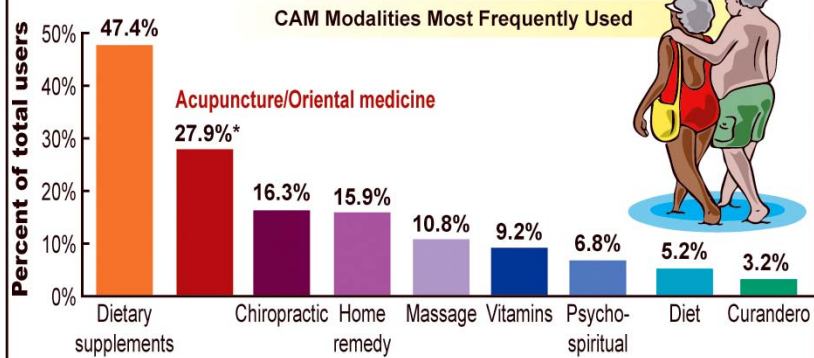


Acupuncture, Oriental Medicine Popular Among the Elderly

Five-hundred twenty-five elderly Asian, Hispanic and white, non-Hispanic patients were interviewed about their use of complementary and alternative medicine (CAM). Nearly half (47.8%) reported using one or more forms of CAM in the past year; more than half of all CAM users (57.8%) reported a positive effect from treatment.



* These results were derived by combining the use of acupuncture (15.1%) and Oriental medicine (12.8%).

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