

About Us

The Israeli Association of Complementary Health was founded in 2010. Some of our listed members are Israel's finest leading colleges for complementary and holistic medicine. Our main areas of expertise are: naturopathy, traditional Chinese medicine, natural nutrition, physical psychotherapy, homeopathy, ayurveda, massage techniques, holistic training, and more.

The organization is registered with the Registrar of Associations in Israel as a non-profit organization.

In order for colleges to be accepted as members of the Israeli Association of Complementary Health, they must meet the following criteria:

- The college must have been in operation for at least four years with at least one cycle of 4 year program graduates.
- The college must have a high level of teaching abilities, as specified and verified by the organization.
- The college has to meet both ethical and moral principles of the organization.
- The teaching staff must have at least three years experience in both clinical and practical.
- A clean record of lawsuits (lawsuits might harm the Association's reputation).
- The college will fully participate to all financial obligations resulting from its membership.

The Association will maintain criteria and requirements for the admission of college teachers as trustees of the organization.

The Association will determine which subjects will be studied, as well as the contents and scope, while constantly striving to maintain the highest level of instruction. These educational programs are the "Pillar of Fire" to all colleges that are members of our Association. We strive to teach the various disciplines of complementary medicine with the utmost ethics and moral principles, in order to encourage our students to become excellent future practitioners. In addition, appropriate and ethical rules of conduct are prescribed to the different colleges, promoting fairness.

- The Association is in the process of building a worldwide network of cooperation with similar organizations. Along with these organizations, the Association plans to have a relationship and exchange of knowledge in order to enhance the level of professors teaching the various subjects, content, etc.

- The Association has a framework for periodic professional conferences both local and international.
- The Association encourages its members to carry out research in various fields of holistic health and medicine.
- The Association is in the process of publishing twice a year magazine, ("**Foundation and Holistic Health / Complementary**" - temporary name). This magazine will contain articles on life, health and medicine – giving a holistic perspective on tentative integration with Western medicine. All publications will be top notch, as is common in academic world.
- The Association encourages writing of books on the life, health and medicine holistic perspective, as well as integration with Western medicine.

The Association has the following structure and frames:

President (an elected member of the Association from one of its colleges / foreign party)

CEO - professional manager

- The managing board of the Association, made up of one representative from each College member.
- Teaching Committee, responsible for the contents taught and supervises college teaching systems and methods.
- Ethics Committee, responsible for the provision of the Code of Ethics.
- Foreign Relations Committee with outside parties.
- Organizing conferences.
- Treasurer, responsible for the financial management of the Association.
- Audit Committee.
- Research Committee.
- Conduct committee of the Association's journal

List of Books

- healthy living - life, health, medicine and holistic vision, Prof. Avshalom Mizrahi, Israel 2003.
- CAM - Prof. Jonathan Halevy 2005.
- Good Food for Kids - Dr. Stano.
- Eat right from the start - Hila Neve, yafa Frankel.
- The Complete Guide supplements - Dr. Udi Bar, Yafa Shir Raz.
- Healthy children - health and education of children in light of the anthroposophical Dr. Avishai Gershuni.

- feel younger - nutritional guide to the elderly, Dr. Deborah Ariovic .
- Complete Guide to Homeopathy - Andrew Loki.
- Herbs - Audi Penilopi .
- herbal medicine - mina Faran, in 2006.
- rejuvenation, Dr. Penina Bar Sela 2007.
- Encyclopedia of Alternative Medicine and Complementary Medicine, Shai Perry and Ami - Issachar, Lior Saraf Israel in 2002.
- Health - Nutrition and cooking naturally, Zehurit Sheehi-Bloom 2001.
- cancer treatment, a collection of articles on alternative therapies,1999.
- Complete Guide to Nutrition in pregnancy Dr. Amos Bar, 2007.
- Herbal Medicine Clinical Gal M.ran Moran 2006.
- Phytotherapy modern and traditional life Yaniv Morsiano and Haim Lin Moran 2006.
- Naturopathy -Healing power, Dr. Steiner Gilit.
- optimal health naturopath Dr. Hila Geva Aviram.
- Diagnosis and treatment of Bach Flower Dr. Ziv Meir.
- The New Encyclopedia of Natural Healing, Dr. James Balkh MD, Dr. Mark Stengler ND, & Prof. Avshalom Mizrahi.2006.



Historical review of the status of complementary medicine in Israel

The status of complementary medicine in Israel is not regulated by legislation. The need for complementary medicine on one hand and warnings of the medical establishment and the courts on the other - require legislation to regulate the issue. So far a number public committees have dealt with that issue without proper legislative solution.

Elon Committee (1988) defined the legal status of complementary medicine in Israel as far from satisfactory and stated that most healers practicing alternative medicine have no legal status and no supervision of their work and professional training.

The Elon Committee requested recommendations for the law to be changed to comply with two fundamental principles: the right for free choice that is, to choose the person he/she entrusts to provide medical treatment as well as the principle of public safety and well-being, to create regulation that ensures that complementary medicine services will not endanger the person's life, and will not harm his/her health.

The Committee's recommendations are intended to prevent improper diagnosis treatment and harm caused as a result of the cessation of conventional treatment for people who turn to complementary medicine services.

Changes in legislation initiated by the Ministry of Health and published in October 1993, include several paragraphs about the health practitioners' inter alia to non-physician licensed to practice pediatrics and chiropractic.

State Comptroller's report that no other practical response for 7 years to the recommendations of the Elon Report.

The State Comptroller 1995 Report reviewed the status of alternative medicine in Israel. Examination of the comptroller report found that Ministry of Health, did not apply most of the Committee's as it should have and only took care of both issues.

Supervision of the Ministry of Health on alternative medicine [1] - Despite public committee recommendations and reports of the State Comptroller- has no legislative arrangement of the subject.

There is no institutional supervision, regulated, to health practitioners and anyone can, in theory, publish his self as a therapist.

Israel has no qualified Academic Institutions for alternative medicine studies. Until now, the law has not set the status of health practitioners. Registration is not carried out effectively by the ministry of health. There are no criteria for the training of professionals dealing with complementary medicine.

In the absence of a law regulating the status of the various Professions of complementary medicine, the Ministry of Health does not recognize the professional status of those engaged in complementary medicine.

In the absence of institutional recognition, there is no legal obligation for the complementary medicine professionals to offer their services to the public.

Moreover, health care institutions have no legal obligation to discuss complaints from the public about a particular therapist..

Despite the lack of official status complementary medicine has gained a real foothold in consumer culture and public's health. The Ministry of Health recognizes the long list of complementary healthcare practitioners.

Many Hospitals and medical centers have complementary medicine treatments like homeopathic treatments, traditional Chinese medicine, reflexology, shiatsu, chiropractic, osteopathy, naturopathy Bach, Hypnosis, Feldenkrais, Antrofo therapy, Tuina, Neurotherapy, osteopathy, drug therapy, lymphatic drainage, Paula, Cranio sacral therapy lantana, allergy removal treatment, holistic massage and more.

Complementary medicine is seen as a deviation from conventional medicine.

Practice of medicine is limited only to authorized physicians. "Who is not a licensed physician shall not engage in nor impersonate medicine."

There are exceptions to this rule, as long as the work is performed under the direct supervision of a licensed physician.

Noting the clumsy legislative procedures on one hand and the Ministry of Health authority on the other to recognize the rights of "professional therapists" the committee will recommend a list of subjects that can be applied to the patient's bill of.

Significance of the amendment is a formal recognition (de jure) of subjects for health professions. It is proposed that the Committee will determine the criteria for recognition of a particular profession, including mandatory training and professional liability insurance requirements.

Regulation of the said issue will save the awkwardness legislative and serve as an interim arrangement until the enactment of the Health Professions Act regulate the issue of alternative medicine along with the arrangements stated in the law.

In conclusion, due to the constraints we cannot elaborate anymore on this subject. More can be read in articles referred to below.

[1] •See Adv. Davies, professional responsibility of taking care of Complementary Medicine, Medicine and Lawthe Jubilee Book, November 2001

• Adv. Neve Gilad and Adv. Hodaya Cain, Team Leader - The Knesset Research and Science Center February 2, 2010

• Advocate Stave Maor, "Why did not recognize me?" Medicine and Law, Issue 46 July 2012

• Efrat Rosen - Kibbutzim College - Department of Complementary Medicine Studies