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# Homeopathy use around the world

- Worldwide, over 200 million people use homeopathy on a regular basis.<sup>1,2</sup>
- Homeopathy is included in the national health systems of a number of countries e.g. Brazil, Chile, India, Mexico, Pakistan, Switzerland.

### India

- India leads in terms of number of people using homeopathy, with 100 million people depending solely on homeopathy for their medical care.<sup>1</sup>
- There are over 200,000 registered homeopathic doctors currently, with approximately 12,000 more being added every year.<sup>3</sup>

## **Europe**

- 100 million EU citizens, some 29% of the EU's population, use homeopathic medicines in their day-to-day healthcare.<sup>2</sup>
- Homeopathy is practised in 40 out of 42 European countries.<sup>4</sup>

#### UK

- 10% of people in the UK use homeopathy an estimated 6 million people.5
- In Britain, the market for homeopathy is growing at around 20% per year.
  In 2007, it was estimated to be worth £38m, and is projected to reach £46m in 2012.6
- There are ~ 400 doctors in the UK that use homeopathy, regulated by the Faculty of Homeopathy and promoted by the British Homeopathic Association.<sup>7</sup>
- There are ~1,500 professional homeopaths (non-medically qualified homeopaths) in the UK,8 regulated by the Society of Homeopaths (65%), Alliance of Registered Homeopaths and Homeopathic Medical Association. They largely operate in private practice outside the NHS.
- See NHS spending on homeopathy

## US

- According to the National Institutes of Health, over 6 million people in the United States use homeopathy, mainly for self-care of specific health conditions.
- Of those who use homeopathy, ~1 million are children and over 5 million are adults.<sup>9,10</sup>