Moderate to heavy					<.0001					<.0001	<.0001
Substance Abuse	820 (23.4)	(21.8, 25.1)	3809168	3710 (22.2)		1186 (21.0)	(19.8, 22.3)	3512363	5670 (21.6)		
Use of other Complementary Health Approaches[t]	576 (15.7)	(14.3, 17.1)	2553714	2545 (15.9)		894 (16.3)	(15.1, 17.5)	2727946	3675 (14.5)		
Other Natural Products[a]	478 (13.5)	(12.2, 14.9)	2203952	1643 (10.6)		803 (14.9)	(13.7, 16.0)	2490180	2727 (11.5)		
Mind-body[b]	341 (10.0)	(8.8, 11.1)	1622926	858 (5.6)		583 (11.4)	(10.4, 12.5)	1912903	1683 (7.5)		
Manipulative/Bodywork[c]	129 (3.6)	(3.0, 4.2)	578665	944 (5.3)		189 (3.2)	(2.6, 3.8)	538020	1103 4.3)		
Energy healing/Reiki	1238 (33.8)	(31.9, 35.7)	5502547	6845 (40.4)		1835 (33.1)	(31.6, 34.6)	5531592	10324 (40.5)		
Spiritual practices[d]					0.088					0.009	<.0001
Alternative medical systems[e]	1903 (52.0)	(50.0, 53.9)	8453944	8507 (51.4)		2865 (52.1)	(50.2, 53.9)	8703339	12354 (49.4)		
	710 (21.0)	(19.2, 22.7)	3411156	3800 (23.1)		1206 (22.8)	(21.2, 24.4)	3813588	6184 (24.7)		
	969 (27.1)	(25.5, 28.7)	4405872	4238 (25.6)		1419 (25.1)	(23.7, 26.5)	4196077	6644 (25.9)		
	505 (13.4)	(12.4, 14.5)	2185136	2999 (16.2)	<.0001	790 (13.0)	(12.0, 13.9)	2168607	4705 (16.5)	<.0001	<.0001
	155 (4.0)	(3.3, 4.6)	645744	1510 (7.6)	<.0001	287 (4.4)	(5.2, 10.5)	735478	2736 (9.3)	<.0001	<.0001
	786 (21.6)	(20.0, 23.2)	3519561	3466 (21.7)	0.623	1277 (23.3)	(21.8, 24.8)	3892141	5922 (23.9)	0.451	<.0001
	63 (2.0)	(1.3, 2.7)	321398	165 (0.96)	<.0001	111 (2.1)	(1.7, 2.5)	346117	258 (1.1)	<.0001	<.0001
	2537 (72.6)	(70.9, 74.3)	11813273	10211 (65.3)	<.0001	3736 (70.2)	(68.7, 71.8)	11739270	14238 (60.2)	<.0001	<.0001
					<.0001					<.0001	<.0001
	286 (7.8)	(6.8, 8.8)	1272433	2155 (11.7)		483 (8.1)	(7.3, 9.0)	1358939	3811 (13.9)		
	1249 (35.0)	(33.3, 36.8)	5700791	6719 (39.6)		1780 (31.3)	(29.7, 32.9)	5230362	9593 (37.3)		
	1236 (34.1)	(32.4, 35.8)	5549126	4755 (29.5)		1809 (33.8)	(32.4, 35.1)	5641914	6938 (28.3)		

	333 (9.3)	(8.3, 10.3)	1512573	1151 (7.7)		554 (10.3)	(9.3, 11.3)	1717635	2025 (8.7)		
	217 (6.2)	(5.3, 7.1)	1008834	691 (4.5)		420 (8.3)	(7.5, 9.1)	1391128	1237 (5.1)		
	222 (6.4)	(5.6, 7.2)	1039327	635 (4.1)		396 (7.3)	(6.5, 8.1)	1219938	1180 (5.1)		
	39 (1.2)	(0.74, 1.6)	187888	439 (2.9)		48 (0.9)	(0.63, 1.2)	153088	398 (1.6)		
	621 (17.6)	(16.2, 19.0)	2867318	1947 (12.0)	<.0001	964 (16.7)	(15.6, 17.9)	2794500	3478 (13.2)	<.0001	<.0001
					<.0001					<.0001	<.0001
	541 (15.5)	(13.8, 17.2)	2526830	2783 (17.4)		762 (13.9)	(12.5, 15.3)	2324064	4325 (18.3)		
	850 (25.6)	(23.1, 28.1)	4161206	3642 (25.0)		1230 (26.2)	(24.2, 28.1)	4374539	5173 (23.3)		
	1190 (32.2)	(29.7, 34.7)	5232720	6337 (37.8)		1506 (29.2)	(26.8, 31.7)	4886374	9683 (38.9)		
	1001 (26.7)	(24.6, 28.9)	4350216	3783 (19.8)		1992 (30.7)	(28.6, 32.7)	5128027	6001 (19.6)		
											<.0001
	3164 (91.0)	(90.1, 91.9)	14807161	13116 (85.4)	<.0001	4791 (89.8)	(88.9, 90.7)	15010846	20112 (83.5)	<.0001	
	915 (24.6)	(22.9, 26.3)	4001744	7428 (42.2)	<.0001	1078 (18.9)	(17.7, 20.1)	3158655	9136 (34.8)	<.0001	<.0001
	2298 (65.3)	(63.3, 67.3)	10629710	7504 (47.5)	<.0001	3837 (70.8)	(69.5, 72.2)	11841154	13429	<.0001	<.0001
	1613 (46.5)	(44.5, 48.5)	7571196	5164 (33.8)	<.0001	2924 (54.7)	(53.0, 56.3)	9136857	(54.8) 9817 (40.6)	<.0001	<.0001
	283.09 (10.23)	*(262.96, 303.22)*		*198.45 (6.00)*	*<.0001*	*325.00 (9.77)*	*(305.77, 344.24)*		*239.65 (4.63)*	*<.0001*	*0.003*
					<.0001					<.0001	<.0001
	1894 (51.2)	(49.2, 53.2)	8330263	9977 (57.6)		3114 (56.3)	(54.8, 57.9)	9413789	14939 (58.3)		
	1067 (30.3)	(28.7, 31.9)	4930987	3292 (21.2)		1539 (28.6)	(27.3, 30.0)	4788193	5281 (22.0)		
	621 (18.5)	(16.7, 20.3)	3009722	3276 (21.2)		837 (15.0)	(13.8, 16.2)	2511022	4962 (19.6)		
					<.0001					<.0001	<.0001
	1006 (26.7)	(25.1, 28.4)	4349888	6958 (39.0)		1454 (24.0)	(22.5, 25.5)	4012831	9897 (36.6)		
	1740 (47.9)	(46.1, 49.7)	7794610	6609 (41.0)		2662 (49.6)	(48.0, 51.3)	8292892	10426 (42.7)		
	836 (25.4)	(23.6, 27.1)	4126474	2978 (19.9)		1374 (26.4)	(24.9, 27.9)	15263475	4859 (20.7)		
	30 (0.81)	(0.52, 1.1)	132414	96 (0.62)	0.157	62 (1.3)	(0.89, 1.6)	210988	164 (0.66)	0.0003	<.0001
	3539 (98.9)	(98.6, 99.3)	16094998	14150 (86.2)	<.0001	5357 (97.9)	(97.5, 98.4)	16369136	17689 (72.1)	<.0001	<.0001
	3331 (93.4)	(92.4, 94.4)	15192940	10243 (64.4)	<.0001	5215 (95.5)	(94.9, 96.2)	15965914	15806 (64.5)	<.0001	<.0001
	1870 (53.2)	(51.5, 55.0)	8659604	3621 (23.6)	<.0001	2094 (39.7)	(38.0, 41.4)	6633294	3290 (13.9)	<.0001	<.0001
	2034 (58.4)	(56.5, 60.3)	9496114	4144 (27.1)	<.0001	2783 (51.7)	(50.0, 53.4)	8634942	6075 (25.3)	<.0001	<.0001
	218 (6.1)	(5.2, 7.0)	997157	137 (0.89)	<.0001	240 (4.5)	(3.8, 5.1)	747014	123 (0.47)	<.0001	<.0001
	2334 (64.6)	(62.7, 66.5)	10512222	9637 (56.5)	<.0001	643 (12.5)	(11.4, 13.5)	2081886	718 (2.9)	<.0001	<.0001
	858 (23.8)	(22.1, 25.5)	3867268	1136 (6.9)	<.0001	1037 (19.0)	(17.8, 20.2)	3180077	1231 (4.9)	<.0001	<.0001

Note: Column Percentages shown

* Adjusted for age, sex, race/ethnicity based on 2000 Census data

**Adjusted for age, sex, race/ethnicity based on 2010 Census data

a. Supplements other than herbs, including Vitamins/Minerals, probiotics (past 30 days), fish oil (past 30 days), chelation therapies

b. Tai Chi/Qi Gong, Yoga, guided imagery, progressive relaxation, deep breathing exercises, Meditation (for which singular term "meditation" is used in 2007; was expanded in 2012 to include mantra, and mindfulness meditation), Stress-management class and support group (2007), mindfulness meditation: including mindfulness-base stress reduction and congitive therapy (2012) Biofeedback, hypnosis c. (Ever) Practitioner-based massage, chiropractic/osteopathic manipulation, Sobador visit

d. Prayed for one's own health (2007) or centering prayer/contemplative meditation (2012); and/or, visit with espiritista (2007 only), cuarandero, shaman, and/or Native American healer e. Acupuncture, Ayurveda, homeopathy, naturopathy

$ family costs aside from deductibles, premiums, copays

R. Defined as ≥10 min increments

Table 2b: Health Characteristics of two National U.S. samples (NHIS 2007 & 2012) , stratified by herbal use in the last 12 months

Characteristic	2007 (N = 20,127) Herbal use: Yes N (%)	95% CI	Weighted population estimate*	No N (%)	P	2012 (N = 30,672) Herbal use: Yes N (%)	95% CI	Weighted population estimate**	No N (%)	P	Overall P [W]
Body Mass Index (BMI)					0.016					0.031	<.0001
<24.9	1384 (39.0)	(37.3, 40.8)	6348273	6243 (38.7)		2057 (38.6)	(37.0, 40.1)	6448785	9039 (36.3)		
25-29.9											
30-35											
35+											
Mean (SE)											
Comorbidity Index[a]											
0	1246 (34.5)	(32.7, 36.2)	5605830	5875 (35.4)		1916 (34.4)	(32.9, 36.0)	5757553	8717 (34.8)		
1											
2											
3+	614 (17.2)	(15.8, 18.6)	2793014	2731 (16.1)		903 (16.3)	(15.1, 17.4)	2718245	4425 (17.3)		
Mean (SE)	*27.37 (0.11)*	*(27.15, 27.60)*		*27.35 (0.56)*	*0.887*	*27.54 (0.09)*	*(27.36, 27.72)*		*27.77 (0.05)*	*0.024*	*0.2305*
Chronic Health Conditions											
Diabetes	338 (9.4)	(8.3, 10.5)	1523855	1696 (9.9)		614 (10.7)	(9.8, 11.6)	1788421	3001 (11.6)		
Kidney disease											
GI disease[aa]											
Chronic Respiratory conditions[b]											
CVD											
Hypertension					<.0001					<.0001	0.0001
Dyslipidemia											
Liver disease											
Chronic pain conditions[d]	918 (25.6)	(23.9, 27.3)	4164042	6532 (38.4)		1035 (18.7)	(17.5, 19.8)	3117059	7588 (29.8)		
Mental health conditions[e]											
Insomnia											
History of Cancer											
Perceived health status	912 (26.0)	(24.4, 27.5)	4225414	3846 (23.7)		1218 (22.3)	(20.9, 23.6)	3721577	5717 (22.9)		
Excellent/very											
Fair	662 (18.4)	(16.9, 19.8)	2987313	2488 (15.5)		1083 (19.6)	(18.4, 20.8)	3272605	4243 (17.2)		
Poor	1090 (30.1)	(28.4, 31.7)	4894203	3679 (22.4)		2154 (39.5)	(37.8, 41.2)	6601763	7634 (30.2)		
	1.83 (0.03)	*(1.77, 1.90)*		*1.45 (0.02)*	*<.0001*	*2.23 (0.03)*	*(2.17, 2.29)*		*1.84 (0.02)*	*<.0001*	*<.0001*
	314 (8.2)	(7.2, 9.1)	1331587	1633 (9.4)	0.021	596 (10.2)	(9.3, 11.2)	1709992	2965 (11.2)	0.106	<.0001
	57 (1.6)	(1.2, 2.1)	263373	289 (1.6)	0.713	91 (1.5)	(1.2, 1.8)	250872	506 (1.9)	0.047	<.0001
	590 (16.9)	(15.5, 18.3)	2752405	1696 (10.8)	<.0001	2186 (40.4)	(38.9, 41.9)	6744109	7468 (29.9)	<.0001	<.0001
	615 (16.9)	(15.6, 18.2)	2745606	2144 (13.4)	<.0001	985 (18.0)	(16.8, 19.3)	3015703	3762 (15.1)	<.0001	<.0001
	257 (7.0)	(6.1, 7.9)	1142025	1078 (6.8)	0.607	393 (7.1)	(6.3, 7.9)	1186819	1829 (7.3)	0.621	<.0001
	1136 (31.1)	(29.4, 32.9)	5064154	4764 (28.7)	0.017	1856 (33.4)	(31.8, 35.0)	5582424	8168 (32.2)	0.165	<.0001
	1159 (32.2)	(30.5, 34.0)	5246236	3977 (24.6)	<.0001	1881 (33.9)	(32.2, 35.6)	5659527	6628 (26.8)	<.0001	<.0001
	54 (1.5)	(1.1, 1.9)	244387	198 (1.2)	0.138	91 (1.6)	(1.2, 2.0)	271510	348 (1.3)	0.146	<.0001
	1836 (51.6)	(49.8, 53.3)	8390744	5940 (36.9)	<.0001	3018 (55.2)	(53.9, 56.9)	9263106	9943 (39.9)	<.0001	<.0001
	832 (23.8)	(22.1, 25.6)	3874783	2623 (16.0)	<.0001	1674 (30.4)	(28.9, 31.9)	5084683	5854 (22.9)	<.0001	<.0001
	948 (26.9)	(25.2, 28.7)	4383811	2885 (17.8)	<.0001	1488 (26.8)	(25.4, 28.2)	4472612	4728 (18.8)	<.0001	<.0001
	355 (10.1)	(9.0, 11.2)	1638188	1101 (7.4)	<.0001	569 (10.7)	(9.7, 11.7)	1792043	2039 (8.6)	<.0001	<.0001
					0.001					0.001	<.0001
	3133 (87.7)	(86.6, 88.9)	14272846	14162 (86.3)		4849 (89.7)	(88.8, 90.6)	14987051	21383 (86.2)		
	363 (10.0)	(9.0, 11.1)	1632026	1781 (10.1)		505 (8.1)	(7.3, 8.9)	1347889	2942 (10.7)		
	86 (2.3)	(1.7, 2.8)	366100	602 (3.6)		136 (14.0)	(1.8, 2.7)	378064	857 (86.0)		

* Adjusted for age, sex, race/ethnicity **Adjusted for age, sex, race/ethnicity

Note: Column Percentages show based on 2000 Census data based on 2010 Census data

a. Includes diabetes, kidney disease, Gastrointestinal disorder (including ulcer and/or abdominal pain, digestive allergy, heartburn), respiratory conditions (Asthma, emphesema, and.or chronic bronchitis), dyslipidemia, liver condition, Rheumatoid Arthritis, CVD, hypertension, non-specific arthritis, gout, migraines, mental health condition

aa. Includes: bowel conditions and ulcers (2007); past 12 month abdominal pain, digestive allergy, heartburn, and ever having ulcer (2012)

b. Asthma, emphysema, and/or chronic bronchitis

c. Myocardial Infarction, Heart Disease, Angina pectoris

d. Migraines (past 3 months), nonspecific arthritis, gout, non-specific joint pain for 3+ months, Rheumatoid Arthritis

e. Depression, bipolar disorder, phobias, often anxious in past year

W. p-values obtained by comparing weighted estimates

Table 3a: Demographic and Lifestyle Characteristics of two National U.S. samples (NHIS 2007 & 2012), stratified by herbal use in past 30 days

Characteristic	2007 (N = 20,127) Herbal use: Yes N (%)	95% CI	Weighted population estimate*	No N (%)	P	2012 (N=30,672) Herbal use: Yes N (%)	95% CI	Weighted population estimate**	No N (%)	P	Overall P [W]
Total	2623 (13.9)	(13.3, 14.6)	11859568	17504 (86.1)		4120 (13.9)	(13.4, 14.5)	12603256	26552 (86.1)		<.0001
Age in years											
18-24											
25-44					<.0001					<.0001	<.0001
45-64											
65-75											
75+	155 (6.7)	(5.2, 8.1)	790687	1998 (11.7)		208 (5.2)	(4.2, 6.2)	658449	2820 (11.3)		
Mean (SE)											
Gender											
Male	754 (28.2)	(26.1, 30.2)	3340364	6610 (36.6)		1165 (28.0)	(26.2, 29.8)	3529186	9489 (34.6)		
Female											
Race/Ethnicity											
Non-Hispanic White	1100 (42.3)	(40.1, 44.5)	5014017	5628 (32.4)		1717 (41.3)	(39.5, 43.1)	5207028	8824 (33.1)		
Non-Hispanic Black											
Hispanic											
Asian	392 (14.3)	(12.9, 15.8)	1697704	1669 (9.4)		661 (16.8)	(15.4, 18.1)	2111431	2857 (11.1)		
Other Race/ethnicity											
Education											
<12th grade	222 (8.6)	(7.4, 9.8)	1016796	1599 (9.9)		369 (8.7)	(7.6, 9.8)	1097162	2562 (9.9)		
HS/GED											
Tech Training/some College											
≥Bachelor's degree	*51.05 (0.39)*	*(50.29, 51.82)*		*46.90 (0.26)*	*<.0001*	*52.06 (0.36)*	*(51.35, 52.76)*		*47.91 (0.19)*	*<.0001*	*0.0592*
Employment											
Employed for pay											
Employed but not for pay					0.022					<.0001	<.0001
Unemployed											
Income											
$1 - $24,999	1154 (44.6)	(42.5, 46.8)	5291066	8025 (47.3)		1731 (42.1)	(40.2, 44.1)	5311074	12175 (47.2)		
$25,000 - $44,999											
$45,000 - $74,999											
$75,000 and over	1469 (55.4)	(53.2, 57.5)	6568502	9479 (52.7)		2389 (57.9)	(55.9, 59.8)	7292182	14377 (52.8)		
Don't know											
Missing											
Marital Status					<.0001					<.0001	<.0001
Married/Cohabitating											
Never married											
Divorced/Sep/Widow	2020 (83.8)	(82.4, 85.3)	9939278	10115 (70.3)		3065 (80.4)	(79.1, 81.8)	10135774	15551 (67.7)		
Insurance status											
Uninsured											
Medicaid	218 (6.1)	(5.1, 7.1)	725090	2923 (13.2)		351 (6.9)	(6.0, 7.8)	871677	4220 (13.1)		
Medicare											
Disability											
Private insurance	258 (6.6)	(5.7, 7.5)	787286	3460 (12.4)		419 (8.1)	(7.3, 8.9)	1017455	4999 (14.2)		
Out of pocket costs, past year[$]											
None											
<$500	76 (1.9)	(1.4, 2.5)	229743	570 (2.3)		139 (2.4)	(1.9, 2.8)	302167	1032 (2.9)		
$500-$1999											
$2000-$2999											
$3000-$4999	51 (1.5)	(1.1, 1.9)	178171	436 (1.8)		146 (2.2)	(1.7, 2.7)	276183	750 (2.0)		
$5000+											
Don't know											
Delayed Care because could not afford/worried about cost					<.0001					<.0001	<.0001
Geographic location											
Northeast											
Midwest	193 (6.6)	(5.7, 7.5)	783942	3386 (16.0)		315 (6.5)	(5.6, 7.4)	814077	4522 (14.7)		
South											
West											
Place of birth	602 (22.8)	(21.1, 24.6)	2706476	5036 (29.1)		801 (18.7)	(17.3, 20.2)	2362123	7102 (26.3)		
US born											
Physical Activity[R]											
None	837 (31.9)	(29.8, 34.0)	3780874	4875 (29.0)		1403 (34.5)	(32.6, 36.4)	4348552	8069 (31.1)		
Low/Moderate											
High											
Mean (SE) (weekly)(min)	991 (38.7)	(36.4, 41.0)	4588276	4207 (25.9)		1601 (40.3)	(38.4, 42.2)	5078504	6859 (28.0)		
Tobacco Use											
Never											
Former					0.002					0.0005	<.0001
Current											
Alcohol Use											
None	1546 (59.7)	(57.6, 61.8)	7078796	10461 (60.0)		2384 (57.9)	(56.0, 59.7)	7291127	14774 (56.0)		
Light											
Moderate to heavy											
Substance Abuse	121 (4.7)	(3.8, 5.6)	553445	506 (3.2)		168 (4.1)	(3.4, 4.9)	521755	762 (3.1)		
Use of other Complementary Health Approache											
Other Natural Products[a]	956 (35.7)	(33.6, 37.7)	4227327	6537 (36.8)		1568 (38.0)	(36.1, 39.9)	4790374	11016 (40.9)		
Mind-body[b]											
Manipulative/Bodywork[c]											
Energy healing/Reiki					<.0001					<.0001	<.0001
Spiritual practices[d]											

Alternative medical systems[e]	548 (21.3)	(19.5, 23.1)	2521574	3982 (22.6)		834 (19.5)	(18.1, 20.9)	2458527	6022 (21.8)		
	412 (15.4)	(13.8, 16.9)	1823695	2709 (16.0)		640 (15.3)	(14.0, 16.6)	1930363	3929 (14.8)		
	348 (13.4)	(11.8, 14.9)	1586462	1773 (10.8)		572 (14.03)	(12.8, 15.2)	1768090	2958 (11.8)		
	256 (10.3)	(8.9, 11.7)	1225529	943 (5.8)		454 (11.9)	(10.6, 13.2)	1503329	1812 (7.7)		
	86 (3.3)	(2.6, 4.0)	388584	987 (5.2)		131 (3.0)	(2.4, 3.6)	379531	1161 (4.3)		
	973 (36.4)	(34.1, 38.6)	4313724	7110 (39.6)		1489 (36.2)	(34.5, 38.0)	4563416	10670 (39.6)		
					0.0003					<.0001	<.0001
	1403 (52.4)	(50.0, 54.7)	6210153	9007 (51.3)		2160 (52.2)	(50.3, 54.2)	6582911	13059 (49.5)		
	477 (19.4)	(17.6, 21.3)	2302205	4033 (23.2)		807 (20.3)	(18.6, 21.9)	2552328	6583 (25.1)		
	743 (28.2)	(26.3, 30.2)	3347210	4464 (25.5)		1153 (27.5)	(25.9, 29.2)	3468017	6910 (25.5)		
	334 (12.2)	(11.1, 13.3)	1442171	3170 (16.2)	<.0001	535 (11.4)	(10.5, 12.4)	1440406	4960 (16.6)	<.0001	<.0001
	100 (3.2)	(2.5, 3.9)	382615	1565 (7.5)	<.0001	199 (4.0)	(3.3, 4.6)	498246	2824 (9.1)	<.0001	0.008
	655 (24.5)	(22.5, 26.4)	2902188	3597 (21.2)	0.0003	1117 (27.3)	(25.5, 29.1)	3444310	6082 (23.2)	<.0001	<.0001
	41 (1.9)	(1.1, 2.8)	228975	187 (1.0)	0.008	88 (2.2)	(1.7, 2.7)	273708	281 (1.1)	<.0001	<.0001
	1885 (73.9)	(72.0, 75.7)	8761977	10863 (65.6)	<.0001	2834 (71.0)	(69.3, 72.7)	8950546	15140 (60.6)	<.0001	<.0001
					<.0001					<.0001	<.0001
	197 (7.3)	(6.1, 8.4)	861372	2244 (11.5)		330 (7.2)	(6.2, 8.1)	902927	3964 (13.8)		
	907 (34.5)	(32.5, 36.6)	4095033	7061 (39.4)		1322 (30.9)	(29.1, 32.7)	3894734	10051 (37.0)		
	910 (34.4)	(32.5, 36.3)	4078211	5081 (29.8)		1388 (35.0)	(33.4, 36.6)	4410820	7359 (28.4)		
	242 (9.3)	(8.1, 10.5)	1104356	1242 (7.8)		440 (10.7)	(9.6, 11.7)	1343206	2139 (8.8)		
	173 (6.8)	(5.7, 7.9)	810726	735 (4.5)		304 (8.0)	(7.0, 8.9)	1002071	1353 (5.4)		
	168 (6.7)	(5.7, 7.7)	792257	689 (4.2)		298 (7.3)	(6.4, 8.3)	923040	1278 (5.2)		
	26 (0.99)	(0.57, 1.4)	117613	452 (2.9)		38 (1.0)	(0.63, 1.4)	126458	408 (1.5)		
	425 (16.5)	(14.9, 18.2)	1957497	2143 (12.5)	<.0001	700 (16.1)	(14.8, 17.4)	2025158	3742 (13.5)	<.0001	<.0001
					<.0001					<.0001	<.0001
	386 (15.2)	(13.4, 17.0)	1799932	2938 (17.3)		599 (14.7)	(13.1, 16.2)	1850077	4488 (17.9)		
	631 (25.7)	(23.1, 28.4)	3051859	3861 (25.0)		917 (26.0)	(24.1, 27.9)	3280781	5486 (23.4)		
	875 (32.8)	(30.0, 35.5)	3885028	6652 (37.4)		1127 (29.0)	(26.6, 31.4)	3653277	10062 (38.4)		
	731 (26.3)	(23.9, 28.8)	3122749	4053 (20.2)		1477 (30.3)	(28.3, 32.3)	3819121	6516 (20.2)		
											<.0001
	2324 (91.1)	(90.1, 92.2)	10805693	13956 (85.7)	<.0001	3614 (90.2)	(89.2, 91.1)	11362696	21289 (83.8)	<.0001	
	663 (23.9)	(21.9, 25.9)	2831382	7680 (41.3)	<.0001	841 (19.6)	(18.2, 21.1)	2475988	9373 (33.8)	<.0001	<.0001
	1696 (66.1)	(63.8, 68.4)	7838030	8106 (48.4)	<.0001	2856 (70.4)			14410 (55.7)	<.0001	<.0001

1179 (46.8)	(44.5, 49.2)	5554793	5598 (34.6)	<.0001	2145 (53.4)	(68.8, 71.9) (51.4, 55.4)	8869651 6729515	10596 (41.5)	<.0001	<.0001
291.87 (11.8)	*(268.59, 315.14)*		*202.10 (5.9)*	*<.0001*	*328.76 (11.7)*	*(305.82, 351.69)*		*243.55 (4.6)*	*<.0001*	
				<.0001					<.0001	<.0001
1378 (51.2)	(49.0, 53.4)	6071327	10493 (57.2)		2304 (55.7)	(53.9, 57.5)	7018240	15749 (58.3)		
823 (31.7)	(29.8, 33.5)	3755974	3536 (21.6)		1228 (30.4)	(28.8, 32.1)	3834185	5592 (22.1)		
422 (17.1)	(15.1, 19.2)	2032267	3475 (21.2)		588 (13.9)	(12.6, 15.1)	1750831	5211 (19.6)		
				<.0001					<.0001	<.0001
756 (27.7)	(25.7, 29.6)	3283147	7208 (38.1)		1146 (25.4)	(23.6, 27.2)	3203003	10205 (35.7)		
1249 (46.6)	(44.4, 48.8)	5526656	7100 (41.7)		1975 (49.3)	(47.5, 51.2)	6221233	11113 (43.1)		
618 (25.7)	(23.8, 27.7)	3049765	3196 (20.2)		999 (25.2)	(23.6, 26.8)	3179020	5234 (21.2)		
16 (0.62)	(0.32, 0.93)	73924	110 (0.66)	0.832	38 (0.94)	(0.54, 1.3)	118622	188 (0.74)	0.324	<.0001
2592 (98.9)	(98.5, 99.3)	11728276	15097 (86.9)	<.0001	4045 (98.4)	(98.0, 98.8)	12400511	19001 (73.3)	<.0001	<.0001
2460 (94.1)	(93.0, 95.2)	11157170	11114 (66.1)	<.0001	3972 (96.7)	(96.1, 97.4)	12191074	17049 (66.0)	<.0001	<.0001
1337 (51.9)	(49.8, 54.1)	6158756	4154 (25.5)	<.0001	1575 (39.6)	(37.7, 41.6)	4997184	3809 (15.3)	<.0001	<.0001
1520 (59.4)	(57.2, 61.6)	7044988	4658 (28.8)	<.0001	2144 (53.0)	(51.1, 54.8)	6674207	6714 (26.5)	<.0001	<.0001
173 (6.5)	(5.5, 7.6)	775716	182 (1.1)	<.0001	196 (4.8)	(4.0, 5.6)	608722	167 (0.65)	<.0001	<.0001
1691 (64.2)	(61.9, 66.5)	7610988	10280 (57.1)	<.0001	504 (12.8)	(11.5, 14.1)	1615648	857 (3.3)	<.0001	<.0001
661 (25.1)	(23.1, 27.1)	2975378	1333 (7.7)	<.0001	815 (19.9)	(18.4, 21.4)	2510445	1453 (5.5)	<.0001	<.0001

Note: Column Percentages shown

* Adjusted for age, sex, race/ethnicity based on 2000 Census data

**Adjusted for age, sex, race/ethnicity based on 2010 Census data

a. Supplements other than herbs, including Vitamins/Minerals, probiotics (past 30 days), fish oil (past 30 days), chelation therapies

b. Tai Chi/Qi Gong, Yoga, guided imagery, progressive relaxation, deep breathing exercises, Meditation (for which singular term "meditation" is used in 2007; was expanded in 2012 to include mantra, and mindfulness meditation), Stress-management class and support group (2007), mindfulness meditation: including mindfulness-base stress reduction and congitive therapy (2012) Biofeedback, hypnosis c. (Ever) Practitioner-based massage, chiropractic/osteopathic manipulation, Sobador visit

d. Prayed for one's own health (2007) or centering prayer/contemplative meditation (2012); and/or, visit with espiritista (2007 only), cuarandero, shaman, and/or Native American healer e. Acupuncture, Ayurveda, homeopathy, naturopathy

$ family costs aside from deductibles, premiums, copays

R. Defined as >10 min increments

W. p-values obtained by comparing weighted estimates

Table 3b: Health Characteristics of two National U.S. samples (NHIS 2007 & 2012) , stratified by herbal use in past 30 days

Characteristic	2007 (N = 20,127) Herbal use: Yes N (%)	95% CI	Weighted population estimate*	Herbal use: No N (%)	P	2012 (N = 30,672) Herbal use: Yes N (%)	95% CI	Weighted population estimate**	Herbal use: No N (%)	P	Overall P [W]
Body Mass Index (BMI)					0.56					0.102	<.0001
<24.9											
25-29.9											
30-35	1012 (39.2)	(37.1, 41.4)	4651169	6615 (38.6)							
35+											
Mean (SE)						1506 (37.6)	(35.7, 39.5)	4737825	9590 (36.6)		
Comorbidity Index[a]	932 (35.0)	(33.1, 36.9)	4151454	6189 (35.2)		1474 (35.6)	(33.8, 37.4	4484736	9159 (34.6)		
0											
1											
2	440 (16.7)	(15.1,18.2)	1975771	2905 (16.2)		679 (16.2)	(14.8, 17.6)	2043500	4649 (17.3)		
3+											
Mean (SE)											
Chronic Health Conditions	239 (9.1)	(8.0,10.3)	1081174	1795 (9.9)		461 (10.6)	(9.6, 11.7)	1337195	3154 (11.5)		
Diabetes											
Kidney disease											
GI disease[aa]	*27.26 (0.12)*	*(27.02, 27.51)*		*27.40 (0.06)*	*0.434*	*27.56 (0.10)*	*(27.37, 27.76)*		*27.75 (0.05)*	*0.088*	*0.0945*
Chronic Respiratory conditions[b]											
CVD[c]					<.0001					<.0001	<.0001
Hypertension											
Dyslipidemia											
Liver disease											
Chronic pain conditions[d]	631 (24.0)	(22.1, 25.9)	2844176	6819 (37.9)		735 (17.6)	(16.2, 19.0)	2216922	7888 (29.3)		
Mental health conditions[e]											
Insomnia											
History of Cancer	662 (25.7)	(24.0, 27.5)	3051748	4096 (23.9)		890 (21.5)	(20.1, 22.9)	2711153	6045 (23.0)		
Perceived health status											
Excellent/very good/good											
Fair	497 (18.8)	(17.0, 20.5)	2224006	2653 (15.6)		798 (19.2)	(17.9, 20.5)	2417833	4528 (17.4)		
Poor											
	833 (31.5)	(29.7, 33.4)	3739638	3936 (22.6)		1697 (41.7)	(39.9, 43.5)	5257348	8091 (30.3)		

	1.88 (0.04)	*(1.81, 1.95)*		*1.46 (0.02)*	*<.0001*	*2.31 (0.03)*	*(2.24, 2.38)*		*1.84 (0.02)*	*<.0001*	*0.0001*
	246 (8.8)	(7.7, 10.0)	1046551	1701 (9.2)	0.547	485 (11.1)	(9.9, 12.3)	1401593	3076 (11.0)	0.048	<.0001
	45 (1.8)	(1.2, 2.4)	212862	301 (1.6)	0.558	68 (1.6)	(1.1, 2.0)	195466	529 (1.9)	0.173	<.0001
	441 (17.4)	(15.7, 19.1)	2061656	1845 (11.0)	<.0001	1637 (40.4)	(38.6, 42.1)	5089779	8017 (30.5)	<.0001	<.0001
	434 (16.2)	(14.8, 17.7)	1923974	2325 (13.7)	0.0009	750 (18.4)	(17.0, 19.8)	2322524	3997 (15.2)	<.0001	<.0001
	206 (7.7)	(6.6, 8.7)	911835	1129 (6.7)	0.071	318 (7.7)	(6.8, 8.7)	973750	1904 (7.2)	0.314	<.0001
	877 (32.4)	(30.3, 34.4)	3836843	5023 (28.6)	0.0003	1508 (36.4)	(34.7, 38.2)	4589502	8516 (31.8)	<.0001	<.0001
	925 (35.1)	(33.2, 37.1)	4166974	4211 (24.5)	<.0001	1510 (36.6)	(34.6, 38.5)	4607481	6999 (26.7)	<.0001	<.0001
	38 (1.4)	(0.94, 1.9)	169692	214 (1.2)	0.329	72 (1.7)	(1.2, 2.1)	209745	367 (1.4)	0.146	<.0001
	1378 (52.8)	(50.8, 54.8)	6259209	6398 (37.6)	<.0001	2347 (57.5)	(55.7, 59.3)	7245512	10614 (40.4)	<.0001	<.0001
	583 (23.2)	(21.1, 25.4)	2753361	2872 (16.6)	<.0001	1196 (28.9)	(27.3, 30.6)	3645993	6332 (23.6)	<.0001	<.0001
	679 (26.8)	(24.8, 28.9)	3179543	3154 (18.3)	<.0001	1133 (27.1)	(25.5, 28.7)	3416688	5083 (19.1)	<.0001	<.0001
	282 (10.7)	(9.4, 12.1)	1272814	1174 (7.5)	<.0001	477 (11.9)	(10.7, 13.0)	1495165	2131 (8.6)	<.0001	<.0001
					0.005					0.0001	<.0001
	2296 (87.7)	(86.3, 89.1)	10400152	14999 (86.4)		3613 (89.1)	(88.0, 90.2)	11230927	22619 (86.4)		
	268 (10.1)	(8.8, 11.4)	1201167	1876 (10.1)		404 (8.6)	(7.7, 9.5)	1084958	3043 (10.5)		
	59 (2.2)	(1.6, 2.8)	258249	629 (3.5)		103 (2.3)	(1.7, 2.8)	287371	890 (3.1)		

* Adjusted for age, sex,

**Adjusted for age, sex, race/ethnicity

Note: Column Percentages shown race/ethnicity based on 2000 based on 2010 Census data Census data

a. Includes diabetes, kidney disease, Gastrointestinal disorder (including ulcer and/or abdominal pain, digestive allergy, heartburn), respiratory conditions (Asthma, emphesema, and.or chronic bronchitis), dyslipidemia, liver condition, Rheumatoid Arthritis, CVD, hypertension, non-specific arthritis, gout, migraines, mental health condition

aa. Includes: bowel conditions and ulcers (2007); past 12 month abdominal pain, digestive allergy, heartburn, and ever having ulcer (2012) b. Asthma, emphysema, and/or chronic bronchitis

c. Myocardial Infarction, Heart Disease, Angina pectoris

d. Migraines (past 3 months), nonspecific arthritis, gout, non-specific joint pain for 3+ months, Rheumatoid Arthritis

e. Depression, bipolar disorder, phobias, often anxious in past year

W. p-values obtained by comparing weighted estimates

Table 4. Comparison of herbal use in two nationally representative samples of adults with diagnosed fibromyalgia syndrome (FMS): National Health Interview Survey 2007 (N=221 adults (1.3%*) with FMS) vs. 2012 (N=524 adults (1.7%) with FMS)**

	NHIS 2007 (N=221)			NHIS 2012 (N=524)			Overall P^W
	N (%)	95% CI	Weighted population estimate*	N (%)	95% CI	Weighted population estimate**	
Herbal Use Ever							<.0001
No	107 (42.9)	(35.1, 50.7)	469162	320 (59.4)	(54.2, 64.7)	927192	
Yes	114 (57.1)	(49.3, 64.9)	624881	204 (40.6)	(35.3, 45.8)	633029	
Herbal Use in last 12 months							<.0001
No	139 (58.3)	(49.8, 66.7)	637566	367 (68.8)	(63.6, 73.9)	1072859	
Yes	82 (41.7)	(33.3, 50.2)	456477	157 (31.2)	(26.1, 36.4)	487362	
Herbal Use in last 30 days							<.0001
No	159 (67.3)	(59.1, 75.4)	735778	398 (75.5)	(70.9, 80.1)	1177936	
Yes	62 (32.7)	(24.6, 40.9)	358265	126 (24.5)	(19.9, 29.1)	382285	
For FMS	7 (3.2)	(0.74, 5.7)	35373	24 (5.3)	(2.8, 7.8)	82810	<.0001
For Depression/Anxiety	2 (1.6)	(0, 3.8)	17566	3 (0.31)	(0, 0.68)	4838	<.0001
For Insomnia	3 (1.8)	(0, 3.9)	20002	6 (1.4)	(0.05, 2.7)	21493	<.0001
For other pain condition(?)[a]	8 (3.2)	(0.93, 5.5)	35000	26 (5.2)	(2.9, 7.5)	81129	<.0001
No.of different herbal supps last 30 days[tt] (Mean (SE))	0.99 (0.20)	(0.60, 1.4)		1.07 (0.38)	(0.32, 1.8)		0.894
Specific Herbs:							
Echinacea	18 (8.5)	(4.5, 12.5)	92782	8 (2.1)	(0.56, 3.6)	32601	<.0001
Cranberry	7 (2.7)	(0.61, 4.8)	29436	20 (4.6)	(2.4, 6.7)	71344	<.0001
Garlic	9 (4)	(1.3, 6.7)	43965	9 (1.7)	(0.37, 3.0)	25905	<.0001
Ginkgo	3 (1.1)	(0, 2.4)	11839	7 (1.2)	(0.13, 2.2)	18454	<.0001
Ginseng	8 (3.2)	(0.84, 5.7)	35542	10 (1.7)	(0.44, 2.9)	25870	<.0001
Green Tea	2 (0.87)	(0, 2.1)	9488	12 (2.4)	(0.88, 4.0)	37923	<.0001
Milk Thistle	4 (1.5)	(0, 3.0)	16050	7 (1.4)	(0.09, 2.7)	21361	<.0001
Valerian	3 (1.3)	(0, 2.7)	13906	6 (0.9)	(0.08, 1.8)	14309	<.0001
Consulted herbalist practitioner[b]	4 (1.7)	(0.01, 3.3)	18217	14 (3.3)	(1.4, 5.3)	52206	<.0001
Visited botanica or yerbara[c]	4 (0.8)	(0, 1.7)	8843	1 (0.19)	(0, .55)	2926	<.0001
Physician disclosure of herbs[d]							<.0001
Yes	50 (64.6)	(53.1, 76.1)	294988	51 (71.4)	(59.0, 83.9)	140681	
No	32 (35.4)	(23.9, 46.9)	161489	15 (28.6)	(16.1, 41.0)	56221	

Note: Column Percentages shown

* Adjusted for age, sex, race/ethnicity based on 2000 Census data *Adjusted for age, sex, race/ethnicity based on 2010 Census data

a. Includes non-specific arthritis, jaw pain, frequent headache, migraine, Rheumatoid Arthritis, gout, back pain, neck pain

b. in past 12 months

c. Ever; Botanica not measured in 2012

d. Within past 30 days (N = 66, 2007); Only disclosure of top therapy assessed within past 12 months (2012)

W. p-values obtained by comparing weighted estimates

tt. Among herbal users with FMS; Including combination herbal supplement

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Table 6. Association of Herbal Use to FMS in adults >18 years of age in two national samples, stratified by NHIS 2007 & 2012 conditions

	Conditions (N = 42 Cases						+ condtions (N = 179 Cases						P for interaction
	FMS Cases	Non-FMS Controls	Odds rati	% CI 95 Lower	Upper	P	FMS Cases	Non-FMS Controls	Odds rati	% CI 95 Lower	Upper	P	
NHIS 2007													
Herbal Use in the Last 30 Days													0.7
Yes	1	128	2.8	1.3	6.0	0.00	5	127	2.5	1.6	3.7	<.000	
No (reference)	3	1088	1.0				12	646	1.0				
Herbal Use in the Last 12 months													0.6
Yes	1	181	2.6	1.2	5.5	0.00	6	168	2.6	1.7	3.8	<.000	
No (reference)	2	1035	1.0				11	605	1.0				
Herbal Use													0.00
Yes	2	257	4.6	2.2	9.8	<.000	9	236	2.8	1.9	3.9	<.000	
No (reference)	1	959	1.0				8	537	1.0				
NHIS 2012													
Herbal Use in the Last 30 Days													0.87
Yes	4	161	2.2	1.0	4.7	0.03	35	2338	1.6	1.2	2.1	0.000	
No (reference)	1	1389	1.0				11	1226	1.0				
Herbal Use in the Last 12 months													0.4
Yes	1	224	1.6	0.7	3.7	0.19	14	309	1.7	1.3	2.1	<	
No (reference)	3	1326	1.0				32	1154	1.0				
Herbal Use													0.11
Yes	1	297	1.6	0.8	3.3	0.14	18	406	1.	1.4	2.2	<	
No (reference)	3	1253	1.0				28	1057	1.0				

c. Includes diabetes, kidney disease, Gastrointestinal disorder (including ulcer and/or abdominal pain, digestive allergy, heartburn), respiratory conditions (Asthma,

condition

* Adjusted for age, sex, race/ethnicity based on Census data 2000

** Adjusted for age, sex, race/ethnicity based on Census data 2010

Table 1: Demographic and Lifestyle Characteristics of Appalachian pain patients, Complementary Health Approaches for Pain Survey (CHAPS), WV, 2014-2016

Characteristic	N	%
Total	301	
Age in years (Mean (SD))	55.62	13.6
18-29	11	4%
30-44	49	17.8%
45-64	147	53.5%
65+	68	24.7%
Gender		
Male	119	43.1%
Female	157	56.9%
Race/Ethnicity		
Non-Hispanic White	253	92%
Other Race	22	8%
Education		
<12th grade	31	11.3%
HS/GED	93	33.9%
Some College/Associate's /Technical training	100	36.5%
≥Bachelor's degree	50	18.3%
Employment		
Employed/Student/Homemaker	82	29.8%
Retired	58	21.1%
Unemployed	16	5.8%
Disabled	119	43.3%
Military Status*		
Served or serving in military	26	20.0%
Never served	104	80%
Marital Status		
Married/Cohabitating	158	57.5%
Single	41	14.9%
Divorced/Sep/Widow	76	27.6%
Household Income		
<$25,000	88	29.2%
$25,001-50,000	72	23.9%
$50,001-75,000	39	13.0%
$75,001+	37	12.3%
Don't know/Missing	65	21.6%
Alcohol		
None in past year	141	46.8%
<2-3 times per month	87	28.9%
≥1 time per week	40	13.3%
Missing	33	11%
Smoker		
Never	109	39.9%
Current	75	27.5%
Former	89	32.6%
Exercise in past month	119	43.6%
Number of minutes p/wk[a] (Mean (SD))	196.12	399.1
BMI+ (Mean (SD))	33.84	31.5
≤ 25	53	17.6%
25.1-29.9	81	26.9%
30 – 34.9	66	21.9%
35+	66	21.9%
Missing	35	11.6%

Note: Column Percentages shown

*. Assessed after initial pilot-test wave

a. Only those who exercised in past month without missing exercise data (n = 76)

Table 2: Health Characteristics of Appalachian pain patients, Complementary Health Approaches for Pain Survey (CHAPS), WV, 2014-2016 (N=301)

Characteristic	N	%
Chronic Pain		
Currently experiencing	270	93.4%
Have experienced in the past	283	97.6%
Global Pain Scale[b]		
Total (Mean (SD))	50.85	(20.6)
Pain	15.51	(4.5)
Feelings	10.71	(6.3)
Clinical Outcomes	13.79	(6.3)
Activities	12.18	(7.4)
Prescription medication use for pain management[*]		
None	48	24.9%
Opioids	85	44.0%
Other Rx	60	31.1%
Number of Health Conditions		
0-1	20	7.2%
2	27	9.7%
3	39	14.0%
4	38	13.6%
5+	155	55.6%
Total ((Mean (SD)) (range)	5.44 (0-16)	(3.1)
Pain syndromes[c]	2.30 (0-7)	1.58
Mental Health conditions[d]	0.84 (0-2)	0.87
Injury[e]	0.48 (0-2)	0.70
Other conditions[f]	1.44 (0-7)	1.40

Note: Column Percentages shown

*. Assessed after initial pilot-test wave

b. Global Pain Scale score 0-100, with 100 indicative of greatest impact of pain upon life; Subscales Pain, feelings, clinical outcomes, and activities scores each 0-25

c. Includes: Spine/Back/Neck pain, migraines, tension headaches, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Osteoarthritis, Temporomandibular Jaw Disorder, Knee Pain, Fibromyalgia, and/or Gout

d. Includes depression and/or anxiety

e. Includes broken bones and/or musculoskeletal injury/tissue trauma

f. Includes: Hypertension, heart disease, irritable bowel disorder, renal disorder, asthma, chronic bronchitis, diabetes, cancer, stroke, and/or chronic fatigue syndrome

Table 3: Complementary Health Approaches for pain among Appalachian pain patients, Complementary Health Approaches for Pain Survey (CHAPS), WV, 2014-2016 (N=301)

Characteristic	N	%
Herbal Use		
No	222	73.7%
Precontemplation[c]	152	49.0%
Contemplation[d]	5	1.6%
Preparation[e]	5	1.6%
Does not know about herbs[2]	60	19.9%
Yes	24	8.0%
Action[f]	11	3.7%
Maintenance[g]	13	4.3%
Specific Herbs Reported[h]		
Ginger	10	41.7%
Lavender	8	33.3%
Peppermint	7	29.2%
Black Cohosh	4	16.7%
Pot/Marijuana	3	12.5%
Turmeric or Curcumin	3	12.5%
Cherries	2	8.3%
Thyme, Yucca, Ginkgo, Yellowweed, Kava Kava, Catnip, Angelica Root, and/or Eucalyptus	1	4.2%
Milk Thistle and/or Cayenne	1	4.2%
Cinnamon	1	4.2%
Clove	1	4.2%
Mixture/formulation	3	12.5%
Others (unknown)	5	20.8%
Missing	55	18.3%
Other CHA user[tt]		
No	91	30.2%
Precontemplation[c]	228	85.1%
Contemplation[d]	56	20.9%
Preparation[e]	30	11.2%
Does not know about any CHAs[2]	9	4.3%
Yes	177	58.8%
Action[f]	85	31.7%
Maintenance[g]	126	47.0%
Missing	33	11.0%
Dietary supplements[K]	141	53.6%
Action[f]	51	19.4%
Maintenance[g]	96	36.5%
Mind - body practices[m]	73	28.9%
Action[f]	27	10.7%
Maintenance[g]	49	19.4%
Acupuncture/Manipulative treatments/Massage/ Movement therapies[t]	72	28.1%
Action[f]	40	15.6%
Maintenance[g]	39	15.2%

Note: Column Percentages shown

2. Assessed after initial pilot-test wave
c. No, and do not intend to within next 6 months
d. No, but intend to within next 6 months
e. No, but intend to within next 30 days
f. Yes, for less than 6 months
g. Yes, for more than 6 months
h. Column percentages for individual herbs use total sample of herbal users as denominator
tt. Includes Vitamins and/or Minerals, Probiotics, other natural products,

Acupuncture, Massage therapy, Spinal manipulation/Chiropractic, Tai Chi, Yoga, Meditation, other relaxation practices, and/or movement therapies

K. Vitamins/Minerals, Probiotics, other natural products (No herbal products)

m. Meditation, Relaxation, Yoga, Tai Chi/Qi Gong

t. Acupuncture, Chiropractic/spinal manipulation, Massage therapy, and/or Movement therapies

Table 4: Correlates of Herbal use for pain in previous 6 months among Appalachian pain patients, Complementary Health Approaches for Pain Survey (CHAPS), WV, 2014-2016 (N=301)

Characteristic	Herbal Use (N = 24)	Non-Herbal Use (N = 222)	Unadjusted Odds Ratio (OR) (95% CI)	OR Adjusted for Age and Education (95% CI)
Age				
Total (Mean, (SD))	49.54 (12.23)	55.17 (13.56)	**0.97 (0.94, 1.00)[ms]**	**0.97 (0.94, 1.01)[ms]**
18-49 (ref)	12 (50.0%)	76 (35.9%)	1.00	1.00
50+	12 (50.0%)	136 (64.2%)	0.56 (0.24, 1.31)	0.62 (0.26, 1.48)
Gender				
Male (ref)	11 (45.8%)	94 (43.7%)	1.00	1.00
Female	13 (54.2%)	121 (56.3%)	0.92 (0.39, 2.14)	0.97 (0.40, 2.33)
Race/Ethnicity				
Non-Hispanic White (ref)	22 (91.7%)	198 (92.5%)	1.00	1.00
Other Race	2 (8.3%)	16 (7.5%)	1.13 (0.24, 5.22)	1.06 (0.22, 5.23)
Education				
≤HS/GED (ref)	5 (20.8%)	97 (45.5)	1.00	1.00
Some College/Associate's /Technical training	8 (33.3%)	77 (36.2%)	2.02 (0.63, 6.41)	1.72 (0.53, 5.57)
≥Bachelor's degree	11 (45.8%)	39 (18.3%)	**5.47 (1.78, 16.78)[**]**	**4.94 (1.59, 15.29)[**]**
Marital Status				
Single (ref)	2 (8.3%)	36 (16.8%)	1.00	1.00
Divorced/Sep/Widow	5 (20.8%)	61 (28.5%)	1.48 (0.27, 8.00)	1.67 (0.30, 9.26)
Married/Cohabitating	17 (70.8%)	117 (54.7%)	2.62 (0.58, 11.86)	4.04 (0.83, 19.76)
Household Income			**1.59 (1.07, 2.37)[*]**	1.25 (0.81, 1.93)
<$25,000-50,000 (ref)	11 (50.0%)	128 (69.2%)	1.00	1.00
$50,001-$75,000+	11 (50.0%)	57 (30.8%)	2.25 (0.92, 5.48)	1.50 (0.56, 4.01)
Exercise				
Per 30 min p/w increment (min, Mean (SD))	40.58 (90.50)	82.66 (118.11)	**1.11 (1.00, 1.23)[ms]**	1.10 (.98, 1.23)

None (ref)	11 (45.8%)	125 (56.3%)	1.00	1.00
Any	13 (54.2%)	97 (43.7%)	1.52 (0.65, 3.55)	1.21 (0.48, 3.01)
Global Pain Scale[b]				
Total	56.85 (18.20)	51.39 (20.35)	1.01 (0.99, 1.04)	1.01 (0.99, 1.03)
Subscales:				
Pain	1580 (4.91)	15.57 (4.29)	1.01 (0.92, 1.12)	1.01 (0.91, 1.12)
Feelings	11.60 (6.13)	10.63 (6.37)	1.03 (0.96, 1.10)	1.00 (0.93, 1.07)
Clinical Outcomes	15.50 (6.17)	13.72 (6.31)	1.05 (0.98, 1.13)	1.04 (0.96, 1.12)
Activities	13.95 (6.51)	12.11 (7.56)	1.03 (0.98, 1.10)	1.03 (0.96, 1.09)
Health Conditions				
Total	6.08 (3.50)	5.49 (3.13)	1.06 (0.93, 1.20)	1.05 (0.92, 1.20)
Pain syndromes[c]	2.50 (2.06)	2.28 (1.52)	1.09 (0.84, 1.41)	1.08 (0.83, 1.40)
Mental Health conditions[d]	0.87 (0.90)	0.85 (0.86)	1.03 (0.63, 1.68)	0.87 (0.51, 1.47)
Injury[e]	0.67 (0.70)	0.49 (0.71)	1.38 (0.80, 2.38)	1.30 (0.74, 2.29)
Other conditions[f]	1.54 (1.06)	1.49 (1.40)	1.03 (0.76, 1.40)	1.17 (0.83, 1.63)
Prescription medication use for pain management	16 (84.2%)	116 (78.9%)	1.43 (0.39, 5.20)	1.27 (0.34, 4.82)
None (ref)	3 (15.8%)	31 (21.1%)	1.00	1.00
CHA[tt] use	23 (95.8%)	137 (61.7%)	**14.27 (1.89, 107.60)****	**11.46 (1.49, 87.93)****
No (ref)	1 (4.2%)	85 (38.3%)	1.00	1.00
Stage of Change				
Action[g]	13 (54.2%)	60 (27.0%)	**3.19 (1.36, 7.51)****	**2.80 (1.15, 6.86)****
Not in Action Stage (ref)	11 (45.8%)	162 (73.0%)	1.00	1.00
Maintenance[h]	16 (66.7%)	99 (44.6%)	**2.49 (1.02, 6.05)***	1.97 (0.78, 5.01)
Not in Maintenance Stage (ref)	8 (33.3%)	123 (55.4%)	1.00	1.00
Specific CHAs				
Dietary supplements[i]	22 (91.7%)	105 (47.3%)	**12.26 (2.82, 53.38)*****	**10.25 (2.31, 45.47)****
Mind and body practices[j]	13 (56.5%)	55 (25.4%)	**3.83 (1.59, 9.23)****	**2.44 (0.94, 6.30)**[ms]
Acupuncture/Manipulative Treatments/Massage/ Movement therapies[k]	14 (60.9%)	51 (23.2%)	**5.15 (2.11, 12.60)*****	**3.99 (1.55, 10.23)****

Note: Column Percentages shown
*p≤0.05; **p≤0.01; ***p≤.001; **ms**. = Marginally significant finding (p ≤.10)

b. Global Pain Scale score 0-100, with 100 indicative of greatest impact of pain upon life; Subscales *Pain, feelings, clinical outcomes,* and *activities* scores each 0-25
c. Includes: Spine/Back/Neck pain, migraines, tension headaches, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Osteoarthritis, Temporomandibular Jaw Disorder, Knee Pain, Fibromyalgia, and/or Gout
d. Includes depression and/or anxiety
e. Includes broken bones and/or musculoskeletal injury/tissue trauma
f. Includes: Hypertension, heart disease, irritable bowel disorder, renal disorder, asthma, chronic bronchitis, diabetes, cancer, stroke, and/or chronic fatigue syndrome
tt. Includes Vitamins and/or Minerals, Probiotics, other natural products, Acupuncture, Massage therapy, Spinal manipulation/Chiropractic, Tai Chi, Yoga, Meditation, other relaxation practices, and/or movement therapies
g. Yes, for less than 6 months; absence of Action stage used as reference
h. Yes, for more than 6 months; absence of Maintenance stage used as reference
i. Vitamins/Minerals, Probiotics, other natural products (No herbal products)
J. Meditation, Relaxation, Yoga, Tai Chi/Qi Gong
K. Acupuncture, Chiropractic/spinal manipulation, Massage therapy, Movement therapies

Table 5: Correlates of other Complementary Health Approaches[tt] (CHAs) for pain in previous 6 months among Appalachian pain patients, Complementary Health Approaches for Pain Survey (CHAPS), WV, 2014-2016 (N=301)

Characteristic	CHA use (N=177)	Non-CHA use (N=91)	Unadjusted Odds Ratio (OR) (95% CI)	OR Adjusted for Age, Education, and Exercise (95% CI)	OR Adjusted for Age, Education, Exercise, and GPS (95% CI)	OR Adjusted for Age, Education, Exercise, and Health Conditions (95% CI)	OR Adjusted for Age, Education, Exercise, GPS, and Health Conditions (95% CI)
Age							
Total (Mean, (SD))	53.78 (13.44)	57.67 (13.43)	**0.98 (0.96, 0.99)***	**0.98 (0.96, 1.00)****	0.99 (0.96, 1.01)	**0.98 (0.96, 1.00)****	0.99 (0.96, 1.01)
18-49 (ref)	67 (39.2%)	26 (30.2%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
50+	104 (60.8%)	60 (69.8%)	0.67 (0.39, 1.17)	0.89 (0.47, 1.69)	1.09 (0.56, 2.11)	0.85 (0.45, 1.62)	1.07 (0.54, 2.10)
Gender							
Male (ref)	70 (41.2%)	40 (45.5%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Female	100 (58.8%)	48 (54.6%)	1.19 (0.71, 2.00)	1.38 (0.75, 2.56)	1.34 (0.72, 2.50)	1.33 (0.71, 2.48)	1.32 (0.71, 2.48)
Race/Ethnicity							
Non-Hispanic White (ref)	156 (92.3%)	82 (93.2%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Other Race	13 (7.7%)	6 (6.8%)	1.14 (0.42, 3.11)	0.74 (0.24, 2.25)	0.82 (0.27, 2.54)	0.68 (0.22, 2.13)	0.78 (0.25, 2.46)
Education							
≤HS/GED (ref)	62 (36.9%)	50 (56.8%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Some College/Associate's /Technical training	68 (40.5%)	26 (29.6%)	**2.11 (1.17, 3.79)****	1.73 (0.89, 3.36)	1.73 (0.88, 3.39)	**1.85 (0.94, 3.64)****	**1.79 (0.90, 3.54)****
≥Bachelor's degree	38 (22.6%)	12 (13.6%)	**2.55 (1.21, 5.40)****	**2.74 (1.16, 6.48)***	**2.74 (1.15, 6.50)***	**2.63 (1.11, 4.98)***	**2.68 (1.13, 6.39)***
Marital Status							
Single (ref)	25 (14.8%)	15 (17.1%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Divorced/Sep/Widow	44 (26.0%)	29 (33.0%)	0.91 (0.41, 2.01)	1.39 (0.52, 3.75)	1.48 (0.54, 4.01)	1.44 (0.53, 3.89)	1.31 (0.53, 3.21)
Married/Cohabitating	100 (59.2%)	44 (50.0%)	1.36 (0.66, 2.84)	1.78 (0.71, 4.45)	2.01 (0.79, 5.10)	1.90 (0.75, 4.80)	1.91 (0.84, 4.34)
Household Income			1.20 (0.92, 1.55)	1.12 (0.80, 1.56)	1.29 (0.90, 1.84)	1.19 (0.84, 1.69)	1.31 (0.91, 1.89)
<$25,000-50,000 (ref)	96 (64.0%)	54 (72.0%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

$50,001-$75,000+	54 (36.0%)	21 (28.0%)	1.45 (0.79, 2.65)	1.26 (0.61, 2.63)	1.61 (0.75, 3.49)	1.38 (0.65, 2.92)	1.64 (0.75, 3.57)
Exercise							
Per 30 min p/w increment (min, Mean (SD))	89.97 (302.83)	24.15 (77.82)	**1.17 (1.03, 1.33)****	**1.13 (1.01, 1.27)***	**1.15 (1.02, 1.30)***	**1.12 (1.00, 1.26)***	**1.14 (1.01, 1.29)***
None (ref)	83 (46.9)	61 (67.0%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Any	94 (53.1%)	30 (33.0%)	**2.30 (1.36, 3.90)****	**2.03 (1.15, 3.58)***	**2.37 (1.32, 4.28)****	**2.02 (1.14, 3.56)***	**2.34 (1.29, 4.22)****
BMI							
<25 (ref)	34 (20.4%)	14 (17.1%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
25-29	50 (29.9%)	26 (31.7%)	0.79 (0.36, 1.73)	0.69 (0.27, 1.17)	0.75 (0.30, 1.91)	0.66 (0.26,1.66)	0.72 (0.28, 1.85)
30-34	45 (27.0%)	17 (20.7%)	1.09 (0.47, 2.51)	0.93 (0.35, 2.51)	0.94 (0.35, 2.53)	0.84 (0.31, 2.28)	0.88 (0.32, 2.40)
35+	38 (22.8%)	25 (30.5%)	0.63 (0.28, 1.40)	0.46 (0.18, 1.17)	**0.45 (0.17, 1.15)**ms	**0.40 (0.15, 1.05)**ms	**0.41 (0.16, 1.09)**ms
Global Pain Scale[b]							
Total	53.98 (19.21)	47.07 (21.18)	**1.02 (1.00, 1.03)****	**1.02 (1.00, 1.03)***		**1.02 (1.00, 1.03)**ms	
Subscales:							
Pain	15.62 (4.07)	15.33 (4.87)	1.02 (0.96, 1.08)	1.04 (0.96, 1.12)	---	1.03 (0.95, 1.11)	
Feelings	11.61 (6.35)	8.93 (6.01)	**1.07 (1.03, 1.12)*****	**1.06 (1.01, 1.11)***	---	**1.05 (1.00, 1.11)**ms	
Clinical Outcomes	14.47 (5.82)	12.47 (6.94)	**1.05 (1.01, 1.10)***	1.04 (1.00, 1.08)	---	1.04 (0.99, 1.10)	
Activities	12.90 (7.29)	10.87 (7.48)	**1.04 (1.00, 1.08)***	1.04 (1.00, 1.07)	---	1.03 (0.99, 1.08)	
Health Conditions							
Total	5.75 (3.15)	5.16 (3.14)	1.06 (0.98, 1.16)	1.06 (0.96, 1.17)	(see full)	---	1.03 (0.93, 1.14)
Pain syndromes[c]	2.45 (1.64)	2.11 (1.47)	1.15 (0.77, 1.36)	1.17 (0.87, 1.55)	(see full)	---	1.10 (0.89, 1.35)
Mental Health conditions[d]	0.88 (0.88)	0.78 (0.84)	1.16 (0.86, 1.56)	1.03 (0.72, 1.49)	(see full)	---	0.91 (0.61, 1.33)
Injury[e]	0.54 (0.72)	0.40 (0.69)	1.34 (0.91, 1.95)	1.32 (0.82, 2.12)	(see full)	---	1.34 (0.84, 2.16)
Other conditions[f]	1.45 (1.42)	1.56 (1.38)	0.95 (0.79, 1.13)	1.01 (0.81, 1.26)	(see full)	---	0.96 (0.76, 1.21)
Prescription medication use for pain management	97 (77.6%)	44 (80.0%)	0.87 (0.40, 1.90)	0.63 (0.25, 1.58)	0.57 (0.22, 1.50)	0.61 (0.24, 1.53)	0.58 (0.22, 1.52)
None (ref)	28 (22.4%)	11 (20.0%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

Note: Column Percentages shown

*p≤0.05; **p≤0.01; ***p≤.001; ms. = Marginally significant finding (p ≤.10)

tt. Does not include herbal use; Includes Vitamins and/or Minerals, Probiotics, other natural products, Acupuncture, Massage therapy, Spinal manipulation/Chiropractic, Tai Chi, Yoga, Meditation, other relaxation practices, and/or movement therapies

b. Global Pain Scale score 0-100, with 100 indicative of greatest impact of pain upon life; Subscales *Pain, feelings, clinical outcomes*, and *activities* scores each 0-25

c. Includes: Spine/Back/Neck pain, migraines, tension headaches, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Osteoarthritis, Temporomandibular Jaw Disorder, Knee Pain, Fibromyalgia, and/or Gout

d. Includes depression and/or anxiety

e. Includes broken bones and/or musculoskeletal injury/tissue trauma

f. Includes: Hypertension, heart disease, irritable bowel disorder, renal disorder, asthma, chronic bronchitis, diabetes, cancer, stroke, and/or chronic fatigue syndrome

Table 6: Correlates of other Dietary Supplements[p] for pain in previous 6 months among Appalachian pain patients, Complementary Health Approaches for Pain Survey (CHAPS), WV, 2014-2016 (N=301)

Characteristic	Supplement use (N= 141)	No Supplements (N=122)	Unadjusted Odds Ratio (OR) (95% CI)	OR Adjusted for Education and Exercise (95% CI)	OR Adjusted for Education, Exercise, and GPS (95% CI)	OR Adjusted for Education, Exercise, and Health Conditions (95% CI)	OR Adjusted for Education, Exercise, GPS, and Health Conditions (95% CI)
Age							
Total (Mean, (SD))	54.23 (12.93)	55.66 (14.12)	0.99 (0.97, 1.01)	1.00 (0.98, 1.02)	1.00 (0.98, 1.03)	0.99 (0.97, 1.02)	1.00 (0.98, 1.02)
18-49 (ref)	52 (38.0%)	41 (35.3%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
50+	85 (62.0%)	75 (64.7%)	0.89 (0.54, 1.49)	1.30 (0.71, 2.38)	1.52 (0.81, 2.85)	1.19 (0.64, 2.21)	1.35 (0.70, 2.58)
Gender							
Male (ref)	54 (39.7%)	55 (46.6%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Female	82 (60.3%)	63 (53.4%)	1.33 (0.81, 2.18)	1.59 (0.89, 2.86)	1.56 (0.87, 2.81)	1.48 (0.82, 2.69)	1.48 (0.82, 2.69)
Race/Ethnicity							
Non-Hispanic White (ref)	125 (91.9%)	109 (93.2%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Other Race	11 (8.1%)	8 (6.8%)	1.20 (0.47, 3.09)	1.26 (0.42, 3.79)	1.39 (0.46, 4.21)	1.14 (0.37, 3.51)	1.23 (0.40, 3.85)
Education							
≤HS/GED (ref)	50 (37.0%)	59 (50.4%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Some College/Associate's /Technical training	51 (37.8%)	42 (35.9%)	1.43 (0.82, 2.50)	1.15 (0.61, 2.17)	1.12 (0.59, 2.11)	1.28 (0.67, 2.45)	1.23 (0.64, 2.36)
≥Bachelor's degree	34 (25.2%)	16 (13.7%)	**2.51 (1.24, 5.07)****	**2.33 (1.06, 5.12)***	**2.29 (1.04, 5.06)***	**2.18 (0.98, 4.83)[ms]**	**2.18 (0.98, 4.85)[ms]**
Marital Status							
Single (ref)	20 (14.7%)	20 (17.1%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Divorced/Sep/Widow	38 (27.9%)	34 (29.1%)	1.12 (0.52, 2.42)	1.20 (0.49, 2.94)	1.35 (0.54, 3.34)	1.27 (0.51, 3.16)	1.35 (0.54, 3.41)
Married/Cohabitating	78 (57.4%)	63 (53.9%)	1.24 (0.61, 2.50)	1.24 (0.54, 2.84)	1.43 (0.61, 3.33)	1.37 (0.58, 3.21)	1.48 (0.63, 3.51)
Household Income			1.22 (0.95, 1.57)	1.10 (0.81, 1.50)	1.23 (0.89, 1.71)	1.22 (0.89, 1.70)	1.30 (0.93, 1.83)
<$25,000-50,000 (ref)	76 (62.8%)	72 (72.0%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
$50,001-$75,000+	45 (37.2%)	28 (28.0%)	1.52 (0.86, 2.70)	1.32 (0.67, 2.61)	1.63 (0.80, 3.34)	1.52 (0.75, 3.07)	1.74 (0.84, 3.59)
Exercise							

Per 30 min p/w increment (min, Mean (SD))	101.91 (329.58)	22.18 (70.57)	**1.22 (1.08, 1.39)****	**1.21 (1.07, 1.37)****	**1.22 (1.08, 1.39)****	**1.20 (1.06, 1.36)****	**1.21 (1.07, 1.38)****
None (ref)	63 (44.7%)	79 (64.8%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Any	78 (55.3%)	43 (35.3%)	**2.28 (1.38, 3.74)*****	**2.28 (1.36, 3.82)****	**2.44 (1.44, 4.14)*****	**2.32 (1.37, 3.94)****	**2.42 (1.41, 4.14)*****
BMI							
<25 (ref)	28 (20.7%)	18 (16.4%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
25-29	36 (26.7%)	39 (35.5%)	0.59 (0.28, 1.25)	0.54 (0.23, 1.30)	0.57 (0.24, 1.36)	0.49 (0.20,1.20)	0.51 (0.21, 1.26)
30-34	39 (28.9%)	23 (20.9%)	1.09 (0.50, 2.39)	0.99 (0.40, 2.46)	0.96 (0.38, 2.40)	0.83 (0.33, 2.11)	0.83 (0.33, 2.12)
35+	32 (23.7%)	30 (27.3%)	0.69 (0.32, 1.49)	0.51 (0.21, 1.25)	0.48 (0.20, 1.18)	**0.40 (0.16, 1.03)**ms**	**0.40 (0.16, 1.02)***
Global Pain Scale[b]							
Total	53.69 (19.00)	49.11 (21.30)	1.01 (0.99, 1.02)	1.01 (1.00, 1.03)		1.01 (0.99, 1.02)	
Subscales:							
Pain	15.49 (4.13)	15.53 (4.63)	1.00 (0.94, 1.06)	1.03 (0.96, 1.10)		1.01 (0.94, 1.08)	
Feelings	11.50 (6.30)	9.81 (6.40)	**1.04 (1.00, 1.09)***	**1.04 (1.00, 1.09)**ms**		1.03 (0.98, 1.08)	
Clinical Outcomes	14.33 (5.85)	13.16 (6.79)	1.030 0.991 1.071	1.04 (0.99, 1.09)		1.03 (0.98, 1.08)	
Activities	12.94 (7.02)	11.25 (7.77)	1.032 0.998 1.067	1.03 (0.99, 1.07)		1.02 (0.98, 1.06	
Health Conditions							
Total	6.14 (3.21)	4.91 (2.99)	**1.14 (1.05, 1.24)****	**1.11 (1.01, 1.22)****	---	---	**1.09 (0.99, 1.21)**ms**
Pain syndromes[c]	2.65 (1.70)	1.98 (1.37)	**1.32 (1.12, 1.56)****	**1.25 (1.04, 1.51)****	---	---	**1.22 (1.00, 1.48)***
Mental Health conditions[d]	0.87 (0.88)	0.83 (0.85)	1.06 (0.80, 1.40)	1.01 (0.72, 1.40)	---	---	0.90 (0.63, 1.28)
Injury[e]	0.58 (0.73)	0.40 (0.68)	**1.44 (1.01, 2.05)***	**1.52 (0.99, 2.34)**ms**	---	---	**1.52 (0.99, 2.35)**ms**
Other conditions[f]	1.59 (1.47)	1.39 (1.34)	1.11 (0.93, 1.32)	1.07 (0.87, 1.31)	---	---	1.05 (0.85, 1.29)
Prescription medication use for pain management	81 (80.2%)	58 (75.3%)	1.33 (0.65, 2.71)	1.01 (0.44, 2.30)	0.97 (0.42, 2.23)	0.91 (0.40, 2.11)	0.91 (0.39, 2.11)
None (ref)	20 (19.8%)	19 (24.7%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
CHA[mt] use	78 (58.7%)	34 (28.3%)	**3.59 (2.12, 6.07)*****	**3.10 (1.65, 5.85)*****	**2.93 (1.55, 5.56)*****	**3.18 (1.67, 6.05)***	**3.10 (1.62, 5.94)*****
No (ref)	55 (41.4%)	86 (71.7%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Mind and body practices[m]	53 (40.5%)	19 (16.1%)	**3.54 (1.94, 6.47)*****	**2.70 (1.29, 5.62)****	**2.52 (1.20, 5.30)****	**2.55 (1.21, 5.36)****	**2.46 (1.16, 5.19)****
No (ref)	78 (59.5%)	99 (83.9%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Acupuncture/Manipulative Treatments/Massage/	47 (35.9%)	23 (19.2%)	**2.36 (1.32, 4.21)****	**2.54 (1.25, 5.12)****	**2.43 (1.20, 4.94)****	**2.72 (1.32, 5.57)****	**2.63 (1.28, 5.42)****
Movement therapies[t]							
No (ref)	84 (64.1%)	97 (80.8%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

g. Note: Column Percentages shown

*p≤0.05; **p≤0.01; ***p≤.001; ms. = Marginally significant finding (p ≤.10)

p. Vitamins/Minerals, Probiotics, other natural products (No herbal products)

b. Global Pain Scale score 0-100, with 100 indicative of greatest impact of pain upon life; Subscales *Pain, feelings, clinical outcomes*, and *activities* scores each 0-25

c. Includes: Spine/Back/Neck pain, migraines, tension headaches, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Osteoarthritis, Temporomandibular Jaw Disorder, Knee Pain, Fibromyalgia, and/or Gout

d. Includes depression and/or anxiety

e. Includes broken bones and/or musculoskeletal injury/tissue trauma

f. Includes: Hypertension, heart disease, irritable bowel disorder, renal disorder, asthma, chronic bronchitis, diabetes, cancer, stroke, and/or chronic fatigue syndrome

m. Meditation, Relaxation, Yoga, Tai Chi/Qi Gong

t. Acupuncture, Chiropractic/spinal manipulation, Massage therapy, Movement therapies

Table 7: Correlates of Mind and Body practices[m] for pain in previous 6 months among Appalachian pain patients, Complementary Health Approaches for Pain Survey (CHAPS), WV, 2014-2016 (N=301)

Characteristic	Mind-body practices use (N= 73)	Does not use Mind-body practices (N= 180)	Unadjusted Odds Ratio (OR) (95% CI)	OR Adjusted for Age, Education, and Exercise (95% CI)	OR Adjusted for Age, Education, Exercise, and GPS (95% CI)	OR Adjusted for Age, Education, Exercise, and Health Conditions (95% CI)	OR Adjusted for Age, Education, Exercise, GPS, and Health Conditions (95% CI)
Age							
Total (Mean, (SD))	50.93 (11.82)	56.45 (13.73)	**0.97 (0.95, 0.99)****	**0.97 (0.95, 1.00)***	0.98 (0.95, 1.01)	**0.97 (0.95, 1.00)***	**0.98 (0.95, 1.00)[ms]**
18-49 (ref)	28 (39.4%)	60 (34.9%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
50+	43 (60.6%)	112 (65.1%)	0.823 0.465 1.455	1.02 (0.52, 2.01)	1.16 (0.58, 2.33)	0.99 (0.50, 1.96)	1.13 (0.56, 2.27)
Gender							
Male (ref)	30 (43.5%)	77 (44.0%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Female	39 (56.5%)	98 (56.0%)	1.02 (0.58, 1.79)	1.66 (0.83, 3.31)	1.60 (0.80, 3.21)	1.55 (0.77, 3.14)	1.54 (0.76, 3.12)
Race/Ethnicity							
Non-Hispanic White (ref)	63 (91.3%)	161 (92.5%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Other Race	6 (8.7%)	13 (7.5%)	1.18 (0.43, 3.24)	0.84 (0.25, 2.87)	0.90 (0.26, 3.13)	0.75 (0.22, 2.61)	0.82 (0.23, 2.89)
Education							
≤HS/GED (ref)	18 (26.5%)	86 (49.4%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Some College/Associate's /Technical training	24 (35.3%)	64 (36.8%)	1.79 (0.90, 3.58)	1.89 (0.85, 4.21)	1.86 (0.83, 4.16)	2.05 (0.91, 4.65)	1.96 (0.86, 4.47)
≥Bachelor's degree	26 (38.2%)	24 (13.8%)	**5.18 (2.44, 10.98)*****	**6.36 (2.70, 15.01)*****	**6.58 (2.77, 15.64)*****	**6.21 (2.62, 14.70)*****	**6.45 (2.71, 15.37)*****
Marital Status							
Single (ref)	13 (18.8%)	25 (14.4%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Divorced/Sep/Widow	17 (24.6%)	53 (30.5%)	0.62 (0.26, 1.46)	0.89 (0.30, 2.63)	0.90 (0.30, 2.66)	0.94 (0.31, 2.81)	0.93 (0.31, 2.78
Married/Cohabitating	39 (56.5%)	96 (55.2%)	0.78 (0.36, 1.68)	1.03 (0.39, 2.72)	1.10 (0.42, 2.91)	1.10 (0.41, 2.95)	1.14 (0.43, 3.04)
Household Income			1.21 (0.92, 1.58)	1.10 (0.79, 1.54)	1.18 (0.83, 1.67)	1.17 (0.83, 1.65)	1.22 (0.85, 1.73)
<$25,000-50,000 (ref)	36 (61.0%)	109 (69.4%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
$50,001-$75,000+	23 (39.0%)	48 (30.6%)	1.45 (0.78, 2.71)	1.22 (0.57, 2.59)	1.40 (0.64, 3.07)	1.34 (0.62, 2.90)	1.47 (0.67, 3.25)

Exercise							
Per 30 min p/w increment (min, Mean (SD))	133.96 (442.92)	41.63 (109.19)	**1.08 (1.00, 1.17)***	**1.07 (0.99, 1.16)ms**	**1.08 (0.99, 1.17)ms**	1.07 (0.99, 1.15)	1.07 (0.99, 1.17)
None (ref)	27 (37.0%)	109 (60.6%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Any	46 (63.0%)	71 (39.4%)	**2.62 (1.49, 4.59)*** **	**2.08 (1.13, 3.85)****	**2.36 (1.25, 4.46)****	**2.05 (1.11, 3.80)***	**2.31 (1.22, 4.39)****
BMI							
<25 (ref)	11 (15.9%)	32 (19.3%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
25-29	24 (34.8%)	49 (29.5%)	1.43 (0.61, 3.31)	1.15 (0.41, 3.20)	1.18 (0.42, 3.30)	1.11 (.38, 3.00)	1.12 (0.40, 3.14)
30-34	20 (29.0%)	39 (23.5%)	1.49 (0.62, 3.57)	0.89 (0.31, 2.58)	0.90 (0.31, 2.57)	0.76 (0.26, 2.25)	0.80 (0.27, 2.35)
35+	14 (20.3%)	46 (27.7%)	0.89 (0.36, 2.20)	0.64 (0.22, 1.90)	0.61 (0.21, 1.81)	0.55 (0.18, 1.66)	0.55 (0.18, 1.66)
Global Pain Scale[b]							
Total	55.40 (20.14)	50.19 (20.13)	1.01 (1.00, 1.03)	1.01 (1.00, 1.03)		1.012 0.993 1.031	
Subscales:							
Pain	15.94 (3.98)	15.41 (4.52)	1.03 (0.97, 1.10)	1.05 (0.96, 1.14)		1.04 (0.95, 1.13)	
Feelings	11.68 (6.19)	10.19 (6.39)	1.04 (0.99, 1.08)	1.03 (0.97, 1.08)		1.02 (0.96, 1.08)	
Clinical Outcomes	14.94 (6.22)	13.44 (6.30)	1.04 (0.99, 1.09)	**1.06 (1.00, 1.12)ms**		1.05 (0.99, 1.12)	
Activities	13.59 (7.44)	11.63 (7.39)	**1.04 (1.00, 1.08)ms**	1.04 (0.99, 1.09)		1.03 (0.98, 1.08)	
Health Conditions							
Total	6.01 (3.28)	5.38 (3.07)	1.07 (0.98, 1.16)	---	---	1.07 (0.97, 1.19)	1.05 (0.95, 1.17)
Pain syndromes[c]	2.37 (1.73)	2.31 (1.50)	1.02 (0.86, 1.22)	---	---	1.03 (0.84, 1.26)	0.99 (0.80, 1.22)
Mental Health conditions[d]	1.06 (0.86)	0.76 (0.86)	**1.48 (1.07, 2.03)***	---	---	**1.50 (1.01, 2.24)***	1.40 (0.91, 2.14)
Injury[e]	0.54 (0.71)	0.51 (0.72)	1.05 (0.72, 1.54)	---	---	0.94 (0.58, 1.53)	0.96 (0.59, 1.56)
Other conditions[f]	1.55 (1.34)	1.45 (1.34)	1.06 (0.86, 1.30)	---	---	1.21 (0.94, 1.57)	1.18 (0.91, 1.53)
Prescription medication use for pain management	47 (79.7%)	90 (81.1%)	0.91 (0.41, 2.02)	1.17 (0.42, 3.24)	1.18 (0.43, 3.24)	1.09 (0.39, 3.06)	1.11 (0.39, 3.12)
None (ref)	12 (20.3%)	21 (18.9%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
CHA[tp] use	62 (84.9%)	93 (51.7%)	**5.27 (2.61, 10.67)*** **	**3.45 (1.52, 7.86)****	**3.22 (1.40, 7.40)****	**3.33 (1.46, 7.60)****	**3.18 (1.38, 7.31)****
No (ref)	11 (15.1%)	87 (48.3%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Acupuncture/Manipulative Treatments/Massage/Movement therapies[t]	31 (43.7%)	39 (21.7%)	**2.80 (1.56, 5.04)*** **	**2.32 (1.14, 4.73)***	**2.20 (1.07, 4.52)***	**2.38 (1.16, 4.89)***	**2.28 (1.10, 4.70)***
No (ref)	40 (56.3%)	141 (78.3%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

Note: Column Percentages shown

*p≤0.05; **p≤0.01; ***p≤.001; ms. = Marginally significant finding (p ≤.10)

m. Meditation, Relaxation, Yoga, Tai Chi/Qi Gong

b. Global Pain Scale score 0-100, with 100 indicative of greatest impact of pain upon life; Subscales *Pain, feelings, clinical outcomes*, and *activities* scores each 0-25

c. Includes: Spine/Back/Neck pain, migraines, tension headaches, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Osteoarthritis, Temporomandibular Jaw Disorder, Knee Pain, Fibromyalgia, and/or Gout

d. Includes depression and/or anxiety

e. Includes broken bones and/or musculoskeletal injury/tissue trauma

f. Includes: Hypertension, heart disease, irritable bowel disorder, renal disorder, asthma, chronic bronchitis, diabetes, cancer, stroke, and/or chronic fatigue syndrome

t. Acupuncture, Chiropractic/spinal manipulation, Massage therapy, Movement therapies

p. Vitamins/Minerals, Probiotics, other natural products (No herbal products)

Table 8: Correlates of Acupuncture, Manipulative treatments, Massage, and/or Movement therapies[t] for pain in previous 6 months among Appalachian pain patients, Complementary Health Approaches for Pain Survey (CHAPS), WV, 2014-2016 (N=301)

Characteristic	Uses Approach(es) (N= 72)	Does not use Approach(es) (N=184)	Unadjusted Odds Ratio (OR) (95% CI)	OR Adjusted for Age, Education, and Exercise (95% CI)	OR Adjusted for Age, Education, Exercise, and GPS (95% CI)	OR Adjusted for Age, Education, Exercise, and Health Conditions (95% CI)	OR Adjusted for Age, Education, Exercise, GPS, and Health Conditions (95% CI)
Age							
Total (Mean, (SD))	51.17 (12.60)	56.35 (13.50)	**0.97 (0.95, 0.99)****	**0.98 (0.95, 1.00)***	0.98 (096, 1.01)	**0.98 (0.95, 1.00)***	0.98 (0.96, 1.01)
18-49 (ref)	32 (45.7%)	57 (32.6%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
50+	38 (54.3%)	118 (67.4%)	**0.57 (0.33, 1.01)***	0.66 (0.36, 1.19)	0.75 (0.41, 1.37)	0.66 (0.37, 1.20)	0.78 (0.42, 1.44)
Gender							
Male (ref)	31 (44.3%)	78 (44.1%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Female	39 (55.7%)	99 (55.9%)	0.99 (0.57, 1.73)	1.05 (0.59, 1.89)	1.03 (0.57, 1.87)	1.06 (0.59, 1.91)	1.06 (0.59, 1.92)
Race/Ethnicity							
Non-Hispanic White (ref)	63 (91.3%)	164 (92.7%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Other Race	6 (8.7%)	13 (7.3%)	1.20 (0.44, 3.30)	1.13 (0.39, 3.23)	1.18 (0.41, 3.43)	1.13 (0.39, 3.26)	1.25 (0.43, 3.64)
Education							
≤HS/GED (ref)	18 (26.1%)	88 (50.0%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Some College/Associate's /Technical training	34 (49.3%)	55 (31.3%)	**2.58 (1.23, 5.43)****	**2.71 (1.37, 5.35)****	**2.59 (1.31, 5.14)****	**2.71 (1.37, 5.37)****	**2.55 (1.28, 5.07)****
≥Bachelor's degree	17 (24.6%)	33 (18.8%)	**2.41 (1.03, 5.65)***	**2.16 (0.98, 4.76)[ms]**	**2.14 (0.97, 4.74)[ms]**	**2.15 (0.97, 4.75)[ms]**	**2.18 (0.98, 4.84)[ms]**
Marital Status							
Single (ref)	11 (15.9%)	27 (15.3%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Divorced/Sep/Widow	14 (20.3%)	55 (31.1%)	0.63 (0.25, 1.56)	0.93 (0.34, 2.51)	0.95 (0.35, 2.58)	0.93 (0.34, 2.51)	0.93 (0.35, 2.53)
Married/Cohabitating	44 (63.8%)	95 (53.7%)	1.14 (0.52, 2.50)	1.48 (0.63, 3.48)	1.62 (0.69, 3.83)	1.48 (0.63, 3.48)	1.60 (0.68, 3.78)
Household Income			**1.32 (1.01, 1.71)***	1.20 (0.90, 1.61)	**1.31 (0.96, 1.78)[ms]**	1.20 (0.89, 1.63)	1.29 (0.94, 1.76)
<$25,000-50,000 (ref)	38 (57.6%)	106 (70.2%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

$50,001-$75,000+	28 (42.4%)	45 (29.8%)	**1.74 (0.95, 3.16)ms**	1.49 (0.77, 2.89)	**1.78 (0.89, 3.57)ms**	1.48 (0.76, 2.90)	1.74 (0.87, 3.50)
Exercise							
Per 30 min p/w increment (min, Mean (SD))	83.78 (159.14)	64.25 (286.10)	1.01 (0.98, 1.04)	1.01 (0.98, 1.04)	1.01 (0.98, 1.05)	1.01 (0.98, 1.04)	1.01 (0.98, 1.05)
None (ref)	31 (43.1%)	108 (58.7%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Any	41 (56.9%)	76 (41.3%)	**1.88 (1.08, 3.26)****	**1.69 (0.93, 3.05)ms**	**1.86 (1.01, 3.42)***	**1.69 (0.94, 3.07)ms**	**1.93 (1.04, 3.57)***
BMI							
<25 (ref)	17 (24.6%)	28 (16.7%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
25-29	25 (36.2%)	49 (29.2%)	0.84 (0.39, 1.82)	0.75 (0.33, 1.71)	0.77 (0.34, 1.77)	0.74 (0.32, 1.70)	0.78 (0.34, 1.80)
30-34	15 (21.7%)	44 (26.2%)	0.56 (0.24, 1.30)	**0.44 (0.18, 1.07)ms**	**0.44 (0.18, 1.07)ms**	**0.43 (0.18, 1.06)ms**	**0.45 (0.18, 1.12)ms**
35+	12 (17.4%)	47 (28.0%)	**0.42 (0.18, 1.01)***	**0.33 (0.13, 0.85)***	**0.31 (0.12, 0.79)***	**0.33 (0.13, 0.84)***	**0.32 (0.12, 0.82)***
Global Pain Scale[b]							
Total	56.14 (18.55)	50.22 (20.57)	**1.02 (1.00, 1.03)***	1.01 (1.00, 1.03)		**1.02 (1.00, 1.03)ms**	
Subscales:			1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Pain	16.03 (4.13)	15.38 (4.45)	1.04 (0.97, 1.11)	1.03 (0.96, 1.11)		1.04 (0.96, 1.12)	
Feelings	12.15 (6.08)	10.08 (6.36)	**1.05 (1.01, 1.10)****	1.04 (0.99, 1.09)		**1.05 (0.99, 1.10)ms**	
Clinical Outcomes	15.05 (5.72)	13.47 (6.44)	**1.04 (1.00, 1.09)ms**	1.04 (0.98, 1.09)		1.04 (0.99, 1.10)	
Activities	13.30 (7.47)	11.90 (7.42)	1.03 (0.99, 1.07)	**1.03 (0.99, 1.07)ms**		1.03 (0.99, 1.08)	
Health Conditions							
Total	5.56 (3.16)	5.55 (3.14)	1.00 (0.92, 1.09)	0.99 (0.91, 1.09)	---	---	0.96 (0.87, 1.06)
Pain syndromes[c]	2.39 (1.57)	2.29 (1.56)	1.04 (0.88, 1.24)	1.03 (0.86, 1.24)	---	---	0.99 (0.81, 1.20)
Mental Health conditions[d]	1.01 (0.90)	0.79 (0.85)	**1.34 (0.98, 1.83)ms**	1.19 (0.85, 1.67)	---	---	1.08 (0.75, 1.56)
Injury[e]	0.60 (0.73)	0.48 (0.71)	1.25 (0.86, 1.81)	1.10 (0.74, 1.64)	---	---	1.08 (0.73, 1.62)
Other conditions[f]	1.28 (1.37)	1.55 (1.35)	0.86 (0.69, 1.06)	0.95 (0.76, 1.20)	---	---	0.92 (0.72, 1.16)
Prescription medication use for pain management[t]	39 (76.5%)	98 (81.7%)	0.73 (0.33, 1.62)	0.56 (0.24, 1.32)	0.54 (0.23, 1.28)	0.59 (0.24, 1.44)	0.61 (0.25, 1.49)
None (ref)	12 (23.5%)	22 (18.3%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
CHA[mp] use	56 (78.9%)	95 (51.6%)	**3.50 (1.85, 6.63)*****	**3.33 (1.66, 6.69)*****	**3.16 (1.56, 6.40)*****	**3.44 (1.70, 6.98)*****	**3.29 (1.61, 6.69)*****
No (ref)	15 (21.1%)	89 (48.4%)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

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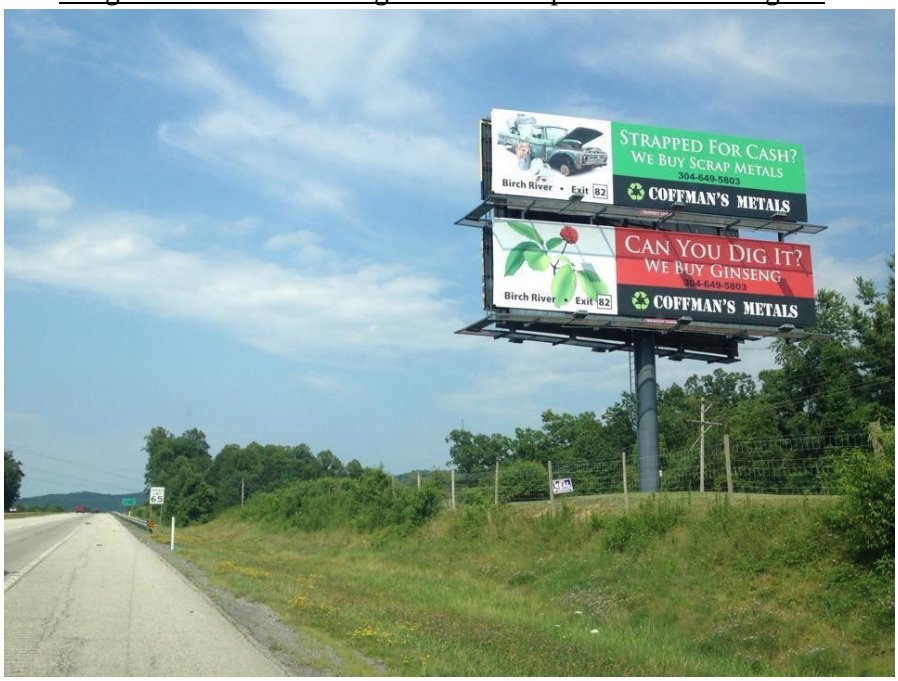
Images

Chapter 1

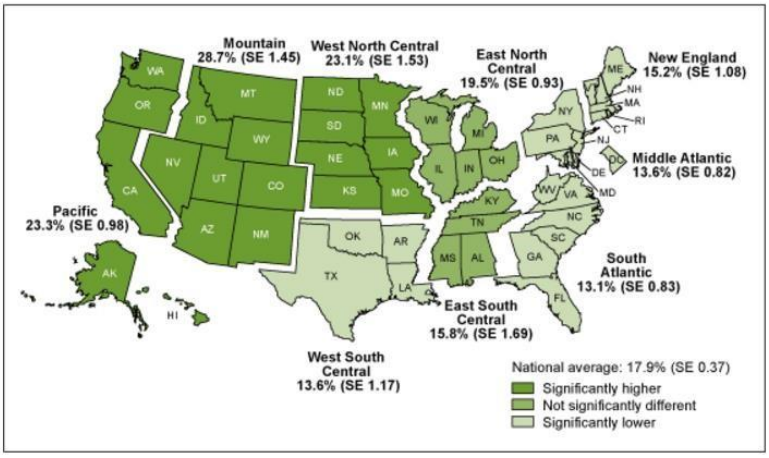
Image 1: Current harvesting of medicinal plants in West Virginia



(Photo taken by author July 10, 2014 near Hookersville, WV)

Chapter 3

Image 1: Percentage of adults who used nonvitamin, nonmineral dietary supplements in the past 12 months, by region: United States, 2012



NOTES: SE is standard error. Significance is evaluated at the 0.05 level.

SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, 2012.

Figures

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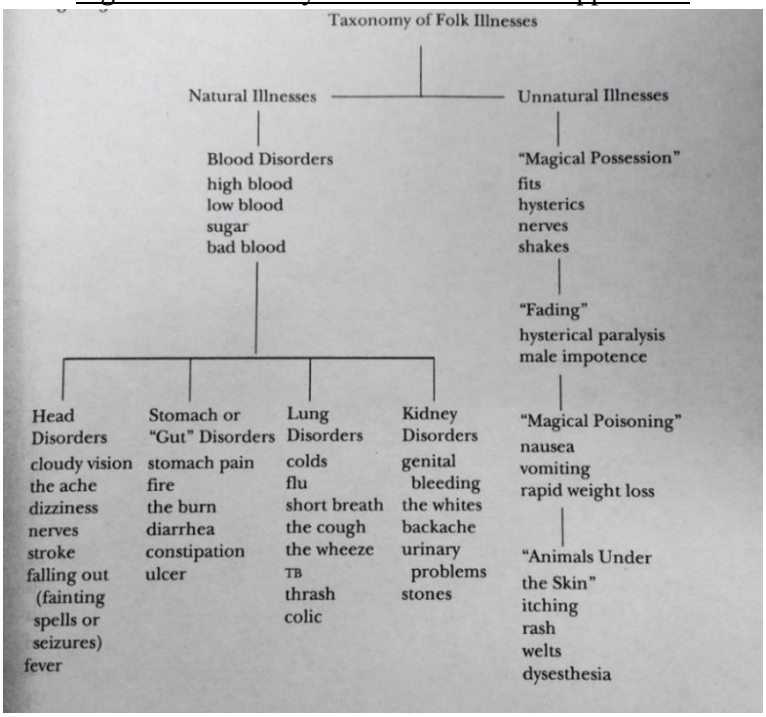
Figure 1: Taxonomy of Folk Illnesses in Appalachia



(Matthews et al 1992)

Figure 2: Evolution of Folk Medicine in Appalachia

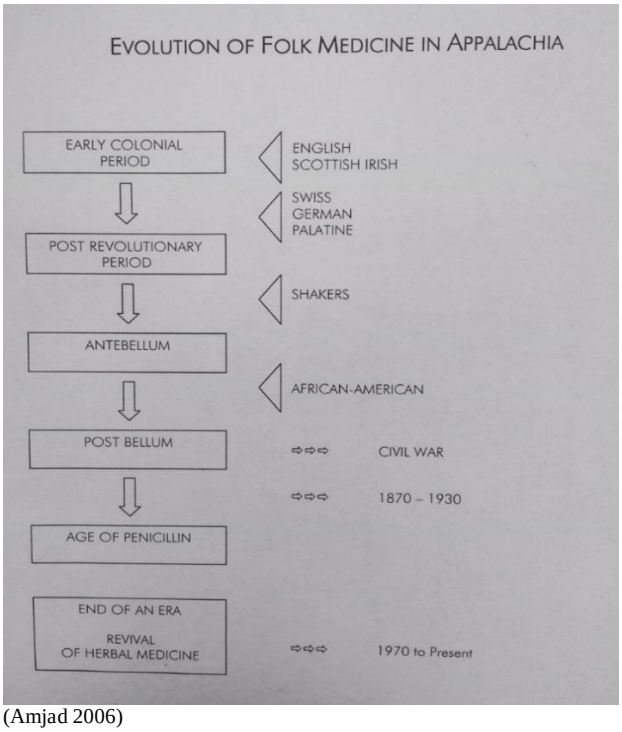


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Figure 3: Information Flow Pathways of Efficacy Research for use of Herbal Product vs. Prescription Drug

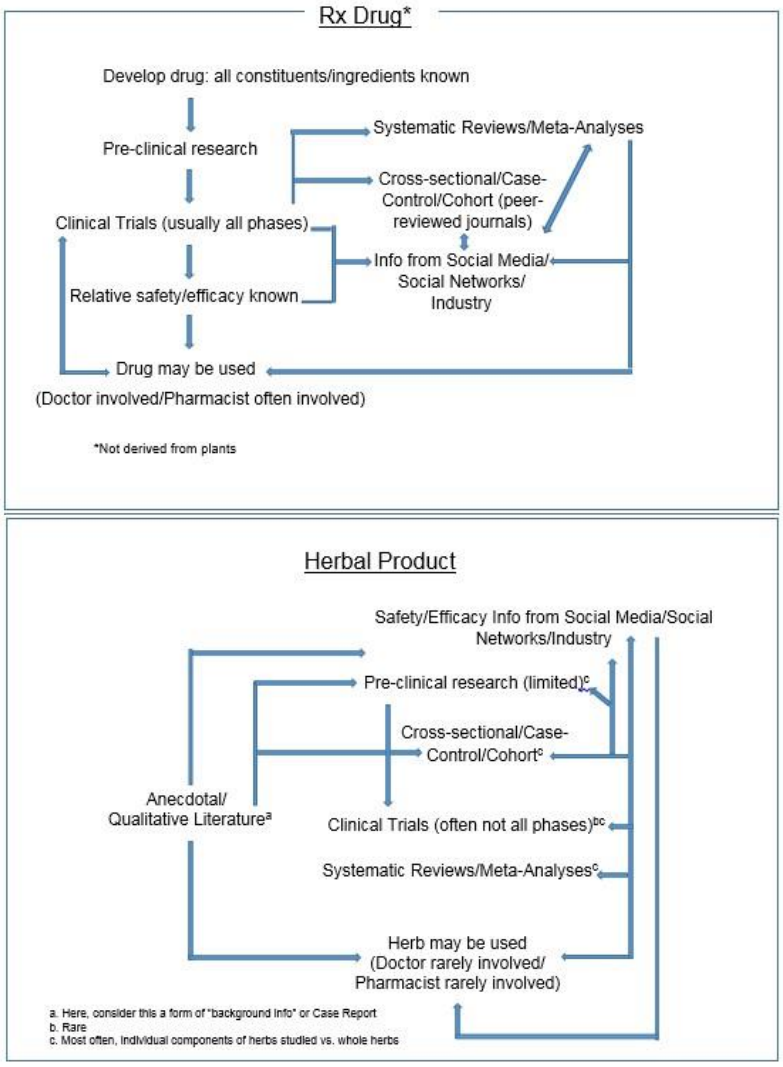

Figure 4. Conceptual Model of the Relationships between Chronic Pain, Inflammation, and Herbal Medicine

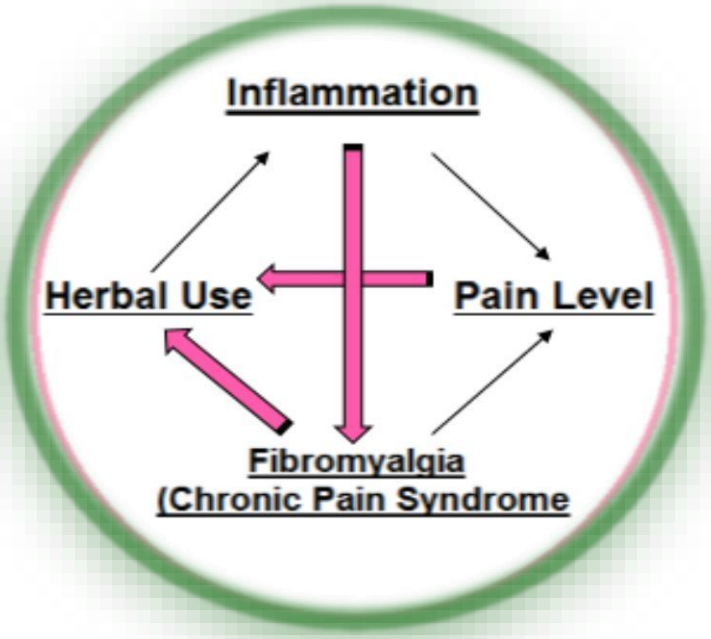

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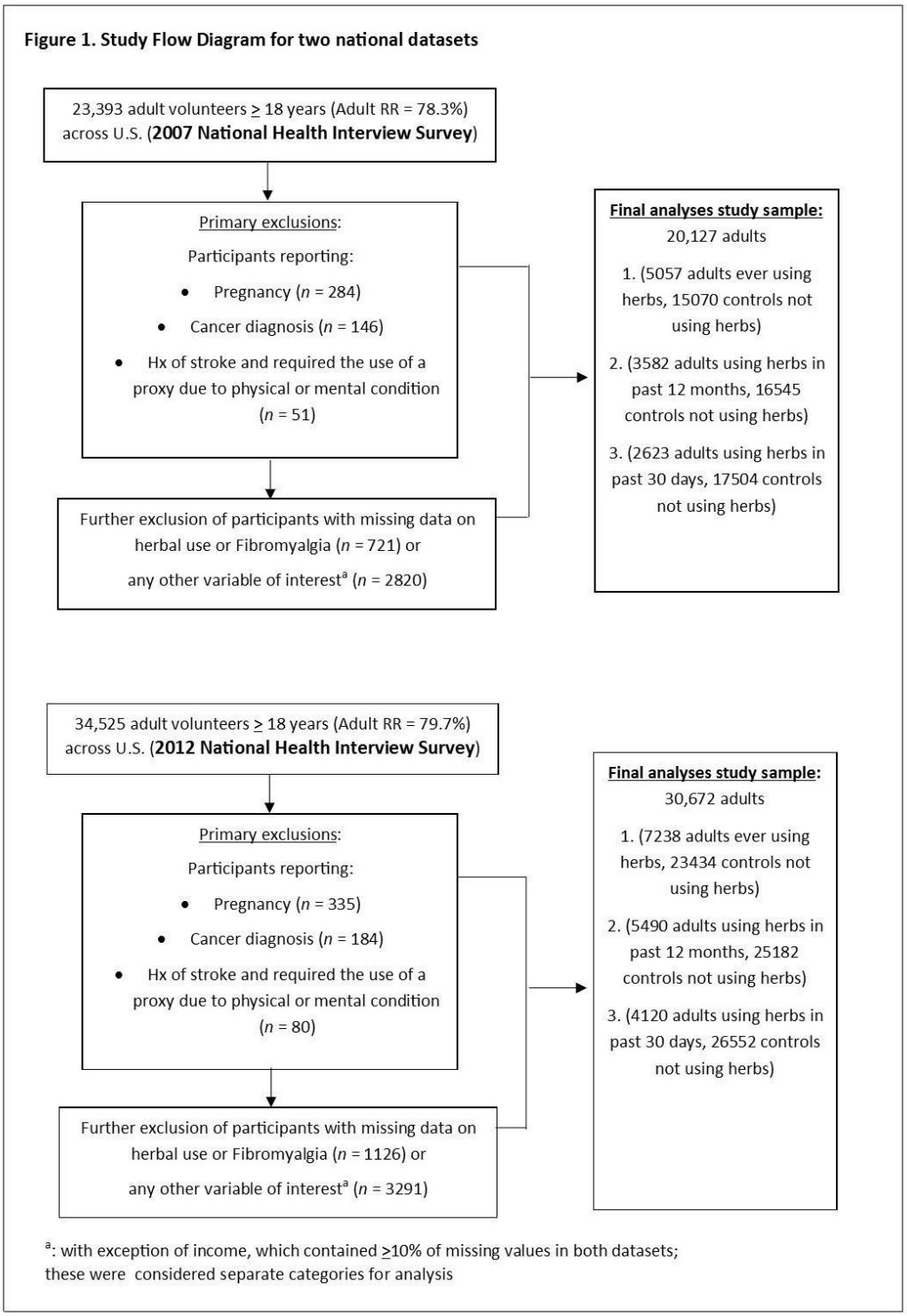
Figure 1. Study Flow for two NHIS datasets



Chapter 4

Figure 1. The Transtheoretical Model's Six Stages of Change

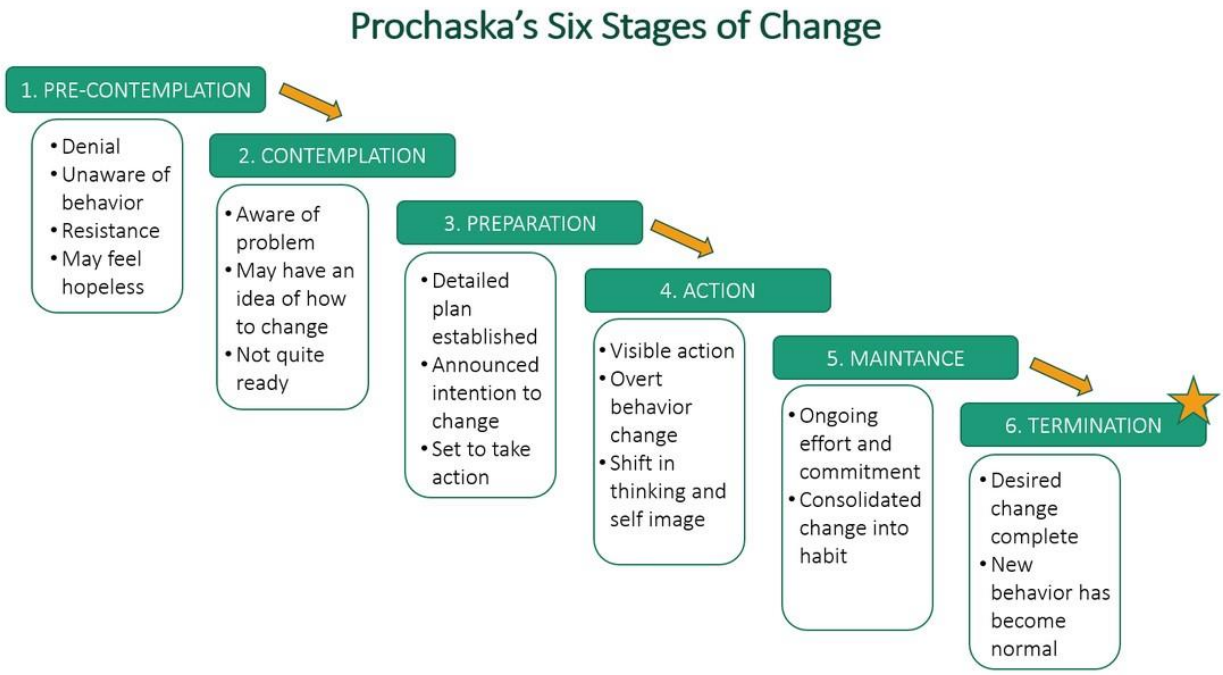
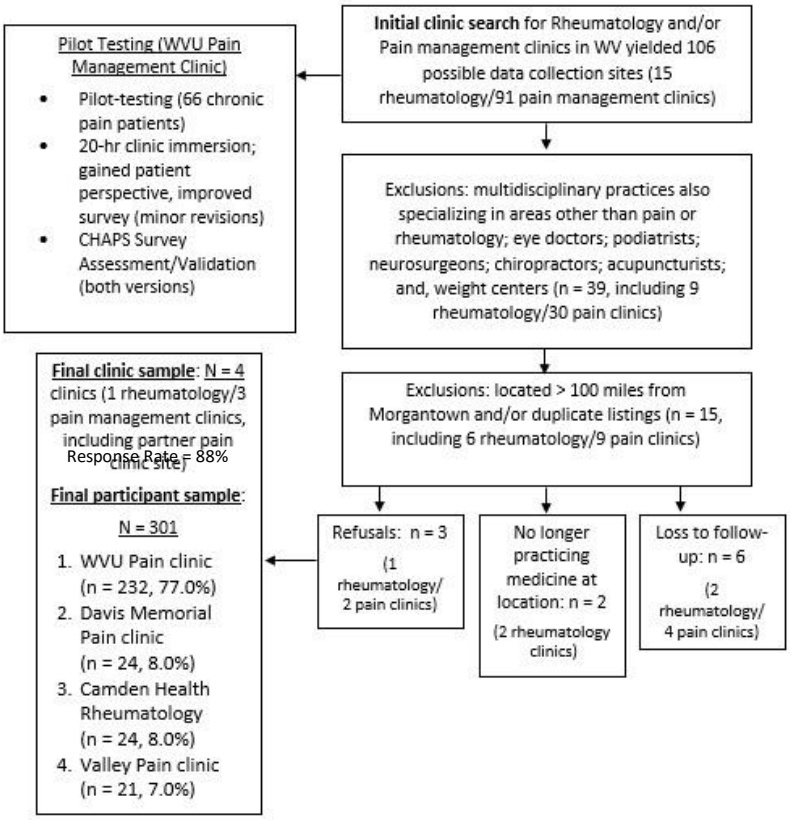


Figure 2. Flow diagram for the CHAPS 2014-2016

Figure 2. Flow diagram. CHAPS Survey Validation, selection of participant sampling sites, & final sample



Additional Files

Appendix A.

Search Results for Cochrane Reviews on Herbal Medicine and FMS/CFS/Chronic Pain			
Results: 206; search performed 10/10/14 using search terms "herb" "herbal" "botanical" "fibromyalgia" in Cochrane Summaries			**GUIDE**
Relevant studies to non-cancerous chronic pain relating to fibromyalgia or chronic fatigue and herbs manually pulled: 22			herbs mentioned treatment
			non-herbal therapies as treatment
Description	**Type of herb or intervention**	**Results**	**N (if clear)**
Traditional Chinese medicinal herbs for the treatment of idiopathic chronic fatigue and chronic fatigue syndrome;"Traditional Chinese medicinal herbs for chronic fatigue";CD006348;http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD006348/DEPRESSN_traditionalchinese-medicinal-herbs-forchronic-fatigue	No studies met inclusion criteria and specific herbs used were not specified		
Anticonvulsants for fibromyalgia;"Anticonvulsant s for fibromyalgia";CD010782;http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD010782/MUSKEL_anticonvulsants-for-fibromyalgia	anti-epileptic drug	reliable conclusions for pregabalin only	This is an original review which was withdrawn in 2009 and replaced by the same group's "Antiepileptic drugs for neuropathic pain and fibromyalgia" in 2013
Exercise for treating fibromyalgia syndrome;"Exercise for fibromyalgia";CD003786;http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD003786/MUSKEL_exercise-for-fibromyalgia	exercise	There is 'gold' level evidence (www.cochranemsk.org) that supervised aerobic exercise training has beneficial effects on physical capacity and FM symptoms. Strength training may also	

		have benefits on some FM symptoms. Further studies on muscle strengthening and flexibility are needed. Research on the long-term benefit of exercise for FM is needed. - See more at: http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD003786/MUSKEL_exercise-forfibromyalgia#sthash.BzwierwV.dpuf	
Resistance exercise training for fibromyalgia;"Resistance training (such as weightlifting) for fibromyalgia";CD010884;http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD010884/MUSKEL_resistance-training-such-as-weightlifting-for-fibromyalgia	resistance training	For women with fibromyalgia, resistance training for 16 to 21 weeks likely improves - ability to do normal activities - pain, tenderness, muscle strength and overall well-being. Quality of the evidence -Because so few studies have been done so far, more research is likely to change these results. - See more at: http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD010884/MUSKEL_resistancetraining-such-asweight-lifting-forfibromyalgia#sthash.76OJ4uGl.dpuf	

Acupuncture for treating fibromyalgia;"Acupuncture for fibromyalgia";CD007070;http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD007070/MUSKEL_acupuncture-for-fibromyalgia	electric acupuncture and manual acupuncture	There is low to moderate-level evidence that compared with no treatment and standard therapy, acupuncture improves pain and stiffness in people with fibromyalgia. There is moderate-level evidence that the effect of acupuncture does not differ from sham acupuncture in reducing pain or fatigue, or improving sleep or global wellbeing. EA is probably better than MA for pain and stiffness reduction and improvement of global well-being, sleep and fatigue. The effect lasts up to one month, but is not maintained at six months follow-up. MA probably does not improve pain or physical functioning. Acupuncture appears safe. People with fibromyalgia may consider using EA alone or with exercise and medication. The small sample size, scarcity of studies for each comparison, lack of an ideal sham acupuncture weaken the level of evidence and its clinical implications. Larger studies are warranted. - See more at: http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD007070/MUSKEL_acupunctu	

		re-forfibromyalgia#sthash.ZhGfzRsC.dpuf	
Cognitive behavioural therapies for fibromyalgia;"Cognitive behavioural therapies for fibromyalgia syndrome";CD009796;http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD009796/cognitive-behaviouraltherapies-for-fibromyalgiasyndrome	CBT	CBTs provided a small incremental benefit over control interventions in reducing pain, negative mood and disability at the end of treatment and at long-term follow-up.	23 studies with up to 2031 people
Phenytoin for neuropathic pain and fibromyalgia in adults;"Phenytoin for neuropathic pain and fibromyalgia in adults";CD009485;http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD009485/SYMPT_phenytoin-forneuropathic-pain-andfibromyalgia-in-adults	phenytoin is for neuropathic pain and fibromyalgia. - See more at: http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD009485/SYMPT_phenytoin-for-neuropathicpain-andfibromyalgia-inadults#sthash.BniKqZkm.dpuf	No studies met inclusion criteria	
Multidisciplinary rehabilitation for fibromyalgia and musculoskeletal pain in working age adults;"Multidisciplinary rehabilitation for fibromyalgia and musculoskeletal pain in working age adults";CD001984;http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD001984/MUSKEL_multidisciplina	the combo of psychological, behavioral and educational interventions practiced in pain clinics and rehabilitation centers	little scientific evidence for the effectiveness of multidisciplinary rehabilitation for these musculoskeletal disorders	1808 abstracts, and the references of 65 reviews, we found only seven relevant studies (1050 patients)

ry-rehabilitation-forfibromyalgia-andmusculoskeletal-pain-inworking-age-adults			
Clonazepam for neuropathic pain and fibromyalgia in adults;"Clonazepam for neuropathic pain and fibromyalgia in adults";CD009486;http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD009486/SYMPT_clonazepam-forneuropathic-pain-andfibromyalgia-in-adults	Some antiepileptic medications can help neuropathic pain. Clonazepam is an antiepileptic medication	no good quality studies	
Gabapentin for chronic neuropathic pain and fibromyalgia in adults;"Gabapentin for chronic neuropathic pain and fibromyalgia in adults";CD007938;http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD007938/SYMPT_gabapentin-forchronic-neuropathic-painand-fibromyalgia-in-adults	Medicines like paracetamol or ibuprofen are not effective in neuropathic pain, while medicines that are sometimes used to treat depression or epilepsy can be very effective in some people with neuropathic pain. Our understanding of fibromyalgia (a condition of persistent, widespread pain and tenderness, sleep problems, and fatigue) is poor, but fibromyalgia can respond to the same medicines as neuropathic pain. Gabapentin was developed to treat epilepsy, but it is now used to treat various forms of chronic pain.	There were insufficient data for direct comparisons with other active treatments, and only third tier evidence for other painful conditions.	Seven new studies with 1919 participants were added in this third update.

Milnacipran for neuropathic pain and fibromyalgia in adults;"Milnacipran for chronic neuropathic pain and fibromyalgia in adults";CD008244;http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD008244/SYMPT_milnacipran-forchronic-neuropathic-painand-fibromyalgia-in-adults	milnacipran is for treating chronic neuropathic pain or fibromyalgia. We identified no studies using milnacipran in neuropathic pain, but five studies in fibromyalgia satisfied the inclusion criteria. - See more at: http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD008244/SYMPT_milnacipran-for-chronicneuropathic-painand-fibromyalgia-inadults#sthash.sszfV2Ug.dpuf	Milnacipran has shown modest effects in a minority of participants with fibromyalgia, and several technical issues indicate that even this modest effect may overstate effectiveness in clinical practice The drug may be a useful option if first-line treatments fail. - See more at: http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD008244/SYMPT_milnacipranfor-chronicneuropathic-pain-andfibromyalgia-inadults#sthash.sszfV2Ug.dpuf	4000 participants treated with milnacipran 100 mg or 200 mg, or placebo, for eight to 24 weeks at the target dose. - See more at: http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD008244/SYMPT_milnacipranfor-chronicneuropathic-pain-andfibromyalgia-inadults#sthash.sszfV2Ug.dpuf
Amitriptyline for neuropathic pain and fibromyalgia in adults;"Amitriptyline for neuropathic pain and fibromyalgia in adults";CD008242;http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD008242/SYMPT_amitriptyline-forneuropathic-pain-andfibromyalgia-in-adults	Amitriptyline is a tricyclic antidepressant that is widely used to treat chronic neuropathic pain (pain due to nerve damage) and fibromyalgia, and is recommended in many guidelines.	There was no top-tier evidence for amitriptyline in treating neuropathic pain or fibromyalgia. Second-tier evidence indicated some evidence of effect in painful diabetic neuropathy (PDN), mixed neuropathic pain, and fibromyalgia. Amitriptyline has been a first-line treatment for neuropathic pain for many years. The fact that there is no supportive unbiased evidence for a beneficial effect is disappointing, but has to be balanced against decades of successful treatment in many patients with neuropathic pain or	Twenty-one studies (1437 participants) were included; they individually involved between 15 and 235 participants, only four involved over 100 participants, and the median study size was 44 participants. The median duration was six weeks. Ten studies had a crossover design. Doses of amitriptyline were generally between 25 mg and 125 mg, and dose escalation was common.

		fibromyalgia. There is no good evidence of a lack of effect; rather our concern should be of overestimation of treatment effect. Amitriptyline should continue to be used as part of the treatment of neuropathic pain or fibromyalgia, but only a minority of patients will achieve satisfactory pain relief.	
Duloxetine for treating painful neuropathy, chronic pain or fibromyalgia;"Duloxetine for treating chronic pain or fibromyalgia";CD007115;http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD007115/NEUROMUSC_duloxetine-for-treating-painfulneuropathy-chronic-pain-orfibromyalgia painful neuropathy	Duloxetine is a balanced serotonin and noradrenaline reuptake inhibitor licensed for the treatment of major depressive disorders, urinary stress incontinence and the management of neuropathic pain associated with diabetic peripheral neuropathy.	There are adequate amounts of moderate quality evidence from eight studies performed by the manufacturers of duloxetine that doses of 60 mg and 120 mg daily are efficacious for treating pain in diabetic peripheral neuropathy but lower daily doses are not. Further trials are not required. In fibromyalgia, there is lower quality evidence that duloxetine is effective at similar doses to those used in diabetic peripheral neuropathy and with a similar magnitude of effect. The effect in fibromyalgia may be achieved through a greater improvement in mental symptoms than in somatic physical pain. There is low to moderate quality evidence that pain relief is also achieved in pain	18 trials, which included 6407 participants. We found 12 of these studies in the literature search for this update. Eight studies included a total of 2728 participants with painful diabetic neuropathy and six studies involved 2249 participants with fibromyalgia. Three studies included participants with depression and painful physical symptoms and one included participants with central neuropathic pain.

		associated with depressive symptoms, but the NNTB of 8 in fibromyalgia and depression is not an indication of substantial efficacy.	
Lacosamide for neuropathic pain and fibromyalgia in adults;"Lacosamide for neuropathic pain and fibromyalgia in adults";CD009318;http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD009318/NEUROMUSC_lacosamide-for-neuropathic-pain-andfibromyalgia-in-adults	Antiepileptic drugs like lacosamide	In people with painful diabetic neuropathy, lacosamide had only a modest effect, with a specific effect due to its use in 1 person in 10. This is a minor effect and may be an over-estimate due to use of the last observation carried forward method for analysis. There was insufficient information in fibromyalgia to draw any conclusions about the effect of lacosamide. - See more at: http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD009318/NEUROMUSC_lacosamide-for-neuropathic-pain-andfibromyalgia-inadults#sthash.6W9bIiQ5.dpuf	five studies in painful diabetic neuropathy (1863 participants) and one in fibromyalgia (159 participants). - See more at: http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD009318/NEUROMUSC_lacosamide-forneuropathic-pain-andfibromyalgia-inadults#sthash.6W9bIiQ5.dpuf

Topiramate for neuropathic pain and fibromyalgia in adults;"Topiramate for treating neuropathic pain or fibromyalgia";CD008314;http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD008314/NEUROMUSC_topiramate-for-treatingneuropathic-pain-orfibromyalgia	Topiramate is a medicine used to treat epilepsy, and so it might be a useful medicine for neuropathic pain or fibromyalgia.	Topiramate did not help the pain and was no different from placebo except in causing more sideeffects, which made many more people withdraw from the studies early. About 3 people in 10 withdrew because of side-effects with topiramate compared with 1 in 10 with placebo. Topiramate has not been shown to work as a pain medicine in diabetic neuropathy.	four studies of reasonable quality that tested topiramate against placebo for a number of weeks. Almost all of the 1684 people in the studies had painful limbs because of damaged nerves caused by diabetes. - See more at: http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD008314/NEUROMUSC_topiramate-for-treatingneuropathic-pain-orfibromyalgia#sthash.9txXjI9A.dpuf
Monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs) for fibromyalgia syndrome;"Monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs) for fibromyalgia";CD009807;http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD009807/monoamine-oxidase-inhibitors-maois-forfibromyalgia	MAOIs may slightly improve pain and tender points in the short term compared to placebo. Of the MAOIs studied, pirlindole seems more effective than moclobemide.	Pirlindole showed statistically significant results compared with placebo for several outcomes (pain, tender points and overall assessment by the patient and the physician), whereas moclobemide did not show statistically significant differences between groups.	two studies of inconsistent risk of bias with a total of 230 patients diagnosed with FM. We evaluated two MAOIs: pirlindole and moclobemide.
Valproic acid and sodium valproate for neuropathic pain and fibromyalgia in adults;"Valproic acid and sodium valproate for neuropathic pain and fibromyalgia";CD009183;http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD009183/SYMPT_valproicacid-and-sodium-valproatefor-neuropathic-pain-andfibromyalgia	Valproic acid and its sodium salt (sodium valproate) are antiepileptic drugs that are sometimes used to treat chronic neuropathic pain and fibromyalgia, although they are not licensed for this use.	There is insufficient evidence to support the use of valproic acid or sodium valproate as a firstline treatment for neuropathic pain. - See more at: http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD009183/SYMPT_valproic-acidand-sodiumvalproate-forneuropathic-pain-andfibromyalgia#sthash.xiAvcyI1.dpuf	three studies, two in diabetic neuropathy (42 participants treated with valproate, 42 with placebo), and one in post-herpetic neuralgia (23 treated with divalproex sodium, 22 with placebo). Study duration was eight or 12 weeks. No studies were found in fibromyalgia.

Oxycodone for neuropathic pain and fibromyalgia in adults;"Oxycodone for neuropathic pain and fibromyalgia in adults";CD010692;http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD010692/SYMPT_oxycodone-forneuropathic-pain-andfibromyalgia-in-adults	Oxycodone is used to treat acute and some forms of chronic pain, and so might be a useful medicine for neuropathic pain or fibromyalgia. - See more at: http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD010692/SYMPT_oxycodone-for-neuropathicpain-andfibromyalgia-inadults#sthash.VtfS5l3z.dpuf	Oxycodone was not convincingly shown to help relieve the pain (very low quality evidence). Compared with placebo, fewer people stopped taking oxycodone because they felt it was not effective, but more people experienced adverse effects (very low quality evidence). Oxycodone has not been shown to work as a pain medicine in diabetic neuropathy or postherpetic neuralgia.	three studies of modest quality that tested oxycodone against placebo for several weeks. Almost all of the 254 people in the studies had painful limbs because of damaged nerves caused by diabetes. No studies have examined its use in other types of neuropathic pain, or in fibromyalgia.

Antiepileptic drugs for neuropathic pain and fibromyalgia - an overview of Cochrane reviews;"Antiepileptic drugs to treat neuropathic pain or fibromyalgia- an overview of Cochrane reviews";CD010567;http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD010567/SYMPT_antiepilepticdrugs-to-treat-neuropathicpain-or-fibromyalgia-anoverview-of-cochranereviews	Antiepileptic drugs (previously called anticonvulsants) are used for treating epilepsy, but have also been used for treating neuropathic pain and fibromyalgia. Many of the drugs have been the subject of individual Cochrane reviews. In August 2013 we collected all these Cochrane reviews on antiepileptic drugs together to provide an overview. Individual antiepileptic drugs work in different ways, and there is no expectation that they are equally effective. - See more at: http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD010567/SYMPT_antiepileptic-drugs-to-treatneuropathic-pain-orfibromyalgia-anoverview-ofcochrane-reviews#sthash.xqmOPsy4.dpuf	No studies reported top tier results. We found that only for gabapentin and pregabalin was there some evidence that they worked in longterm nerve pain with diabetes (painful diabetic neuropathy) and pain after shingles (postherpetic neuralgia). Pregabalin also had evidence of efficacy in central neuropathic pain (typically pain after stroke) and in fibromyalgia. The drugs work very well in some people with these painful conditions, with pain reduced by half. However, only between 1 in 10 and 1 in 4 people will get this level of benefit, depending on the pain condition and the drug. Most people will get no pain relief. The antiepileptic drugs produced side effects in most people taking them, and for about 1 in 4 these could not be tolerated so they stopped taking the drug. Serious side effects were no more common with antiepileptic drugs than with a harmless placebo. The evidence we found did not meet current best	

		standards, and as a result it may overestimate benefit. The biggest concern is a lack of any evidence for most drugs in most types of neuropathic pain and fibromyalgia. For lacosamide and lamotrigine there is evidence of a lack of effect; for other antiepileptic drugs (including carbamazepine, clonazepam, phenytoin, valproate) there is no evidence of effect or insufficient evidence of effect.	
Serotonin and noradrenaline reuptake inhibitors (SNRIs) for fibromyalgia syndrome;"Serotonin and noradrenaline reuptake inhibitors for fibromyalgia";CD010292;http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD010292/serotonin-andnoradrenaline-reuptakeinhibitors-for-fibromyalgia	serotonin and noradrenaline reuptake inhibitors (SNRIs)	The SNRIs duloxetine and milnacipran provided a small incremental benefit over placebo in reducing pain. The superiority of duloxetine and milnacipran over placebo in reducing fatigue and limitations of QOL was not substantial. Duloxetine and milnacipran were not superior to placebo in reducing sleep problems. The dropout rates due to	Ten studies were included with a total of 6038 participants. Five studies investigated duloxetine against placebo, and five investigated milnacipran against placebo. A total of 3611 participants were included into duloxetine or milnacipran groups and 2427 participants into placebo groups. The studies had a low risk of bias in general.

		adverse events were higher for duloxetine and milnacipran than for placebo.	
Lamotrigine for chronic neuropathic pain and fibromyalgia in adults;"Lamotrigine (an antiepileptic drug) for chronic neuropathic pain or fibromyalgia";CD006044;http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD006044/SYMPT_lamotrigine-an-antiepileptic-drug-forchronic-neuropathic-pain-orfibromyalgia	Lamotrigine is a medicine used to treat epilepsy, and so might be a useful medicine for neuropathic pain or fibromyalgia.	Lamotrigine did not help the pain, and was no different from placebo except in causing more side effects. Adverse events were more frequent with lamotrigine than placebo, with rash in 1 person in 27. -	12 studies of reasonable quality that tested lamotrigine against placebo for a number of weeks. Almost half of the 1511 people in the studies had painful limbs because of damaged nerves caused by diabetes, and seven different painful neuropathic conditions were examined. No studies looked at fibromyalgia. - See more at: http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD006044/SYMPT_lamotrigine-an-antiepileptic-drugfor-chronicneuropathic-pain-orfibromyalgia#sthash.VyD9Kv3y.dpuf

Carbamazepine for chronic neuropathic pain and fibromyalgia in adults;"Carbamazepine for chronic neuropathic pain and fibromyalgia in adults";CD005451;http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD005451/SYMPT_carbamazepine-for-chronic-neuropathic-painand-fibromyalgia-in-adults	Carbamazepine was developed to treat epilepsy, but it is now used to treat various forms of chronic pain. - See more at: http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD005451/SYMPT_carbamazepine-for-chronicneuropathic-painand-fibromyalgia-inadults#sthash.vNNPXVgz.dpuf	There was not enough good quality evidence to say how well carbamazepine worked in any neuropathic pain condition. Pooling four small studies showed that it was better than placebo, but the result cannot be relied upon. There was not enough information from these studies to make any reliable comment on adverse events or harm. Carbamazepine is probably helpful for some people with chronic neuropathic pain. It is not possible to know beforehand who will benefit and who will not.	10 studies involving 418 people involved in testing carbamazepine. Studies were not generally of very good quality. Most were very small, as well as of short duration. Studies lasting only one or two weeks are unhelpful when pain can last for years. - See more at: http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD005451/SYMPT_carbamazepine-for-chronicneuropathic-pain-andfibromyalgia-inadults#sthash.vNNPXVgz.dpuf

PycnogenolÂ® (extract of French maritime pine bark) for the treatment of chronic disorders;"Use of the antioxidant supplement PycnogenolÂ® to treat a variety of chronic disorders";CD008294;http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD008294/CF_use-of-theantioxidant-supplementpycnogenolr-to-treat-avariety-of-chronic-disorders	Pycnogenol® is a herbal dietary supplement extracted from French maritime pine bark whose main ingredient is procyanidin. Procyanidin is a powerful antioxidant also found in food such as grapes, berries, pomegranates, red wine and various nuts. Supplements containing procyanidin are widely marketed worldwide for the promotion of health, and for the prevention and treatment of chronic disorders. The rationale for this is that antioxidants neutralise reactive oxygen species (ROS; frequently referred to as "free radicals") which, apart from performing important bodily functions, can cause damage to cells and tissues if present in excessive amounts. Available supplements vary in the source and quantity of procyanidin, as well as in number and type of other ingredients they contain. We chose to focus on Pycnogenol® as this supplement is a	Due to small sample size, limited number of trials per condition, variation in outcomes evaluated and outcome measures used, as well as the risk of bias in the included studies, no definite conclusions regarding the efficacy and safety of Pycnogenol® are possible.	15 eligible randomised controlled trials with a total of 791 participants which addressed seven different chronic conditions: asthma (two studies); attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (one study), chronic venous insufficiency (two studies), diabetes (four studies), erectile dysfunction (one study), hypertension (two studies) and osteoarthritis (three studies).

	standardised product, many trials have been conducted, and it is extensively marketed internationally		
Results: 193 search performed 10/16/14 using search terms "herbal medicine" and "Chronic pain" in Cochrane Summaries			
Relevant studies to non-cancerous fibromyalgia comorbidities (depression, anxiety, headache, irritable bowel syndrome, chronic fatigue syndrome, systemic lupus erythematosus, and rheumatoid arthritis) and related chronic pain conditions and herbs manually pulled from search: 17			

Cui X, Trinh K, Wang Y-J. Chinese herbal medicine for chronic neck pain due to cervical degenerative disc disease . Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2010, Issue 1. Art. No.: CD006556. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD00655 6.pub2 - See more at: http://summaries.cochrane.or g/CD006556/BACK_herbalmedicine-for-cervicaldegenerative-discdisease#sthash.0bXFNG9M.d puf	Compound Qishe Tablet & Compound Extractum Nucis Vomicae	For chronic neck pain with or without radicular symptoms, there is low quality evidence that Compound Qishe Tablet is more effective than placebo for pain relief, measured at the end of the treatment. However, the size of the studies was small and the effect was measured in the short-term. Further research is very likely to change both the effect size and our confidence in the results. There is a need for trials with adequate numbers of participants that address long-term efficacy or effectiveness of herbal medicine compared to placebo.	Two Chinese oral herbal medications were tested in three randomized controlled trials that included 701 adults with chronic neck pain with radicular signs or symptoms or myelopathy. One oral herbal medication was compared with Mobicox (nonsteroidal antiinflammatory medication) and Methycobal (drug to reduce numbness, tingling in the arms), and the other (Compound Qishe Tablet) with placebo and Jingfukang. A topical herbal medicine (Compound Extractum Nucis Vomicae) was compared with Diclofenac Diethylamine Emulgel (nonsteroidal antiinflammatory medication). - See more at: http://summaries.coch rane.org/CD006556/ BACK_herbalmedicine-forcervicaldegenerative-discdisease#sthash.0bXF NG9M.dpuf

Gagnier JJ, van Tulder MW, Berman BM, Bombardier C. Herbal medicine for low back pain. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2006, Issue 2. Art. No.: CD004504. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD00450 4.pub3 Assessed as up to date: 15 December 2005 - See more at: http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD004504/BACK_herbalmedicine-for-low-backpain#sthash.MDoTN5GZ.dpu f	herbal medicine for non-specific lowback pain.	Harpagophytum Procumbens, Salix Alba and Capsicum Frutescens seem to reduce pain more than placebo. Additional trials testing these herbal medicines against standard treatments are needed. The quality of reporting in these trials was generally poor. Two high quality trials examining the effects of Harpagophytum Procumbens (Devil's Claw) found strong evidence that daily doses standardized to 50 mg or 100 mg harpagoside were better than placebo for short-term improvements in pain and rescue medication. Another high quality trial demonstrated relative equivalence to 12.5 mg per day of rofecoxib (Vioxx). Two trials examining the effects of Salix Alba (White Willow Bark) found moderate evidence that daily doses standardized to 120 mg or 240 mg salicin were better than placebo for short-term improvements in pain and rescue medication. An additional trial demonstrated	en randomized controlled trials that included 1567 adults with non-specific acute or chronic lowback pain. Two oral herbal medications, Harpagophytum Procumbens (Devil's Claw) and Salix Alba (White Willow Bark), were compared with placebo (fake pills) and with rofecoxib (Vioxx). Topical Capsicum frutescens (Cayenne) was compared with placebo and a homeopathic gel.

		relative equivalence to 12.5 mg per day of rofecoxib. Three low	

		quality trials on Capsicum Frutescens (Cayenne), examining various topical preparations, found moderate evidence that Capsicum Frutescens produced more favourable results than placebo and one trial found equivalence to a homeopathic ointment.	
Liu JP, Yang M, Liu Y, Wei ML, Grimsgaard S. Herbal medicines for treatment of irritable bowel syndrome. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2006, Issue 1. Art. No.: CD004116. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD00411 6.pub2 - See more at: http://summaries.cochrane.or g/CD004116/IBD_herbalmedicines-for-treatment-ofirritable-bowel-syndrome#sthash.hU9phi70.d puf	Various herbal preparations for IBS	various herbal preparations (including single herbs or mixtures of different herbs) for treating people with irritable bowel syndrome were assessed. individualised Chinese herbal medicine, STW 5 and STW 5-II, Tibetan herbal medicine Padma Lax, traditional Chinese formula Tongxie Yaofang, and Ayurvedic preparation. some herbal medicines improve global symptoms such as abdominal pain, diarrhoea and/or constipation. However, the methodological quality of the majority of clinical	Seventy-five randomised trials, involving 7957 participants with irritable bowel syndrome, met the inclusion criteria. The methodological quality of three double-blind, placebo-controlled trials was high, but the quality of remaining trials was generally low. Seventy-one different herbal medicines were tested in the included trials, in which herbal medicines were compared with placebo or conventional pharmacologic therapy.

		trials evaluating these	

		herbs was generally poor. There is evidence indicating that small, poor quality trials with positive findings are more likely to be associated with exaggerated effects. Although the included trials did not report serious adverse effects from using herbal medicines more research is needed to determine the safety of herbal medicines. In conclusion, herbal medicines might be promising for the treatment of irritable bowel syndrome.	

Seidel S, Aigner M, Ossege M, Pernicka E, Wildner B, Sycha T. Antipsychotics for acute and chronic pain in adults. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 8. Art. No.: CD004844. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD004844.pub3 - See more at: http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD004844/SYMPT_analgesic-effects-of-antipsychoticsin-acute-and-chronic-painfulstates#sthash.Xo1fwfPH.dpuf	antipsychotics	Antipsychotics might be used as an add-on therapy in the treatment of painful conditions. Nevertheless, extrapyramidal and sedating side effects have to be considered before using antipsychotics for treating painful conditions. Results for antipsychotics in the treatment of different painful conditions are mixed and most sample sizes in the reviewed RCTs are small. Further studies on atypical antipsychotics in larger double-blind placebo-controlled studies that include standardised pain assessment and	A total of 770 participants were involved in the 11 included studies. - See more at: http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD004844/SYMPT_analgesic-effects-ofantipsychotics-inacute-and-chronicpainful-states#sthash.Xo1fwfPH.dpuf

		documentation are warranted.	

Moore RA, Straube S, Wiffen PJ, Derry S, McQuay HJ. Pregabalin for acute and chronic pain in adults. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2009, Issue 3. Art. No.: CD007076. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007076.pub2 - See more at: http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD007076/SYMPT_pregabalin-for-acute-and-chronicpain-in-adults#sthash.6lvmfRNw.dpuf	Antiepileptics (such as pregabalin) are medicines used for treating epilepsy - See more at:	Pregabalin at doses of 300 mg, 450 mg, and 600 mg daily was effective in patients with postherpetic neuralgia, painful diabetic neuropathy, central neuropathic pain, and fibromyalgia (19 studies, 7003 participants). Pregabalin at 150 mg daily was generally ineffective. Efficacy was demonstrated for dichotomous outcomes equating to moderate or substantial pain relief, alongside lower rates for lack of efficacy discontinuations with increasing dose. The best (lowest) NNT for each condition for at least 50% pain relief over baseline (substantial benefit) for 600 mg pregabalin daily compared with placebo were 3.9 (95% confidence interval 3.1 to 5.1) for postherpetic neuralgia, 5.0 (4.0 to 6.6) for painful diabetic neuropathy,	not stated

		5.6 (3.5 to 14) for central neuropathic pain, and 11 (7.1 to 21) for fibromyalgia. There was no clear evidence of beneficial effects of pregabalin in established acute postoperative pain. No studies evaluated pregabalin in chronic nociceptive pain, like arthritis. Pregabalin has proven efficacy in neuropathic pain conditions and fibromyalgia.	
Williams AC de C, Eccleston C, Morley S. Psychological therapies for the management of chronic pain (excluding headache) in adults. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2012, Issue 11. Art. No.: CD007407. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007407.pub3 - See more at: http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD007407/SYMPT_psychological-therapy-for-adultswith-longstandingdistressing-pain-anddisability#sthash.B2SouCUv.dpuf	CBT and behavior therapy	Small to moderate benefits, more for disability, mood and catastrophic thinking than for pain, were found in trials which compared CBT with no treatment. Some of these were still positive six months later. Behaviour therapy showed few and only brief benefits. Psychological therapies can help people with chronic pain reduce negative mood (depression and anxiety), disability, catastrophic thinking, and in some cases, pain. Although the overall effect is positive, we do not know enough about exactly which	42 trials of treatments which met our criteria, but only 35 provided data in a form that could be used. The two main types of psychological treatment are called cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) and behaviour therapy. - See more at: http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD007407/SYMPT_psychological-therapy-for-adultswith-longstandingdistressing-pain-anddisability#sthash.B2SouCUv.dpuf

		type of treatment is best for which person.	

Matthews P, Derry S, Moore RA, McQuay HJ. Topical rubefacients for acute and chronic pain in adults. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2009, Issue 3. Art. No.: CD007403. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007403.pub2 - See more at: http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD007403/SYMPT_topical-rubefacients-for-acute-andchronic-musculoskeletalpain-in-adults#sthash.TXMzmN3h.dpuf	topical salicylates	The evidence does not support the use of topical rubefacients containing salicylates for acute injuries, and suggests that in chronic conditions their efficacy compares poorly with topical non-steroidal antiinflammatory drugs (NSAIDs). Topical salicylates seem to be relatively well tolerated in the short-term, based on limited data.	Six placebo and one active controlled studies (560 and 137 participants) in acute pain, and seven placebo and two active controlled studies (489 and 90 participants) in chronic pain were included.

Eccleston C, Fisher E, Craig L, Duggan GB, Rosser BA, Keogh E. Psychological therapies (Internet-delivered) for the management of chronic pain in adults. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2014, Issue 2. Art. No.: CD010152. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD010152.pub2 - See more at: http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD010152/SYMPT_psychological-therapies-deliveredvia-the-internet-for-adultswith-longstandingdistressing-pain-anddisability#sthash.uFGoYr5V.dpuf	Psychological therapies (e.g. cognitive behavioural therapy) delivered via the internet	We conclude that these findings are promising for psychological treatments delivered via the Internet for the management of chronic pain in adults, but more trials are needed to determine the efficacy of such therapies.	15 trials that met our inclusion criteria. Four trials included individuals with headache pain, 10 trials included individuals with nonheadache pain, and one trial included individuals with both headache and nonheadache pain.

Miyasaka LS, Atallah ÁN, Soares B. Passiflora for anxiety disorder. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2007, Issue 1. Art. No.: CD004518. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD004518.pub2 - See more at: http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD004518/DEPRESSN_passiflora-for-the-treatment-ofanxiety-disorders-inadults#sthash.pA0lREr6.dpuf	Passiflora, a herbal medicine	Given the lack of studies, it is not possible to draw any conclusions on the effectiveness or safety of passiflora in the treatment of anxiety disorders. Although the findings from one study suggested an improvement in job performance in favour of passiflora (post-hoc outcome) and one study showed a lower rate of drowsiness as a side effect with passiflora as compared with mexazolam, neither of these findings reached statistical significance.	Two studies, with a total of 198 participants, were eligible for inclusion in this review. Used Relevant randomised and quasi-randomised controlled trials of passiflora using any dose, regime, or method of administration for people with any primary diagnosis of general anxiety disorder, anxiety neurosis, chronic anxiety status or any other mental health disorder in which anxiety is a core symptom (panic disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, social phobia, agoraphobia, other types of phobia, postraumatic stress disorder).

Miyasaka LS, Atallah ÁN, Soares B. Valerian for anxiety disorders. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2006, Issue 4. Art. No.: CD004515. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD00451 5.pub2 - See more at: http://summaries.cochrane.or g/CD004515/DEPRESSN_va lerian-for-anxietydisorders#sthash.3dwXF2Hx.dpuf	Valerian, an herbal remedy	Since only one small study is currently available, there is insufficient evidence to draw any conclusions about the efficacy or safety of valerian compared with placebo or diazepam for anxiety disorders. RCTs involving larger samples and comparing valerian with placebo or other interventions used to treat of anxiety disorders, such as antidepressants, are needed.	One RCT involving 36 patients with generalised anxiety disorder was eligible for inclusion. This was a 4 week pilot study of valerian, diazepam and placebo. search was Randomised controlled trials (RCTs) and quasirandomised trials of valerian extract of any dose, regime, or method of administration, for people with any primary diagnosis of general anxiety disorder, anxiety neurosis, chronic anxiety status, or any other disorder in which anxiety is the primary symptom (panic disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, social phobia, agoraphobia, other types of phobia, postraumatic stress disorder). Effectiveness was measured using clinical outcome measures and other scales for anxiety symptoms.

Cameron M, Gagnier JJ, Chrubasik S. Herbal therapy for treating rheumatoid arthritis. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2011, Issue 2. Art. No.: CD002948. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD002948.pub2 - See more at: http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD002948/MUSKEL_herbal-therapy-for-rheumatoidarthritis#sthash.dFv5Qoew.dpuf	Herbal interventions are defined as any plant preparation (whole, powder, extract, standardised mixture) used for medicinal purposes. . RA, your immune system, which normally fights infection, attacks the lining of your joints. This makes your joints swollen, stiff and painful. The small joints of your hands and feet are usually affected first. There is no cure for rheumatoid arthritis at present, so treatments are used to relieve pain and stiffness and improve your ability to move.	Several herbal interventions are inadequately justified by single studies or non-comparable studies in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis. There is moderate evidence that oils containing GLA (evening primrose, borage, or blackcurrant seed oil) afford some benefit in relieving symptoms for RA, while evidence for Phytodolor® N is less convincing.Tripterygium wilfordii products may reduce some RA symptoms, however, oral use may be associated with several side effects. Many trials of herbal therapies are hampered by research design flaws and inadequate reporting. Further investigation of each herbal therapy is warranted, particularly via well designed, fully powered, confirmatory clinical trials that use American College of Rheumatology improvement criteria to measure outcomes and report results according to CONSORT guidelines.	Twelve new studies were added to the update, a total of 22 studies were included.

Cramp F, Hewlett S, Almeida C, Kirwan JR, Choy EHS, Chalder T, Pollock J, Christensen R. Nonpharmacological interventions for fatigue in rheumatoid arthritis. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2013, Issue 8. Art. No.: CD008322. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD00832 2.pub2 - See more at: http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD008322/MUSKEL_nonpharmacologicalinterventions-for-themanagement-of-patientreported-fatigue-inrheumatoid-arthritis#sthash.iSsGqRK9.dp uf	Physical activity and psychosocial therapy for Fatigue is a common and potentially distressing symptom for people with rheumatoid arthritis with no accepted evidence based management guidelines.	This review provides some evidence that physical activity and psychosocial interventions provide benefit in relation to self-reported fatigue in adults with rheumatoid arthritis. There is currently insufficient evidence of the effectiveness of other nonpharmacological interventions. Physical activity has a small benefit for managing fatigue in people with rheumatoid arthritis. specifically: - Psychosocial therapy has a small benefit for managing fatigue in people with rheumatoid arthritis. - No other interventions showed a difference in managing fatigue in people with rheumatoid arthritis. This may have happened by chance.	24 were identified for inclusion in the review with a total of 2882 people. Specifically, physical activity interventions (n = 6 studies; 388 participants), psychosocial interventions (n = 13 studies; 1579 participants), herbal medicine (n = 1 study; 58 participants), omega-3 fatty acid supplementation (n = 1 study; 81 participants), Mediterranean diet (n = 1 study; 51 participants), reflexology (n = 1 study; 11 participants) and the provision of Health Tracker information (n = 1 study; 714 participants).

Pittler MH, Ernst E. Feverfew for preventing migraine. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2004, Issue 1. Art. No.: CD002286. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD00228 6.pub2 - See more at: http://summaries.cochrane.or g/CD002286/SYMPT_feverfe w-for-preventingmigraine#sthash.UolN9Eue.d puf	Feverfew	Results from these trials were mixed and did not convincingly establish that feverfew is efficacious for preventing migraine. There is insufficient evidence from randomised, doubleblind trials to suggest an effect of feverfew over and above placebo for preventing migraine.	Five trials (343 patients) met the inclusion criteria. Randomised, placebo-controlled, double-blind trials assessing the efficacy of feverfew for preventing migraine were included.

Pittler MH, Ernst E. Kava extract versus placebo for treating anxiety. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2003, Issue 1. Art. No.: CD003383. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD00338 3 - See more at: http://summaries.cochrane.or g/CD003383/DEPRESSN_ka va-extract-for-treatinganxiety#sthash.vk8QIdpU.dp uf	kava for anxiety	The meta-analysis of seven trials suggests a significant treatment effect for the total score on the Hamilton Anxiety Scale in favour of kava extract. Few adverse events were reported in the reviewed trials, which were all mild, transient and infrequent. These data imply that, compared with placebo, kava extract might be an effective symptomatic treatment for anxiety although, at present, the size of the effect seems to be small. -	Twenty-two potentially relevant double-blind, placebo-controlled RCTs were identified. Twelve trials met the inclusion criteria ((n=700)).

Richards BL, Whittle SL, Buchbinder R. Neuromodulators for pain management in rheumatoid arthritis. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2012, Issue 1. Art. No.: CD008921. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD008921.pub2 - See more at: http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD008921/MUSKEL_neuromodulators-for-painmanagement-in-rheumatoidarthritis#sthash.NqAtL4XY.dpuf	neuromodulators (broadly defined as substances which alter the way nerves communicate with each other and, consequently, the overall activity level of the brain. By acting on these nerve signals it is thought that these drugs can reduce the amount of pain felt by an individual. Neuromodulators sometimes used in pain management and assessed here include anticonvulsants (gabapentin, pregabalin, phenytoin, sodium valproate, lamotrigine, carbamazepine, levetiracetam, oxcarbazepine, tiagabine and topiramate), ketamine, bupropion, methylphenidate, nefopam, capsaicin and the cannabinoids.) for rhuematoid arthritis	There is currently weak evidence that oral nefopam, topical capsaicin and oromucosal cannabis are all superior to placebo in reducing pain in patients with RA. However, each agent is associated with a significant side effect profile. The confidence in our estimates is not strong given the difficulties with blinding, the small numbers of participants evaluated and the lack of adverse event data. In some patients, however, even a small degree of pain relief may be considered worthwhile. Until further research is available, given the relatively mild nature of the adverse events, capsaicin could be considered as an addon therapy for patients with persistent local	We included randomised controlled trials which compared any neuromodulator to another therapy (active or placebo, including nonpharmacological therapies) in adult patients with RA that had at least one clinically relevant outcome measure.Four trials with high risk of bias were included in this review. Two trials evaluated oral nefopam (52 participants) and one trial each evaluated topical capsaicin (31 participants) and oromucosal cannabis (58 participants).

		pain and inadequate response or intolerance to other treatments. Oral nefopam and oromucosal cannabis have more significant side effect profiles however and the potential harms seem to outweigh any modest benefit achieved.	

Linde K, Berner MM, Kriston L. St John's wort for major depression. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2008, Issue 4. Art. No.: CD000448. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD000448.pub3 - See more at: http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD000448/DEPRESSN_st.-johns-wort-for-treatingdepression.#sthash.cpTrZv0Y.dpuf	St JOHNS Wort for depression	The available evidence suggests that the hypericum extracts tested in the included trials a) are superior to placebo in patients with major depression; b) are similarly effective as standard antidepressants; c) and have fewer side effects than standard antidepressants. The association of country of origin and precision with effects sizes complicates the interpretation.	29 studies in 5489 patients with depression that compared treatment with extracts of St. John's wort for 4 to 12 weeks with placebo treatment or standard antidepressants. The studies came from a variety of countries, tested several different St. John's wort extracts, and mostly included patients suffering from mild to moderately severe symptoms. Trials were included if they: (1) were randomised and double-blind; (2) included patients with major depression; (3) compared extracts of St. John's wort with placebo or standard antidepressants; (4) included clinical outcomes assessing depressive symptoms.

Price JR, Mitchell E, Tidy E, Hunot V. Cognitive behaviour therapy for chronic fatigue syndrome in adults. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2008, Issue 3. Art. No.: CD001027. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD001027.pub2 - See more at: http://summaries.cochrane.org/CD001027/DEPRESSN_cognitive-behaviour-therapyfor-chronic-fatiguesyndrome#sthash.eLgdVlPR.dpuf	CBT for chronic fatigue	CBT is effective in reducing the symptoms of fatigue at post-treatment compared with usual care, and may be more effective in reducing fatigue symptoms compared with other psychological therapies. The evidence base at follow-up is limited to a small group of studies with inconsistent findings. There is a lack of evidence on the	Fifteen studies (1043 CFS participants) were included in the review. Randomised controlled trials involving adults with a primary diagnosis of CFS, assigned to a CBT condition compared with usual care or another intervention, alone or in combination.
		comparative effectiveness of CBT alone or in combination with other treatments, and further studies are required to inform the development of effective treatment programmes for people with CFS.	

Appendix B.

Herbs used for Pain and Related Conditions in Appalachia: Anecdotal Sources/Herbal Texts			
Sources: Manual Search conducted March-April 2015 through West Virginia University Library Service (including databases PubMed, AltmedWatch, Library of Congress), WV Public Library search, Google Search (with additional cross-referencing in all materials yielding items of interest to Appalachian herbs, botanicals, folk remedies, folk traditions, flora, non-timber plant products) with no publishing time range; Physical sources manually searched for 'Rheumatism;' 'Analgesia;' 'Pain;' 'Arthritis;' 'Inflammation;' 'Gout;' and, 'Headache'			
	****Potential or known Narcotic - exercise caution		
	***potential toxicity		
	**known toxicity but not mentioned in this literature		Red lettering indicates use for Inflammation
	*known toxicity		YELLOW indicates a replicate herb
Herb identified in Appalachian Text	**Parts Used/Prepation Method(s)**	**Known for:**	**Source**
Alfalfa (Medicago sativa)	tops	Rheumatism	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1990). Herbal medicine past and present. Durham, Duke University Press.
Angelico (a. atropurpurea)	Tonic, roots and leaves	Chronic Rheumatism	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1997). Trying to give ease : Tommie Bass and the story of herbal medicine. & Crellin, J. K., et al. (1990). Herbal medicine past and present. Durham, Duke University Press. Durham, Duke University Press.
Apple	Tea, syrup, and Tonic of Bark or fresh leaves	Rheumatism; arthritis	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1997).

Balm of Gilead	(not given) (contains crystalline populus, closely resembling salicin)	Rheumatism	Amjad, H. (2006). Folk Medicine of Appalachia: A Vanishing Tradition. , lulu.com (selfpublished).
Balm of Gilead sap	Buds boiled in oil	Pain; salves	Shelton, F. (1965). Pioneer comforts and kitchen remedies;: Oldtimey highland secrets from the Blue Ridge and Great Smoky Mountains, Hutcraft.
Balm of Gilead/Balsam poplar/balm buds/Carolina poplar/cottonwood/hackmatack/poplar balsam/tacamahac poplar/tackamahac (*Salicaea)*	Tincture from Winter buds in February and March, before opening	Rheumatism;Gout	Krochmal, A., et al. (1971). A guide to medicinal plants of Appalachia. Washington,, U.S. Forest Service; for sale by the Supt. of Docs.
Balm of Gilead/Bama Gilly (*Populus balsamifera, P. candicans*)	Salve, from buds;infusion	Rheumatism; Strengthen nerves	Bolyard, J. L. (1981). Medicinal plants and home remedies of Appalachia. Springfield, Ill., Thomas.

Balmony/White turtlehead/Bitter herb/Fishmouth/Saltrheum weed/Shellflower/smo oth snakehead/snakehead/ snakemouth/true snakehead/turle bloom/turle head (*Scrophulariaceae*)	Herb, gathered when flowering; leaves, Gathered in Spring	Reducing inflammation	Krochmal, A., et al. (1971). A guide to medicinal plants of Appalachia. Washington,, U.S. Forest Service; for sale by the Supt. of Docs.
Bay (magnolia)	Tonic	Rheumatism, sleep	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1997). Trying to give ease :
Bearsfoot	Salve, Root and leaves	Rheumatism; arthritis	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1990). H
Beech	Tonic	Rheumatism	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1997) T
Bergamot/White horsem	infusion, from leav	Rheumatism	Bolyard, J. L. (1981). Medi
Bethroot	Tea, Rhizome	Rheumatism; headache	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1990). H
Birch (*B. lenta*)	Bark, leaves, juice	Rheumatism; Gout	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1990). H
Black Birch	Sap (in salve)	Rheu; massage	Shelton, F. (1965). Pionee
Black CohoshBlack Cohosh/Black	Tonic, roots	Rheumatism	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1997) T
snakeroot/Rattleweed/ Squawweed/Cocash (Indian name)/Bugbane	Tincture, Poultice or tea, of boiled root	Rheumatism; soothe pain	Bolyard, J. L. (1981). Medi
Black Haw/Crampbark	Bark	Rheumatism	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1990). H
Black Snakeroot	Root	Rheumatism	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1990). H
Blue cohosh/Blueberry cohosh/blueberry root/papoose root/ Sqaw root/ Yellow ginseng (*Caulophyllum thalictroides* L.)	Rhizomes and roots, gathered in fall	Chronic rheumatism	Krochmal, A., et al. (1971).

Blue vervain/blue verbena/ironweed/ simpler's joy/verbain/wild hyssop (*Verbenaceae*)	Herb and root	Antirheumatic	Krochmal, A., et al. (1971).

Boneset	Tea, Leaves and roots	Rheumatism; headache	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1997). T
Boneset/Thoroughwort /Feverwort/Indian Sage/Agueweed (Eupatorium perfoliatum)	Decoction of roots and leaves	Rheumatism	Bolyard, J. L. (1981). Medi
Bowman's Root/ipecac/Indian physic	Tonic, bark	Rheumatism	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1997). T
Buckeye	Fruit	Rheumatism	Wilson, C. R. and W. R Ferr
Buckeye	Salve, Seeds (nonpoisonous half) and bark	Rheumatism	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1990). H
Buckeye* (*Aesculus glabra, A. octandra*)	Fruit	Rheumatism; used in place of opium (10 grains powdered buckeye fruit rind = 3 grains opium)	Bolyard, J. L. (1981). Medi
Burdock	Roots, seeds	Rheumatism	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1990). H
Burdock	Tea, roots & seeds	Rheumatism	Shelton, F. (1965). Pionee
Burdock/Great Burdock (*Arctium lappa*)	seed and roots	Rheumatism;Gout; Inflammations	Bolyard, J. L. (1981). Medi
Butterfly Weed	Tea, Root	Rheumatism; Anodyne	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1990). H
Button snakeroot	Root	Rheumatism; Gout	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1997). T
Catnip (*Nepeta cataria*)	Tea	Sleep Aid, Nervous Depression, Debility	Amjad, H. (2006). Foll Med
Cedar	Oil, tops, "apples"	Chronic Rheumatism	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1990). H
Celery; Smallage (wild)	fruits, roots, tops	Rheumatism; Inflammation; migraine	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1990). H
Chamomile	flowers	Aches, pains, bruises	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1990). H

Chaparral/Creosote bush***	Tea and external, leaves	Rheumatism	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1990). H
Chestnut/American Chestnut (*Fagaceae*)	tea from leaves and inner bark	Rheumatism; arthritis	Bolyard, J. L. (1981). Medi
Chicory	Tea, of leaves	Rheu; stomach	Shelton, F. (1965). Pionee
Club Moss/Moss/Running Cedar	Tops	Rheumatism	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1990). H
Cohoshes (black, blue, white)	Rhizome, roots (beat up the root)	Rheumatism, soothe pain, allay irritability, possible anti-inflammatory	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1990). H
Colic Root (*Aletris*)	Roots gathered in fall	Rheumatism	Collins, K. C. and L. Hunter
Collards	Roots, applied externally	Arthrtitic Joints for pain	Brunvand, J. H. (1996). American folklore : an encyclopedia. New York, Garland Pub.
Corn Silk	Styles, stigmas	Rheumatism; Gout	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1990). H
Cottonwood Tree	in liniment with turpentine, Bark, leaves, green fruit	Rheumatism	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1990). H
Cucumber tree (magnolia)	Bark	Rheumatism (claimed "the best")	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1997). T
Cucumber tree/Wahoo/Cucumber magnolia (*Magnoliaceae*)	Bark	Rheumatism	Bolyard, J. L. (1981). Medi
Dandelion (*Taraxacum officinale*)	decoction, roots and leaves	Rheumatism; bursitis;arthritis	Bolyard, J. L. (1981). Medi
Devil's shoestring/Goat's Rue	Tea, Root	Rheumatism	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1997). T

Echinacea/Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea*)	Extracts, of roots gathered in the fall	Chronic inflammation	Collins, K. C. and L. Hunter
Elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*)	Flowers and juice of berries	Rheumatism	Amjad, H. (2006). Folk Mec
Elderberry/Common elder (*Sambucus canadensis*)	Berries	Rheumatismic gout	Bolyard, J. L. (1981). Medi

Garlic	Tea, fresh roots	Rheumatism	Shelton, F. (1965). Pionee
Gentian	Root	Rheumatism	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1997). T
Ginger (*Zingiber officinale*)	(not given)	Rheumatic pain	Amjad, H. (2006). Folk Med
Ginseng	Roots	Rheumatism?	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1990). H
Ginseng	Roots, chewed	Arthritis/ Rheumatism	Goodwin, J. G. (1985) Goin
Ginseng (*Panax quinquefolia*)	Tea, of roots gathered in fall	Arthritis; calming effect on nerves	Amjad, H. (2006). Folk Med
Ginseng/Seng/Sang/Tartar root/Fivefinger/Redberry/Garantoqueen (*Panax quinquefolium*)	Tea, from root	Rheumatism; arthritis;bursitis	Bolyard, J. L. (1981). Medi
Goldenseal/Yellowroot (*Hydrastis canadensis*)	Tea, from root	Rheumatism; arthritis;bursitis	Bolyard, J. L. (1981). Medi
Gotu Kola	Leaves, whole herb	Rheumatism	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1990). H
Ground Ivy	Tea, from Leaves (green or dry)	Headache	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1990). H
Holly/American Holly/Huver Bush (*Aquifoliaceae*)	Decoction of bark	In place of opium	Bolyard, J. L. (1981). Medi
Hops (*Humulus lupulus*)	Poultice	Inflammatory conditions	Amjad, H. (2006). Folk Med
Horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*)	(not given)	Rheumatism	Amjad, H. (2006). Folk Med
Horse Chestnut/Buckeye Tree/Common horsechestnut (*Aesculus hippocastanum* L.)	Bark and fruit, gathered in fall (carried around)	Rheumatism	Krochmal, A., et al. (1971).

Horseradish/Scurvy Grass	Poultice, Roots and Leaves (used as counterirritant)bark, leaves, and	Rheumatism and paralytic complaints	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1990). H
Hydrangea	root	Rheumatism	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1997). T
Indian hemp/Dogbane	Root	Rheumatism	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1997). T
Indian hemp/North-andsouth root (*Apocynum* cannabinum)	Decoction of Root, gathered in fall	Rheumatism; arthritis;bursitis; migraine	Bolyard, J. L. (1981). Medi
	Poultice, of dried		

Jimsonweed*/apple of peru/apple peru/devil's trumpet/Jamestown weed/jimsonweed datura/mad apple/stink apple/stinkweed/stink wort/stramonium/thor n apple (*Solanaceae*)	Leaves and tops when flowering, seeds when mature	Anodyne sedative/Antispasmodic	Krochmal, A., et al. (1971).
Joe-Pye-Weed (*Eupatorium sp.*)	Root	Rheumatism	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1997). T
Lady-slipper/Moccasin flower/Nerve root (*Cypripedium* spp.)	Root, dried leaves	Sedative; Antispasmodic; allays pain	Bolyard, J. L. (1981). Medi
Lemon	fruit, peel, volatile oil	Rheumatism Anti-inflammatory;	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1990). H
Licorice	Rhizome, roots	Rheumatism	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1990). H
Maidenhair Fern (*Adiantum pedatum*)	Roots	Rheumatism	Collins, K. C. and L. Hunter
Mayapple****/ Mandrake (*Berberidaceae*)	Decotion, of Root	Rheumatism; bursitis;arthritis	Bolyard, J. L. (1981). Medi
Milkweed/Common milkweed/Common silkweed/cottonweed/silkweed/swallowwort/wild cotton (*Asclepiadaceae*)	Roots, gathered in fall	Rheumatism	Krochmal, A., et al. (1971).
Milkweed/cottonweed/ silkweed/wild cotton (Asclepiadaceae)		Inflammatory Rheumatism	Bolyard, J. L. (1981). Medi

Moonseed/common moonseed/canada moonseed/maple vine/Texas sarsaparilla/vine maple/yellow parilla/yellow sarsaparilla (*Menispermaceae*)	Rhizomes and roots, gathered in fall	Arthritic conditions	Krochmal, A., et al. (1971).
Mountain Tea/Checkerberry/Teaberry (*Gautheria*		Muscle ache/Rheumatism	

Pennyroyal/pennyrile/ Pudding grass/Squaw mint/Stinking balm/Tickweed (*Hedeoma pulegioides*)	fresh or dried leaves	Headache; Rheumatism	Bolyard, J. L. (1981). Medi
Peppermint (*Mentha piperita*)	fresh leaves applied externally	headache; slight anesthetic; local pain	Bolyard, J. L. (1981). Medi
Pine	Sap and bark oil	Massage; stiffness	Shelton, F. (1965). Pionee
Pine	tops, bark, sap, tar, turpentine, rosin	Rheumatism	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1990). H
Pipsissewa/Common pipsissewa/Bitter wintergreen/fragrant wintergreen/ground holly/king's cure/lovein-winter/noble pine/Pine tulip/prince's pine/princess pine/pyrole/rheumatism weed/ waxflower/wintergreen (*Pyrolaceae*)	Leaves and herbs, gathered in late summer or early fall	Anti-rheumatic	Krochmal, A., et al. (1971).
Pipsissewa/Spidercheckered wintergreen/Striped wintergreen	(not given)	Arthritis/Rheumatism/Bursitis	Bennett, Allen and Green,
Pleurisy Root (*Asclepias tuberosa*)	Tea, of roots	Rheumatism	Amjad, H. (2006). Folk Mec
Pleurisy Root/Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)	Tea, of roots gathered in fall	Aching muscles	Collins, K. C. and L. Hunter
Poke	Internal and external, Root and berries	Rheumatism	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1997). T
Poke (*Phytolacca americana*)*			
Poke*/Pokeweed/Poke root/Poke salat/Poke	Ash-roasted root applied externally	Inflamed joints	Collins, K. C. and L. Hunter

beryy/Jalap/Cancerroot /Scoke/Garget	Tea or tincture of berries; decoction	Rheumatism;arthrit	

Pokeweed*	Berries (small quantity)	Rheumatism	Amjad, H. (2006). Folk Med
Pokeweed*/American nightshade/cancer jalap/cancerroot/chongras/coakum/cocum/cokan/common pokeberry/crowberry/garget/ inkberry/jalap/pigeonberry/ pocan/pocan bush/poke/pokeberry/ pokeroot/red-ink plant/red wood/scoke/skoke/Virginia poke	Root, gathered in fall; ripe berries made into wine	Rheumatism	Krochmal, A., et al. (1971).
Poplars (including Yellow)	Tonic, from bark, root bark, and salves from buds	Rheumatism	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1990). H
Prickly Ash Prickly Ash	Chewed tree bark (not root) and tea from berries	Rheumatism	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1997). T
(*Xanthoxylum americanum*)	Syrup of berries and bark	Rheumatism	Amjad, H. (2006). Folk Med
Prickly Pear	fruit, fleshy leaves	Acute rheumatism	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1990). H
Pussy Willow/Possum bush/Swamp willow (*Salix* spp.)	tea, from limbs or leaves	Headache; Pain; Gout	Bolyard, J. L. (1981). Medi
Quaking Aspen	Tea, of bark	Muscle pain	Shelton, F. (1965). Pionee
Queen Anne's Lace	Tops and roots	Rheumatism	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1997). T
	minute quantities	Rheumatism; gout	Amjad, H. (2006). Folk Med
Ratsbane/Quaker's buttons (*Nux vomica*)* Ratsvane/Pipsissewa	Leaves, roots, whole plant	Rheumatism	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1997). T

Redroot****/Blodroot/ puccoon *(Papaveraceae*)	tonic or bitters	Rheumatism;Gout; Arthritis	Krochmal, A., et al. (1971).
Redroot*/Blodroot/coonroot/pauson/puccoon/ puccoon root/red Indian paint/red puccoon/snakebite/sweet slumber/tetterwort/turmeric/white puccoon *(Papaveraceae*)	Rootstock when flowering, in late summer or early fall	pain reliever;sedative	Krochmal, A., et al. (1971).
Sampson snakeroot	Tea, Tonic and root	Rheumatism	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1997) T
Sampson's snakeroot/marsh gentian/straw-colored gentian/striped gentian (*Gentianaceae*)	Tonic of Roots, gathered in fall	Rheumatism/Gout	Krochmal, A., et al. (1971).
Sarsparilla	Rhizome, roots	Rheumatism	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1990). H
Sasparilla/Sasparillo/Sasafarilla/Safarilla/Sasfriller/Sarsparilla/Moonseed (*Menispermum canadense*)	Tea or tonic, from root	Rheumatism/Gout	Bolyard, J. L. (1981). Medi
Sassafras	Root bark, wood, pith, leaves	Rheumatism	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1997) T
Sassafras	Tea (roots and bark), oil of sassafras	Rheu; general tonic/massage; pain	Shelton, F. (1965). Pionee

Sassafras/Sassafac/Sassafrax *(Sassafras albidum)*	Decoction from root	Rheumatism	Bolyard, J. L. (1981). Medi
Seneca snakeroot/Senneker snakeroot/Sinnaker snakeroot/Milkwort/Rattlesnake Root *(Polygala senega*)	Root	Rheumatism; gout	Bolyard, J. L. (1981). Medi
Senega	Root	Rheumatism	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1990). H
Sevenbark	Leaves, roots, bark	Arthritis/Rheumatism	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1990). H
Shepherd's Purse (*Capsella bursapastoris*)	Poultice	Inflammation	Amjad, H. (2006). Folk Med
Skullcap	Tonic, Leaves, stem, whole plant	Rheumatism, nervous conditions	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1997). T
Smartweed/Celery/Parsley	Salves and tea, from Whole plant	Rheumatism	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1990). H
Soapwort	Tea, of roots/external	Rheumatism; gout/Boils;skin sores	Shelton, F. (1965). Pionee
Solomon's Seal	Boiled root	Inflammation	Amjad, H. (2006). Folk Med
Spanish Moss (*Tillandsia usneiodes*)	(not given)	Rheumatism	Amjad, H. (2006). Folk Med
Spicebush (*Linderia benzoin*)	Berries	Rheumatism	Amjad, H. (2006). Folk Med
Spicewood/Spicebush/ Wild allspice (Linderia benzoin)	oil from fruit, applied externally	Rheumatism	Bolyard, J. L. (1981). Medi

	Root	Rheumatism/Rheum accompanied by back pain/Arthritis	Amjad, H. (2006) Folk Med
Spikenard (*Aralia racemosa*)	Tea from roots, gathered in Summer and fall	Rheumatism	Krochmal, A., et al. (1971).
Spikenard/American spikenard/American sarsaparilla/Indian root/life-of-man/old man's root/petty morel/pigeon weed/spignet *(Araliaceae)*	Decoction	Rheumatoid arthritis;backaches	Bolyard, J. L. (1981). Medi
Spikenard/Spignet/Spikenard/Goutwort/Petty morrell/Indian root (*Aralia racemosa*)	(not given)	Rheumatism	Amjad, H. (2006) Folk Med
Squaw Root/Black Cohosh Squaw root/cohosh bugbane/battle weed/black cohosh/black snakeroot/blueberry/blue ginseng/bugbane/coho sh/heart-leaved rattletop/heart-leaved snakeroot/meadow rue leontice/papoose root/rattle root/rattlesnake root/rattletop/rattleweed/richweed/yellow ginseng (*Ranunculaceae*)	Rhizomes and roots, gathered in the fall	Chronic rheumatism	Krochmal, A., et al. (1971).

Star Grass	sip (in alcohol), roots	Rheumatism	Shelton, F. (1965). Pionee
Star-root/Stargrass****	Root	Rheumatism	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1990). H
Swamp Root	(not given)	Rheumatism	Amjad, H. (2006). Folk Med
Sweet Birch	Roots, bark (distilled)	Massage	Shelton, F. (1965). Pionee
Sweet Birch/Black birch/cherry birch/mountain mahogony/River birch/Spice birch *(Corylaceae)*	Bark and twigs, gathered May to September	Antirheumatic	Krochmal, A., et al. (1971).
Sweet Birch/Black Birch/Cherry Birch/Spice Birch/Mountain Mahogony (*Betulaceae*)	Twigs, cones, bark, leaves, and juice	Pain relief; antirheumatic	Bolyard, J. L. (1981). Medi
Sweet Fern (*Comptonia peregrina*)	Tea, of leaves and tops	Rheumatism	Collins, K. C. and L. Hunter
Tansy	Tea	Aches and Pains	
Tobacco (*Nicotania tabacum*)	Juice or ointment, applied externally	Rheumatic pains	Bolyard, J. L. (1981). Medi
Veratrum/hellebore****	Salve, from rhizome and roots (much attn given for many alkoloids present and their role in muscle-relaxant and antihypertensive actions -JF Morton (1977, pp.58-64)	Rheumatism; gout	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1990). H

Virginia Snakeroot	Tea, or in wine or whiskey, Rhizome and roots	Arthritis	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1990). H
Watercress/nasturtium/ true watercress (*Brassicaceae*)	Herb, at any time	Rheumatism	Krochmal, A., et al. (1971).
Waxflower (Ratsbane)**	Tea, of leaves	Rheumatism	Shelton, F. (1965). Pionee
White ash/American Ash/American white ash/biltmore ash/biltmore white ash/cane ash/smallseed white ash (*Oleaceae*)	Inner bark of trunk and roots, stem, both in Spring	Antiarthritic	Krochmal, A., et al. (1971).
White Ash/Ash (*Fraxinus americana?*)	Bark, and leaves	Rheumatism; gout; arthritis	Bolyard, J. L. (1981). Medi
White Pine (*Pinus strobus*)	Resin from inner bark, sprigs	Rheumatism	Bolyard, J. L. (1981). Medi
White Walnut Bark	Boiled, crushed	Applied to sore joints	Shelton, F. (1965). Pionee
Wild Black Cherry (*Prunus serotina*)	Bark, Inner Bark, Leaves, Twigs	Rheumatism; gout; arthritis	Bolyard, J. L. (1981). Medi
Wild Yam	Tuber	Rheumatism	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1997). T
Willow	Twigs, chewed on	Body pain	Stephenson, S. L. (2013). A
Willow (*Salix sp*)	Bark	Rheumatism	Amjad, H. (2006). Foll Med
Willow/Red Root	Bark	Rheumatism	Wilson, C. R. and W. R Ferr
Wintergreen	salves, of leaves and oil	Rheumatism	Crellin, J. K., et al. (1990). H
Witch Grass ("Quack")	Tea, of roots	Rheumatism	Shelton, F. (1965). Pionee

Appendix C.

Literature Review - Prevalence of Herbal Use in General US population (2002-2012)

3,985 Records identified Dec 2012 through AgeLine, PsycArticles, PsycInfo, PubMed Medline, Scopus, AltHealthWatch using terms "CAM Survey," "CAM Use," "CAM Usage," "Botanical," "Herb,", "Biological Supplement," "Herbal Remedy," or "Herbal Remedies," and NOT "Intervention," or "Trial;" Option 'Health Professions' and Geographic Location 'United States' selected when available (Publication range 2001-2012; samples >500) --> Total studies reviewed = 34 (including 11 retrieved from cross-referencing)--> 32 studies of adults 18+

Author 1 (year) Location/Reference	Sample (N)	Sample Population (criteria, geograpy, socio)	Type of sampling/ tool and Definition of CAM used in study	Response Rate if app	Major findings	Prevalence/ Comments/limitations
Mehta DH, Gardiner PM, Phillips RS, McCarthy EP . Herbal and dietary supplement disclosure to health care providers by individuals with chronic conditions. J Altern Complement Med. 2008;14(10):1263–1269	5456	Herbal supplement users (in past yr) in a national adult sample	2002 National Health Interview Survey/crosssectional study - 28 CAM therapies broken down into 6 dichotomous groups: Alt Med Systems, Biologically-based therapies, Manipulative & BodyBased methods, Mind-Body Interventions, Energy Therapies, SelfPrayer	74.00%	only 33% of herbal and dietary supplement users reported disclosing use of herbal and dietary supplements to their conventional health care provider. Among herbal and dietary supplement users with chronic conditions, less than 51% disclosed use to their conventional health care provider. Hispanic (adjusted odds ratio and 95% confidence interval=0.70 [0.52, 0.94]) and Asian American (adjusted odds ratio and 95% confidence interval=0.54 [0.33, 0.89]) adults were much less likely than nonHispanic white Americans to disclose herbal and dietary supplement use. Having less than a high school education (adjusted odds ratio and 95% confidence interval=0.61 [0.45, 0.82]) and not having insurance (adjusted odds ratio and 95% confidence interval=0.77 [0.59, 1.00]) were associated with being less likely to disclose herbal and dietary supplement use. Those more likely to discluse herbal and dietary supp use to conv health	LIMITATIONS w NHIS: disclosure of herbs and supps not supp-specific - it is only a general disclosure question!language, many herbs inquired about are marketed to NHW pop, no questions about physician characteristics PREVALENCE ONLY FOR BBT.On average,
C.M. Brown, J.C. Barner, K.M. Richards, T.M. Bohman Patterns of complementary and alternative medicine use J Altern Complement Med, 13 (2007), pp. 751–758	4256	Ayurveda, homeopathic African-American non-institutionalized herbal sample	2002 NHIS/ national cross-sectional - A multistaged, clustered sample design was used, and self-reported information was obtained using computer-assisted personal interview (CAPI) techniques. 17 four broad categories: (1) Alternative Medical Systems (acupuncture, naturopathy); (2) Mind-Body Interventions (chelation therapy, folk products, special	74.30%	providers were those with 4>= clinic 67.6% used CAM in the past 12 months, AA CAM users were slightly older than when prayer for health was included. Users were more likely older (43.3 +/- 0.4 versus 39.5 +/- 0.5 years; p < 0.0001); female (60.9% versus 44.0%; p < 0.0001), college educated (17.4% versus 9.8%; p < 0.0001); and insured (91.0% versus 88.1%; p < 0.0001) compared to nonusers. Prayer have a college education (17.4% versus 9.8%; p 0.0001), more than 60% of respondents, followed by herbals (14.2%) and relaxation (13.6%). A majority utilized CAM to treat illness. The use of CAM was significantly higher across all the disease likely to be married (p 0.0197) and have incomes nonuse. 19.6% of the sample had ever used CAM, and 14.2% had used CAM in the 12 months. Of those who had used	nonusers (mean age [standard error] 43.3 [0.4] versus 39.5 [0.5] years; p 0.0001). In addition, they were more likely to be female (60.9% versus 44.0%; p 0.0001), CAM modalities into four broad categories was the most common CAM used by more than 60% of respondents, followed and have insurance by herbals (14.2%) and relaxation coverage (91.0% versus 88.1%; p 0.0001). A majority utilized CAM to treat Although illness. The use of CAM was significantly a small difference, CAM users were more in African-Americans Biologically-Based Therapies AAs compared to non-Americans in the 12 months. Of those who had used treatment, states common in $20,000 (p 0.0020). The proportion of participants d,national who were not currently medicine,

K.T. Xu, T.W. Farrell Determinants of utilization: the complementary and substitution between unconventional and mainstream medicine among racial and ethnic groups Health Serv Res, 42 (2007), pp. 811–826	46,673	non-institutionalized, civilian adults 18+ from a national sample .Hispanics and blacks were oversampled.	The Medical Expenditure Panel Survey in 1996 and 1998 - 12 CAM modalities. sampling frame for the household survey component was drawn from respondents in the National Health Interview Survey. chiropractics, massage therapy, herbal remedies, spiritual healings or prayers, nutritional advice, acupuncture, meditation/imagery/ relaxation, homeopathy, traditional medicine, biofeedback training, hypnosis, and others.	not given	CAM - herbals - in the last year, 48.9% Multivariate analyses were conducted to test whether each type of CAM and MSM (mainstream med) were complements or substitutes within a racial and ethnic group, controlling for respondents' sociodemographics and health. More complementary relationships between CAM and physician visits were found in Nonhispanic Whites and Asians than in other groups. All significant relationships betweenCAMtypes and physician visits amongHispanics and other races (predominantlyNative American Indians) were substitution.	Herbal CAM was used by 34.35% nonhispanic whites, 33.31% of Hipanics, 18.83% of Blacks, 34.68% of Asians, and by 18.67% of respondents who stated they were a race of 'other' (90% of which were Native American Indians). Herbal use was top choice of CAM for conditions cancer (31%), emphysema (36%), arthritis (38%), asthma (35%), depression and anxiety disorders (38%). Herbal medicine was found to be a complement to MSM among Asians (marginal effects= .984) and the substitutions of herbal remedies for MSM within the Other group was the strongest of all sig relationships found in the study (marginal effects = -3.23). for each racial/etnic group, there are one or two rpedominant CAM types and the preveenct types differ by race. LIMITATION: ghome or over-the-counter CAM, such as herbs, was not specified so underestimates are likley! additionally

Sawni A, Thomas R . Pediatricians' attitudes, experience and referral patterns regarding complementary/alternative medicine: a national survey. BMC Complement Altern Med. 2007;7:18	648	fellows of the American Academy of Pediatrics in July 2004.	An anonymous, selfmade, self-report, 27item questionnaire - 17 CAM therapies; acupuncture/acupressure, aromatherapy, ayurvedic medicine, biofeedback, chiropractic, energy healing/polarity, herbs (North American, Chinese), high dose anti-oxidant vitamins, minerals, homeopathy, guided imagery, lifestyle diets (Ornish, marcrobiotics etc) massage therapy, prayer healing, reflexology, relaxation (yoga, mediation etc) touch. For each therapy the respondents indicated therapies practiced, personal/family use, referral for treatment, and rated the therapies as effective, safe, harmful or didn't know.	18.50%	The median age ranged from 46–59 yrs; 52% female, 81% Caucasian, 71% generalists, & 85% trained in the US. Over 96% of pediatricians' responding believed their patients were using CAM. Discussions of CAM use were initiated by the family (70%) & only 37% of pediatricians asked about CAM use as part of routine medical history. Majority (84%) said more CME courses should be offered on CAM and 71% said they would consider referring patients to CAM practitioners. Medical conditions referred for CAM included; chronic problems (headaches, pain management, asthma, backaches) (86%), diseases with no known cure (55.5%) or failure of conventional therapies (56%), behavioral problems (49%), & psychiatric disorders (47%). American born, US medical school graduates, general pediatricians, & pediatricians who ask/talk about CAM were most likely to believe their patients used CAM (P < 0.01). 6/3/2013 Pediatricians who talk to patients about CAM are generalists rather than a subspecialists and in	herbs and megavitamins were used personally by 17% of the pediatricians although herbs was the therapy believed to be the most harmful (61%). 5% practice using herbs, 17% use on self or within their families, 10% refer for herbs, 52% believe herbs may be effective, and 15% believe they are safe. LIMITATION: they didn't include geographic location in their analusis! also, this survey could have assessed nurse practitioners and family physicians but did not, and could have gathered more info about CAM use for specific therapies.

Arcury TA, Grzywacz JG, Bell RA, Neiberg RH, Lang W, Quandt SA. (2007) Wake Forest Scool of Medicine	NOT GIVEN!	adults aged 65 and older who were Black, Hispanic, Asian, or White.	2002 NHIS/national cross-sectional	not given	Herbs were an important component of the health self-management of older adults. 11.9% OF ADULTS IN THIS SAMPLE USED HERBS. Whereas about one quarter of Asian and Hispanic elders used herbal remedies, about 10% of Black and White elders used them. Older adults differed by ethnicity in the herbs they used and their reasons for using herbs (Most widely used: echinacea (3%, garlic 2.9%, ginkgo 2.0%, ginger 1.3% ginseng 1.3%and saw palmetto (1.2%)(most widely used by ASIANS: ginger 9.1%, ginseng 6.6%, garlic 6.0%) (HISPANICS: chamomile 5.1%, echinacea3.6%) (WHITES: echinacea 3.2%, garlic 2.9%, hinkgo 2.1%) (BLACKS: garlic 3.2%, ginger 1.8%). Predictors of herb use included gender, age, and health status. Ethnicity and region of the country, indicators of culture, and education, a personal resource, were significant predictors of herb use when personal and health characteristics were controlled. A complex set of factors is associated with the inclusion of herbs in the health selfmanagement of older adults, with cultural and personal resources being extremely important.Very few of the older respondents (n = 29, 4.2%) who had used herbs had used an herbal provider. About 2 in 5 (41.6%) individuals who had used an herbal remedy had told their conventional health care provider about this use. The most common reasons were to supplement conventional treatment (31.7%), or because it would be interesting (27.2%).	Although Asian older adults were the most frequent users of herbal remedies (28.1%), their list of specific herbs used was the shortest. Ginger supplements (9.1%), ginseng (6.6%), and garlic supplements (6.0%) were Asian elders' most widely used herbal remedies. However, 7.3% of Asian respondents indicated that they did not know the name of an herb that they had used, and 6.4% indicated that they had used another herb not on the list. Almost one fourth (23.8%) of Hispanic older adults reported having used an herbal remedy. LIMITATION: i would have liked to have seen a trend test for age, and where sample sizes were low they should have used Fisher's exact test. they also used multiple imputation for missing values on income but did not specify their imputation methods. LIMITATION WITH NHIS: specific herbs included in this analysis may indicate a bias toward those used by whites, limited sample size of older adults from "all ethnic groups"
Bardia A, Nisly NL, Zimmerman B, Gryzlak B, Wallace B (2007)	609	all adults taking echinacea, garlic, ginseng, kava, soy, st jons wort	2002 NHIS	74.30%	Overall, 54.9% used herbs for their evidencebased indications. When discluding echincacea but using all other herbs combined, women (OR=1.81), those with college edu (OR=1.55), graduate edu (OR=2.91), were more likely to use the herbs based on their scientific merit then their counterparts. In contrast, blacks (OR=.51) and adults <40 (OR=.43); 40-59 yrs (OR=.48) were sig less likely to use herbs in accordance to what their evidence-based usage stipulates. For echinacea, no pattern existed. With the exception of echinacea and ginseng, 2/3 of respondents did not use commonly consumed herbs in consonence with a scientific standard	LIMITATION w NHIS: does not reveal the user's source of info LIMITATION: didn't include respondents who used more than 1 herb. Evidence base for certain herbs could have changed. Did not evaluate possibilities for any 182 type of interactions with scripts or OTC.

Barnes, PM, and Bloom, B (2008)	75,764 + 31044	all children and adults in the US	2002 NHIS (adults only) and 2007 NHIS (adults and children)	87.1% in 2007 and 74.3% in 2002	In 2007, the CAM therapies most commonly used by US adults in the past year were nonvitamin, nomineral BBT (17.7%). These were also the most common CAM therapies used by children in the rpevious year (3.9%). Children whose parents used CAM were about 2x as likely as all US children to have used BBT (9.2% and 3.9%). In 2007, one of the most commonly used BBT by adults was echinacea (19.8%), and by children for health reasons was echinacea (37.2%) and a combination herb pill (17.9%). For adults younger than 65 yrs, in both 2002 and 2007, those with provate health insurance were more likely than those with public health insurance or uninsured adults to use biologically-based therapies.	The NHIS CAM supplement changed from 2002 to 2007. traditional healing traditions were added in, while the # of diseases treated with CAM was expanded by 8. The section on BBT was expanded by 10 and an additional component of 'use in the last 30 days' was added. Lastly, questions on CAM use on children were added.

Bhargava, Vibha, hong Gong-Soon, Montalto, C.P. (2012) University of Georgia, Iowa State University, & Ohio State University	23,393	nationally representative sample adults	2007 National Health Interview Survey/cross-sectional study	not quantitative ly stated in article	Total Respondents more likely to live in the South (36.7%), make $65k more per year (37.9%), 82.95% had health insurance, more likely to have an education less than college (73.3%). This study highlights the need for more data with information on factors relevant to explaining CAM use such as price of self-care and practitioner-based CAM and health insurance coverage for practitionerbased CAM for application of a health economic model.	nearly 17% of respondents had used herbs within rpevious 12 months. those who worked less than full time were more likely to use herbs compared with those who worked full time or more. individuals 65 and older were more likely to use herbs than those aged 35–44. The predicted odds of use of herbs among those who exercised were almost 77% higher than those who did not exercise. The predicted odds of use of chiropractic and herbs were lower among smokers than nonsmokers. The rate of herbal use among the entire sample was 17%. Most prevalent herbal usage was in the South (32.3%), an income of $65k+ (45.5%), had health insurance (86.1%), worked full tim or more (47.2%), had 1-2 chronic health conditions (45.2%). Although 87.3% of those who used herbs self-described their health status as 'Excellent', 'Very good' or 'Good', 21.7% said they were depressed.
Davis MA, West AN, Weeks WB, Sirovich BE (2011)	23393	national adult sample 18+	2007 NHIS	not given	11.7% of adults used herbals and nonvitamin supps for helath promotion purposes, which was in the top two most common modalities used for promotion.stat sig diffs between and health promotion users, income so DID NOT INCLUDE IN THIS inc health status, obese, active ANALYSIS. health status measures are self-reported and so susceptible to medical or psychological conds. They also stated health promotion users have rates of health services use comparable to those of non-users but was a poisson reg dataset? Not sure.	LIMITATION w NHIS: missing data for treatment smoker, any func limitation. therefore, there are two distinct types of CAM users. Health promotion users that have sig better self-reported health conv status and have healthier behaviors overall when compared w tx users. poss given the

Dawn M. Upchurch, Ph.D.,1 Claire E. Dye, MSPH,1 Laura Chyu, Ph.D.,2 Ellen B. Gold, Ph.D.,3 and Gail A. Greendale, M.D.4 (2010) UCLA, Northwestern, UC, UCLA	5849	Women Aged 40–59 Years	2002 NHIS / national cross-sectional - A multistaged, clustered sample design was used, and selfreported information was obtained using computer-assisted personal interview (CAPI) techniques	74.30%	Overall, 46% of midlife women used any type of CAM in the past 12 months. The top five specific CAM therapies used were herbs and natural products. Top health conditions used herbs for: other, head/chest cold, menopause, stomach or intestinal illness, Arthritis/gout/lupus/fibromyalgia, Anxiety/depression, joint pain and stiffness	Herbs*** TOTAL 25.4% N= 5849 White N= 3933, 26.2% Black n= 879, 19.5% Hispanic N=896, 23.3% Asian N=141,33.8% -------overall, significant Ors among herbal use showed Foreign-Born (1.4), hs grad (1.44), some college (2.26), college grad or more (2.7), co-habitating status (1.9), live in the west (1.64), insured (.8), 'Good' self-rated health status (1.27), former smoker (1.39),
Ellison, C.G., Bradshaw M., Roberts, C.A. (2012) University of Texas, Duke University, UNC Chapel Hill	3,032	25-74 yr olds, national sample from 1995	1995–1996 crosssectional National Survey of Midlife Development in the United States.	not quantitative ly stated in article	Compared to religious-only (OR=.56) or neither spiritual or religious (OR=.61), spiritual AND religious persons are relatively likely to employ BBT. Compared to spiritual only persons, spiritual and religious individuals are 43% more likely to use body–mind therapies in general; however, when this category does not contain prayer, meditation, or spiritual healing, they are 44% less likely. Religious only individuals are disinclined toward CAM use. After controlling for established predictors including educational attainment, personality, social support, and access to conventional medicine, the present study demonstrates that spirituality and religiousness are associated, in unique ways, with CAM use.	lifetime alcohol abstainer (.54) 15.3% engaged in biological therapies. The Odds of using biological therapies among those spiritiual & religious & those only spiritual were less than 1 (around .5) among both adj and non-adj models. POTENTIAL LIMITATON: they used so many psychological variables as covariates in their model but didn't specify whether or not they were valid measures!
Elmer, G.W., Lafferty W.E., Tyree P.T., Lind B.K.	5052	white or African American adults aged 65 and older	5 years(time periods 1994, 1995, 1997, 1999 measured) of the 10year prospective population-based cohort study (Cardiovascular Health Study) - However, location is unclear-NW US?	not given	Garlis, ginkgo, and ginseng were all in the top 7 most commonly used products. African Americans used significantly more garlic than their white counterparts (p=.003), while there were no diffs between race in the use of ginseng or ginkgo. Usage of herbs increased in all 4 time periods, ranging from 6.3% to 15.1%. 5.8% of participants took combinations considered to have a sig risk for an adverse reaction.	STRENGTH: all CAM products within 2 weeks assessed. LIMITATION: no doses assessed and don't know if CAM products and rx meds were taken simultaneously
Gardiner, P., Graham,R., Legedza A, Ahn, A, Eisenberg, D.M. (2007)	31044	all adults 18 and over in the US, national sample	2002 NHIS	74.30%	19% of sample reported using using an herb for their own health and treatment. 10% of these respondents had ever seen an herb practitioner, and 5% had seen one in the past year. The most frequent conditions for which herbs were used include both acute (head or chest cold and stomach or intestinal illness) and chronic conditions (musculoskeletal conditions such as back pain, neck pain, arthritis, gout, fibromyalgia, lupus, knee probs, joint pain, or stiffness).84% of those who used herbs also used an OTC med, and 21% of OTC users took herbs in the prior 12 months. 72% of those who used herbs also used a prescription med in the last year, while 21% of prescription-med users took herbs in the prior 12 months. Factors associated with herb use are living in the west (OR=1.41), being 45-64, female (OR=1.36), uninsured, having a higher edu, using meds (OR=1.46) and being a non-hispanic 'other' race. Respondents who did not have medical	LIMITATIONS w NHIS: did not ask about all herbs with substantial market share such as green tea, bilberry, grapeseed, cranberry, aloe, goldenseal, or about herbs commonly used by racial and ethnic minorities. LIMITATION: selfreport, term 'natural herbs' could have been misclassified by respondents, ethnocentric and medico-centric bias in the survey instrument which may have contributed to an underestimation of the prevalence of CAM and herb use in particular especially among Nonwhite ethnic groups.

Grzywacz JG, Lang W, Suerken C, Quandt SA, Bell RA, Arcury TA. Age, ethnicity, and use of complementary and alternative medicine in health self-management. J Health Soc Behav 2007;48:84–98.	30545	white black hispanic and asian national adult sample	NHIS	74.3% cited in other literature but 89.6% cited in this article	Results suggest that ailments such as bodily pain, chronic conditions, and functional impairment are associated with use of complementary and alternative medicine among midlife and younger adults, but these associations are generally attenuated among older adults. Greater impairment is associated with reduced odds id BBT. An inc in the # of chronic conds is assctd w an increase in the odds of using BBT among midlife adults, whilse the effect of increasing bodily pain on use of BBT are strongest for young adults and weakest for older adults, with midlife adults in the middle.Hypothesized ethnic differences received weak support. These findings suggest that different interpretations of ailments and appropriate responses may explain why complementary and alternative medicine is used by fewer older adults.	The three most widely used forms of complementary medicine among all adults in the past year were self-prayer, biologically based therapies (22.1% of all adults here), and mind-body interventions. Asians reported greater use of an alternative medical system, biologically based methods, mind-body interventions, and energy therapies, whereas blacks and Hispanics reported relatively low rates of use of these modalities. Greater impairment is associated with reduced odds of reporting use of biologically based therapies, but it is associated with increased odds of reporting self-prayer for health purposes. LIMITATION w NHIS: does not contain measures of how ailments are interpeted - only asks one question about the importance of each modality for health maintenance - only asked of the indivduals who used the modality. future descriptions of CAM use by age and
Grzywacz, JG, Lang W, Suerken C, Quandt SA, Bell RA, Arcury TA (2005) Gurjeet S. Birdee, MD, MPH, Russell S. Phillips, MD, Roger B. Davis, ScD, Paula Gardiner,	30,785	all adults 18 and over in the US, national sample	2002 NHIS 2007 National Health Interview Survey data excluding vitamin/mineral usagebut including acupuncture; ayurveda; biofeedback; chelation therapy; chiropractic or osteopathic manipulation; energy healing therapy; hypnosis; massage; naturopathy; movement techniques (Feldenkreis, Alexander technique, pilates, and Trager Psychophysical Integration); homeopathy; Asian mind-body techniques (yoga, tai chi, and/or	89.6% given hisps and non-hisp blacks than for non-hisp but that is whites, and the log odds of using a BBT household that later in life the odds of using a BBT are among hisps than non-hisp whites	Fewer non-hispanic blacks use BBT than nonhisp others (predom Asian) and non-hisp whites. Appx 1/2 of BBT users are using CAM to treat an existing condition, but 45% use these modalities for illness prevention and health promotion. Use of CAM and BBT to treat an existing condition increases linearly across adulthood. As age increases, use of BBT for prevention decreases. The opposite is true for BBT and treatment. Therefore, BBT use among middle-age is highest. The majority of Hisps and non-hisp whites are using BBT for treatment , whereas the majority of non-hisp blacks and non-hisp others use these modalities for illness prevention and health promotion. The log odds (logit model) of prev of BBT given (22%). Strength of this using BBT in early adulthood are lower for study was that they used an age^2 variable in the model to capture the for the increase across adulthood among hisps so curvilinear age-CAM association dicumented in the lit (and it was sig for response greater	

MD, MPHc (2010) Harvard, Beth Israel, Boston University						BBT!) and they addressed missing data! rate - here (and blacks). after midlife, the log odds of they used using BBT decrease for both non-hisp whites Limitation potential retrospective recall other and blacks by age, gender, and edu.
	9,417	nationally distributed sample among individuals <18 years of age		76.50%	In 2007, pediatric CAM users were more likely to take prescription medications, have a parent who used CAM, and have chronic conditions such as anxiety or stress, biologically-based therapies were used by 4.7% musculoskeletal conditions, dermatologic of the sample. Use of biologically based conditions, or sinusitis (significant therapies correlated with being an adolescent confounding factors were controlled for). CAM versus being an infant or toddler, white versus use was least common in the South and most non-Hispanic black or Hispanic, living in the common in the West. Research is required to West versus the South, and parents being guide pediatricians in making college educated versus parents completing recommendations on CAM modalities for less than high school. Biologically based children including potential risks and/or therapies were also associated with delays in benefits and interactions with conventional health care because of difficulties with access, therapies. There was nearly equal CAM use and medical conditions including insomnia, between boys and girls, higher use among non- fever, reflux, and sinusitis. LIMITATIONS: data Hispanic white patients, higher use among collected from an adult proxy which is educated families, and regional variations susceptible to recall bias. # of children with with a low use in the South.	chronic conds small, limiting power,
Hildreth and Elman, 2007 K.D. Hildreth, C. Elman **Alternative worldviews and the utilization of conventional and complementary medicine** **Sociol. Inq., 77 (2007), pp. 76–103**	1,672	31-65 yr olds, national sample from 1995	1995–1996 crosssectional National Survey of Midlife Development in the United States (MIDUS) .	60.80%	Higher self-rated spirituality is associated with a greater probability of CAM use and the use of more techniques. Although higher self-rated religiosity does not distinguish CAM users from nonusers, it is associated with adopting significantly fewer techniques. Assuming that the religious versus spiritual worldviews are differentiated by religious individuals' greater embeddedness in community and institutional "orthodoxies" (e.g., adherence to a set of prescribed beliefs), a religious worldview appears to carry over to constrain the use of nonconventional practices and providers. It may also be that CAM's tendency to secularize otherwise sacred techniques makes this type of care less attractive to these users (Goldstein 1999). Openness shows itself to be a	Limitation: interpretation of tables confusing: means were given for categorical variables, the diffs between model 1 and 2 (and 3!) were never explained, and OR's werent given Herbal WEIGHTED: past 12 month N=3,394,228 cam for treatment: n= 1,660,353 (48.9%) cam for prevention: n=1,709,464 (50.4%) Folk medicine WEIGHTED: past 12 month N=27,141 cam for treatment: n=21,259 (78.3%) cam for prevention: n=5,882 (21.7%) LIMITATION: didnt break down CAM modality by table LIMITATION w NHIS: CAM for treatment answer 'no' does not necessarily imply prevention, does it? wording of these questions could be improved. terms such as "home remedies" and culturally
Jamie C. Barner, Ph.D., Thomas M. Bohman, Ph.D., Carolyn M. Brown, Ph.D., Kristin M. Richards, Ph.D. (2010) University of Texas at Austin	2,952	African-Americans who used CAM in the past 12 months	2002 NHIS/ national cross-sectional - A multistaged, clustered sample design was used, and selfreported information was obtained using computer-assisted personal interview (CAPI) techniques. 15 cam modalities measured	74.30%	Approximately 1 in 5 (20.2%) who used CAM in the past 12 months used CAM to treat a specific condition. Less than 50% (48.9%) of AA CAM users used BBT for treatment, with the exception of folk medicine. Ten of the 15 CAM modalities were used primarily for treatment by African-Americans. CAM for treatment was significantly ($P < .05$) associated with the following factors: graduate education, smaller family size, higher income, region (northeast, midwest, west more likely than south), depression/anxiety, more physician visits, less likely to engage in preventive care, more frequent exercise behavior, more activities of daily living (ADL) limitations, and neck pain. Twenty percent of African-Americans who used CAM in the past year were treating a specific condition. Alternative medical systems, manipulative and body-based therapies, and folk medicine, prayer, biofeedback, and energy/Reiki were used most often.	

Jones, L., Sciamanna C., Lehman, E. (2009)	1438	all adults 18 and over in the US, national sample who used herbs alone	2007 NHIS	not given	the association between herbal use in the individuals who should be receiving pneumonococcal vaccine was not significant	LIMITATION w NHIS: depends on respondents' knowledge of CAM therapies and/or their willingness to accurately report use. Also does not survey nursing home and chronic care home residents, who make up a huge portion of the past 12 months and receiving influenza and/or vaccinations. LIMITATION: could have also assessed ever using CAM vs past year alone
Kannan VD, Gaydos LM, Atherly AJ, Druss BG (2010)	23393	all adults	2007 NHIS	not given	Motivaton for CAM use was neither associated with a lower prob nor a lower rate of conventional medicine utilization.	
Kennedy, J, Wang, C, Wu C. (2008)	5196	adults >=18 in the US, using sample	different sectional	Hispanic (OR=.6) vs non-hisp, not being a US cores	they say it likely to disclose herb and supp use: Females (OR=1.4), >65 yrs (OR=2.2) vs 18-24, those with public health insurance (OR=1.6) vs private health insurance, poor/fair self-assessed (OR=1.5) , those hospitalized in (OR=1.9) vs not, and 6 or (OR=2.2) vs 1. Patients least likely to report herb and supp use were ALL races compared to whites, citizen (OR=.3)	Using the unadjusted model -- Patients more actually was 90% but LIMITATION: likely an underestimate of effect wasn't given since they ommitted respondents who used herbs and told a NP, PA, or dentist. This study they did was not clearly written and they didn't even describe which covariates they used in their analysis adjusted model. Therefore, the results of the unadjusted ORs were interpreted. they used an national 2002 NHIS/cross- inflated response rate for a core they didnt even use (household at 90% when it was adult)!
Mehta DH, Phillips RS, Davis RB, McCarthy EP. Use of complementary and alternative therapies by Asian Americans. Results from the National Health Interview Survey. J Gen Intern Med 2007;22:762–767.	21359	all nonhispanic whites and asian amaericans among a national adult sample	2002 National Health Interview Survey/crosssectional study - 21 CAM therapies excluding prayer grouped into five broad categories: alternative medical systems (Ayurveda, acupuncture, homeopathy, folk medicine, naturopathy), bodywork therapies (chiropractic care, massage), biologicallybased therapies (dietbased therapies, megavitamin therapy, chelation therapy), mind/body therapies (biofeedback, energy 74.3% cited healing, hypnosis, tai in other chi, qigong, literature meditation, guided but 89.6% imagery, progressive cited in this relaxation, deep article - breathing, yoga), and which is the herbal medicines. total household response rate.		Herbal meds were used by 25% of the asian sample and 19% of the NHW sample (p<.01). AA used herbs less freq than NHW to treat specific med conds (38% vs 59% p<.01). Overall, 42% of AA and 38% of NHW reported using at least one CAM modality in the past year (p=0.06) (Table 2). After adjustment for sociodemographic characteristics, health care access, and illness burden, AA were as likely to use CAM as NHW [aPR=1.09, 95% CI (0.94, 1.27)]. Asian Americans were less likely than NHW to disclose the use of herbal medicines (16 vs. 34%, prev of BBT given. Limitation: they did log p<0.001) and mind/body therapies (15 vs. reg but didn't put results in a tables, then 25%, p<0.05). herbal medicines were reported non-sig findings as sig! used more often by Chinese (32%) than LIMITATION WITH NHIS: they don't by Filipinos (26%) and Asian Indians oversample AA, and don't describe many (19%). Among AA, CAM use was modalitlies embedded in Asian traditions associated with being female, having (may create an ethnocentric bias that higher education, and having a chronic underestimates the prevalence of CAM medical condition; foreign-birth was not use among AAs). Many herbals described associated with CAM use. For both in NHIS aerr unique to the US and are groups, almost half reported that herbal commonly marketed to middle-class medicines used in combination with NHW. additionally, NHIS does not conduct conventional medicine would be more the survey in any other language than helpful (49 vs. 48%; p=0.81) and that they english and spanish

			self-made survey used herbal medicines because they based on the revised Health Promotion Lifestyle, Profile II. CAM use was derived from five questions (three close-ended and two open-			
		American	ended) that	Older age, female gender, unmarried, Indian		
		adults assessed	and higher income was associated with in seven U.S.			
		respondents'	use of dietary and herbal cities with	vegetarian status:		
			supplements. 30.4% used dietary high	''Are you a	and herbal	
			supplements. use of			
			concentration vegetarian?'' ''Are	herbal and dietary of AIs: you currently taking		
			supplements among males indicated			
		Houston, TX;	dietary and herbal	they were older, moreeducated, had higher English		
		Phoenix, AZ;	supplements?'' and	proficiency, and were tobacco Washington, ''Do you use		
		any	users compared to AI females.			
		DC; Boston,	alternative medical	However, females were 1.8 times		
		MA; San	systems (AMS, also	more likely to Alt med systems and		
		Diego, CA;	referred to as	herbal supplements than males (table		
Misra, Ranjita ; Balagopal, Padmini ; Klatt, Maryanna ; Geraghty, Maureen (2010) Texas A&M	1824	Edison, NJ; and Parsippany, NJ.	Whole Medical Systems) such as Ayurveda, homeopathic treatment, and	4). married respondents were 2.8 times more likely to use dietary and herbal supplements than 37% non-married.	strength: they did cronbachs a on subscales!, assessed for inter-rater reliability,	

Nahin RL, Barnes PM, Stussman BJ, Bloom B. Costs of complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) and frequency of visits to CAM practitioners: United States, 2007. Natl Health Stat Rep. 2009; (18): 1-14.	22290+	nationally representative Interview Survey data. / US	Cross-sectional/ 2007 National Health 35 CAM therapies	In 2007, 3.9% of adults used BBT in the past year. In 2007, adults in the United States spent $33.9 billion out of pocket on visits to CAM practitioners and purchases of CAM products, classes, and materials. Nearly twothirds of the total out-of-pocket costs that adults spent on CAM were for self-care purchases of CAM products, classes, and materials during the past 12 months ($22.0 billion), compared with about one-third spent on practitioner visits ($11.9 billion). Despite this emphasis on self-care therapies, 38.1 estimates of the most recent purchase * # of million visits to practitioners of CAM. A total purchases per yr, which is not nec completely not of 44% of all out-of-pocket costs for CAM, or accurate. NHIS LIMITATIONS: recall bias quantitative about $14.8 billion, was spent on the possible, prev estimates for small population ly stated in purchase of nonvitamin, nonmineral, natural subgroups not great bc only taken at one point article products.	LIMITATION: total costs were calculated using million adults made an estimated 354.2	in time

Nahin, R, Dalhammer, JM, Stussman BJ (2010)	31044	all adults 18 and over in the US, national sample	2002 NHIS	74.30%	OR's only given for general CAM use and not BBT		19.3% of adults did not use conventional care within the past year despite the fact that 38.4% of these individuals had one or mroe health needs, with almost 25% having a serious chronic or acute medical condition. Instead of conventional care, 24.8% of these individuals used CAM. 68.5% of those only using CAM used BBT. 24.8% of those not using conventional care used some form of CAM, with 12% reporting one or more health needs and using CAM. Of all individuals using CAM only, 21.6% thought conventional med treatments wouldn't help, and 20.4% said conv med treatments were too expensive. The majority (54.1%) said they thought it would be interesting to try.
Nahin, RL, Dahlhamer JD, Taylor BL, Barnes PM, Stussman BJ, Simile CM, Blackman MR, Chesney MA, Jackson M, Miller H, and McFann KK (2007)	31044	national adult sample 18+	2002 NHIS	74%	Engaging in liesure time physical activity, having consumed alcohol in one's life but not being a current heavy drinker, and being a former smoker are independently associated with the use of CAM. Obese are slightly less likely to use CAM than individuals with a healthy BMI. No sig bw flu vaccine and CAM use.	strengths: assessed colinearity to compare models	
Neiberg, Rebecca H. ; Aickin, Mikel ; Grzywacz, Joseph G. ; Lang, Wei ; Quandt, Sara A. ; Bell, Ronny A. ; Arcury, Thomas A. (2011) Division of Public Health Sciences, Department of Biostatistical Sciences, , Winston-Salem, NC. College of Medicine, , Tucson, AZ. Department of Family and Community Medicine, , Winston-Salem, NC. Division of Public Health Sciences, Department of Epidemiology and Prevention, , Winston-Salem, NC.	27,862	national adult sample 18+	2002 NHIS	74.30%	Linkset analysis, a method of estimating cooccurrence beyond chance to identify possible sets of CAM use. Results: Most adults use CAM therapies from a single category. Approximately 20% of adults combined two CAM categories, with the combination of mind-body therapies and biologically based therapies estimated to be most common. Only 5% of adults use therapies representing three or more CAM categories. Combining therapies across multiple CAM categories was more common among those 46-64, women, whites, and those with a college education. Conclusions: The results of this study allow researchers to refine descriptions of CAM use in the adult population. Most adults do not use a wide assortment of CAM; most use therapies within a single CAM category. Sets of CAM use were found to differ by age, gender, ethnicity, and education in ways consistent with previous research.	Biologically-based therapies were observed in 5.5% of those who used a single modality with a significant probablity that biologically based and other CAM types are linked. Among the 20.6% of linkset users, singificant associations were seen between biologically-based users and 10.6% of those who used mind-body therapies, among other combinations of CAM use (less than 10.6%). There was a significant difference by genderbetween those who used both biologically-based therapies and mindbody therapies (male 5.6%, fem 7.6%), those who used biologically-based therapies + alt health systems + mindbody therapies (males .4%, fem .8%), and those who used all 4 CAM modalities (biologically-based, alt health systems, manipulative methods, and mindbody therapies) (males .5%, fem .8%). Among those who used both alt health systems and biologically-based therapies, significant diffs occurred for whites > blacks & whites > hispanics. For biologically-based + manipulative methods, whites > hispanics, for biologically-based + mind-body, hispanics > whites. Among those who used an alt system + biologically-based + mind-body therapy, Hispanics> whites. biologically-based + mindbody + manipulative methods are significantly whites> asians & whites > blacks. However, when all 4 modalities were used, whites were > blacks & whites > hispanics utilized them together. Those who used mind-body therapies + biologically-based therapies were more significantly more likely to be 45-54 yrs old.
Nguyen, H.T., Grzywacz, JG Lang, W, Walkup M, Arcury, T (2010)	1683	adults aged 55+ nationally	same sample from 2002 NHIS + 2003 MEPS longitudinal 89.6% for component on the NHIS; not given for MEPS			interaction effects not possible due to low sample sizes of other forms of CAM measured. RCTS mremain nec to evaluate the saftey and efficacy of CAM in older adults STRENGTHS: dealth w missing income issue by using a dichotomous measure which may have helped BBT was used by 20.4% of this sample. The use a little & reliability (a) of the functional score of Biologically based therapies predicted assessed, LIMITATION: but not for the physical better functional status (using a validated HRQoL and mental HRQoL. analysis reports scale and adjusting for many factors) (-1.14 short-term 1 year effects, interaction effects lowered func status score between those were not included due to low rates of some using BBT vs no BBT) (p<.01) in 1 year modalities	

Nguyen, Long T., Davis, Roger B., Kaptchuk, Ted J., & Phillips, Russell S. (2011) National Center for Health Statistics	23,393	nationally representative sample	2007 National Health Interview Survey/cross-sectional study. General CAM usage and health status	not quantitatively stated in article	37% of U.S. adults used complementary and alternative medicine and 63% did not use any CAM. Compared to those who did not use CAM, CAM users were more likely to rate their health as 'Excellent' (adjusted-odds ratio (AOR) = 1.14, 95% CI = [1.03,1.26]). Conclusion: We found a significant association between CAM use and self-rated excellent health and health improvement over the prior year. Prospective trials are required to determine whether CAM use is causally related to excellent health status and better health than in the prior year.	NOT ASSESSED, ABSTRACT ONLY AVAIL
Picciano, F., Dwyer, J.T., Radimer, K.L., Wilson, D.H., Fisher, K.D., Thomas, P.R., Yetley, E.A., Moshfegh A.J., Levy P.S., Nielsen, S.J., Marriott, B.M. (2007)	10136	All kids <=18 yrs age	99-2000 and 2001-2002 NHANES national survey (some pops oversampled)	not given	.8% prevalence for any botanical supplements, with no sig diffs by sex. The most commonly used botanical supplements were ginseng, echinacea, ginkgo, and grape seed extract (they also inc citrus bioflavenoids which are not a natrual herb or extract). Few children younger than 3 had used botanical supplements, and the maximum prevalence was only 1% in teenagers.	These data the first to include info on the use of botanicals in addition to nutrient-containing detary supps among children. I wish they had made a table of the botanicals, however - they were only available via reporting through the write-up. STRENGTH of NHANES is info from label recorded directly by trained pros in interviewers homes, LIMITATIONS of NHANES are cross-sx data, use of proxies under 16 may have caused misclassification , diffs in methodology and defs over time may limit the comparison of prevalence data
Susan J. Blalo37:37hD; Philip J. Gregory, PharmD; Rajul A. Patel, PharmD, PhD; Linda L. Norton, PharmD; Leigh F. Callahan, PhD; Joanne M. Jordan, MD, MPH (2009) UNC Chapel Hill, Creighton University, Thomas J Long School of Pharm and Health Sciences, University of the Pacific, Thurston Arthritis Research Center	2523	civilian, noninstitutiona white or African American residents, aged or Johnston County, North Carolina (AA's oversampled)	Population-based epidemiological study - Johnston County Osteoarthritis Project (1991-2004) survey - TWO COHORTS COLLAPSED TOGETHER - which contained a list of 51 products including herbs and botanical products, natural products obtained from animal sources natural lized, hormones (eg, phytoestrogen pills), and foods that are sometimes 45 years consumed for older, of medicinal purposes as well as an open-ended query. vitamins and minerals not assessed in this survey	not given	19.3 (n=488) of participants used at least 1 herb/natural product and there were stat sig diffs by gender (women), race (whites), and edu (better eductated) in bivariate analyses. Among those who used both conventional medications and herbs/natural products, more than 1 in 5 (97 [21.9%]) were using a combination of products associated with a potential interaction. Odds of exposure to a potential interaction' were lower among people who had health insurance and increased with the number of products used. A total of 168 potential interactions were identified. As shown in Table 4, 115 ofthe 168 potential interactions (68.5%) involved garlic and cytochrome P450 3A4 substrates (eg, amlodipine, atorvastatin, simvastatin, verapamil). Although the severity of most ofthe 168 potential interactions was classified as "moderate," 27 (16.1%) were classified as "high" in severity. The bivariate analyses indicate that the odds of exposure to a potential interaction increase as fatigue, number of comorbidities, number of herbs used, number of OTC medications used, and number of prescription medications used increase. In addition, individuals with health insurance	excluded all missing data so sample size for full model (herb users who used at least one med as well) went down to 419. STRENGTH: extensive array of natural herbs/products LIMITATION: interaction data utilized as basis were case-reports
Upchurch DM , Chyu L, Greendale GA, Utts J, Bair YA, Zhang G, Gold E (2007)	17295	national women sample 18+	adult 2002 NHIS	74% only for BBT	BBT the 2nd most freq reported (23.8%) after prayer. Foreign-born women were more likely to use BBT than US-born women (but remember they didnt control for confounders!) menopause in the top 10 conditions	STRENGTHS: addressed income nonresponse and compared missing vs no missing: no diff in effects LIMITATION: missing values for smoking alcohol and BMI imputed. No Cis reported LIMITATION w NHIS:underestimates likely in ethnic communities of women since traditional healers not yet inc in dataset. many trad practices maybe not considered "alternative" since they may be perceived as common in some communities, resulting in potential misclassification

Wade, C, Chao M.T., Kronenberg, F (2007)	804	Adult Chinese Women in the US - national sample	national telephone survey of health practices and services utilization April-Sept 2001	Women didn't use CAM to treat cancer or conditions related to pregnancy. The highest rates of CAM use were for depression and menopausal symptoms. Of those who used CAM, 29% used only chinese herbs and acupuncture and 33% used chinese herbs and acupuncture along with other CAM therapies. of the Chinese herb use was wo a script a TCM practitioner (18% of sample). excellent health status but there was no There was a statistically significant difference reference category listed! income missing was in acculturation score between those who high but STRENGTH: no diffs found between used Chinese herbs and acupuncture only vs. 73% other CAM use (p<.01).	potential limitation: # of foreign-born Chinese women was very high, and higher SES found in this sample compared to other Chinese in the country, potentially limiting generalizability. The only obviously significant OR was for Most herb/acu users who were less likely to have from those who withheld their income and those who did not
Yuanting Zhang, Elizabeth B. Fein and Sara B. Fein (2011)	2653	a nationally distributed, but not representative, consumer opinion panel and was limited to healthy mothers with healthy term or near-term singleton infants.	at least 2 time periods documented: Infant Feeding Practices Study II, a longitudinal survey of women studied from late pregnancy through their infant's first year of life 2005-2007	ine percent of infants were given dietary botanical supplements or teas in their first year of life, including infants as young as 1 month. Maternal herbal use (P < .0001), longer breastfeeding (P < .0001), and being Hispanic (P = .016) were significantly associated with giving infants dietary botanical supplements or teas in the multivariate model. Many supplements and teas used were marketed and sold specifically for 94% infants.	9% of mothers in the sample reported giving DBS and teas to their infants on at least one of the questionnaires, and 4% of the mothers reported giving DBS and teas on more than one questionnaire. mothers were more likely to give their infants DBS and teas if they had used DBS themselves (OR 3.69) compared to mothers who had not, were primiparous, were older, had higher education or higher income, and were married (using 0.05). Geographically, giving DBS and teas to infants was most common in the West and least common in the Midwest. The 4 most common reasons that mothers fed DBS and teas to their infants were to help with fussiness, digestion, colic, and relaxation STRENGTH AND LIMITATION: short recall (2 weeks), LIMITATION: likely an underestimiate of effect exists bc of exposure to herbs through breastfeeding mothers to infants, no # of doses. likely an overestimate of herbal use bc regular tea was counted as well. overrepresented NHW, older

Appendix D.

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SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Dear Patient,

The WVU School of Public Health is conducting a study to learn more about the experience of people who suffer from pain. This research project is being conducted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for a doctoral dissertation.

The purpose of this survey is to understand which, if any, types of complementary health approaches (such as acupuncture, massage, yoga, supplements, etc.) you may use for pain. *Please complete this survey only if you are a patient in this clinic and are at least 18 years of age.*

Attached is a voluntary, **anonymous survey** which should take 10-12 minutes to complete. Your status as a patient in this clinic will not be affected in any way by refusal to participate in this study. When you are finished, please drop the survey in the box located in the patient waiting room. You do not have to answer every question; if you only have the time to complete some of the survey, please do not hesitate to complete as much as you can.

This study has been reviewed and acknowledged by the West Virginia University Institutional Review Board.

We appreciate your taking the time to complete this survey so that we can better understand the ways in which people manage their pain.

Thank you for your help!

Sincerely,

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Chronic pain is often defined as any pain lasting more than 12 weeks. Chronic pain may arise from an initial injury, such as a back sprain, or there may be an ongoing cause, such as illness. Have you **ever** experienced pain lasting 12 weeks or longer?

☐ Yes
☐ No

Are you **currently** experiencing chronic pain as defined in the previous question (pain lasting 12 weeks or longer)?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ I have experienced chronic pain before but am not experiencing chronic pain presently

FOR EACH QUESTION, PLEASE INDICATE YOUR LEVEL OF PAIN BY CIRCLING A NUMBER FROM 0 TO 10:

YOUR PAIN:

My **current** pain is .....
No pain: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **:Extreme pain**

During the *past week,* the **best** my pain has been is .....
No pain: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **:Extreme pain**

During the *past week*, the **worst** my pain has been is .....
No pain: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **:Extreme pain**

During the *past week*, my **average** pain has been .....
No pain: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **:Extreme pain**

During the *past 3 months*, my **average** pain has been .....
No pain: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **:Extreme pain**

YOUR FEELINGS: During the past week I have felt:

Afraid .....
Strongly Disagree: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **:Strongly Agree**

Depressed .....
Strongly Disagree: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **:Strongly Agree**

Tired .....
Strongly Disagree: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **:Strongly Agree**

Anxious .....
Strongly Disagree: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **:Strongly Agree**

Stressed .....
Strongly Disagree: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **:Strongly Agree**

YOUR CLINICAL OUTCOMES DURING THE PAST WEEK:

I had trouble sleeping

Strongly Disagree: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **:Strongly Agree**

I had trouble feeling comfortable

Strongly Disagree: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **:Strongly Agree**

I was less independent

Strongly Disagree: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **:Strongly Agree**

I was unable to work (or perform normal tasks)

Strongly Disagree: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **:Strongly Agree**

I needed to take more medication

Strongly Disagree: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **:Strongly Agree**

YOUR ACTIVITIES: During the past week I was **NOT** able to:

Go to the store

Strongly Disagree: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **:Strongly Agree**

Do chores in my home

Strongly Disagree: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **:Strongly Agree**

Enjoy my friends and family

Strongly Disagree: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **:Strongly Agree**

Exercise (including walking)

Strongly Disagree: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **:Strongly Agree**

Participate in my favorite hobbies

Strongly Disagree: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **:Strongly Agree**

PLEASE CHECK THE BOX IN EACH ROW TO DESCRIBE YOUR USAGE OF COMPLEMENTARY HEALTH APPROACHES FOR PAIN:

Treatment/ Prevention used for pain?	I do not know what this is	No, and I do not intend to within the next 6 months	No, but I intend to within the next 6 months	No, but I intend to within the next 30 days	Yes, and I have for less than 6 months	Yes, and I have for more than 6 months	If Yes, how effective is it in managing your pain?
Herbs/Botanicals (such as Echinacea, Black Cohosh, etc.)							
Vitamins and/or Minerals (such as Vitamin C, Magnesium, etc.)							
Probiotics							
Other natural products (such as fish oil, lecithin, etc.)							
Acupuncture							
Massage therapy							
Spinal manipulation/ Chiropractic							
Tai chi/Qi gong							
Yoga							
Meditation							
Other relaxation practices							
Movement therapies (such as Alexander technique, Rolfing, etc.)							

Please list any other Complementary Health Approaches you have used **for pain**, if any. Some examples include Ayurveda, healing touch/Reiki, and homeopathy.

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Please **list any specific herbs/botanicals** that you have used or intend to use **for the treatment or prevention of pain.** Some common examples include peppermint, black cohosh, lavender, kava kava, and ginger.

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Please list any prescriptions you have used **for pain**, if any. If you use a pump or stimulator, please specify which one.

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PLEASE CHECK THE BOX(ES) NEXT TO CONDITIONS YOU HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH:

☐Hypertension	☐Chronic Bronchitis	☐Chronic Back Pain
☐Heart Disease	☐Diabetes	☐Knee Pain
☐Inflammatory Bowel Disease	☐Cancer (☐Currently being treated)	☐Fibromyalgia
☐Impaired Renal Function/Kidney Disease	☐Stroke	☐Gout
☐Asthma	☐Rheumatoid Arthritis	☐Migraines
☐Depression	☐Osteoarthritis	☐Tension Headaches
☐Anxiety	☐Chronic Fatigue Syndrome	☐Injury: Broken Bone(s)
☐Spine and/or Neck Issues	☐Temporomandibular Jaw Disorder (TMJ)	☐Injury: Musculoskeletal or Soft Tissue Trauma (such as whiplash, torn ligament, etc.)

Please list any other health conditions you have.

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PLEASE CHECK THE BOX WHICH BEST APPLIES TO YOU:

What is your gender?

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Other

What is your marital status?

- ☐ Single
- ☐ Married
- ☐ Divorced
- ☐ Separated
- ☐ Widowed
- ☐ A member of an unmarried couple, living together

What is your race/ethnicity?

- ☐ White/Caucasian
- ☐ Hispanic/Latino
- ☐ African American
- ☐ Native American or American Indian
- ☐ Asian/Pacific Islander
- ☐ Two or more races
- ☐ Other_____

What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed?

- ☐ No schooling
- ☐ Nursery school to 8th grade
- ☐ Some high school, no diploma
- ☐ High school diploma/GED
- ☐ Some college credit, no degree
- ☐ Associate degree or Trade/Technical/Vocational training
- ☐ Bachelor's degree
- ☐ Master's degree
- ☐ Doctorate or equivalent professional degree

What is your work status?

- ☐ Employed for wages
- ☐ Self-employed
- ☐ Student
- ☐ Disabled
- ☐ Not Working/Unemployed
- ☐ Retired
- ☐ A Homemaker

What is your military status?

- ☐ Veteran
- ☐ Active duty
- ☐ Guard/Reserves
- ☐ Served without Veteran Status (kicked out/dishonorably discharged)
- ☐ Never served in the Armed Forces

What is your annual household income, from all sources?

- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Less than $25,000
- ☐ $25,001 - $50,000
- ☐ $50,001 - $75,000
- ☐ $75,001 or more

What is your cigarette smoking status?

- ☐ Former Smoker
- ☐ Current Smoker
- ☐ I have never smoked

During the past month, did you participate in any physical activities or exercises such as yoga, aerobics, or walking for exercise?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, what type (for example, walking)?	If yes, how many days per week did you exercise?	If yes, how many minutes did you exercise per day?
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During the last 12 months, how often did you usually have any kind of drink containing alcohol? **By a drink we mean half an ounce of absolute alcohol (e.g. a 12 ounce can or glass of beer or cooler, a 5 ounce glass of wine, or a drink containing 1 shot of liquor)**. Choose only one.

- ☐ Every day
- ☐ 5-6 times a week
- ☐ 3-4 times a week
- ☐ Twice a week
- ☐ Once a week
- ☐ 2 to 3 times a month
- ☐ 3 to 11 times in the past year
- ☐ 1 or 2 times in the past year
- ☐ None

PLEASE FILL IN THE BLANK:

What is your age? _____years

What is your weight? _____lbs.

What is your current height?

If you are a person with a physical disability (of your legs), please state your lifetime maximum height.

_____ feet _____ inches

Please place this form in the drop box located in the waiting room. Thank you for taking our survey!

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