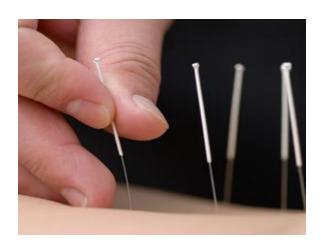
Introduction to Chinese Medicine







2000 plus years

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Chinese medicine looks a bit like this



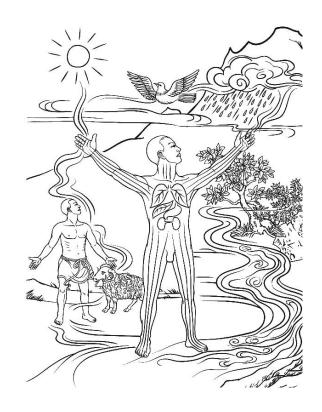
角度重要

Qualitative

- Focus on person, rather than disease
- Highly individual
- Root and branch

Language of nature

- No boundaries drawn between humans and nature
- What sounds like a weather report is actually a well considered diagnosis



Five Pillars



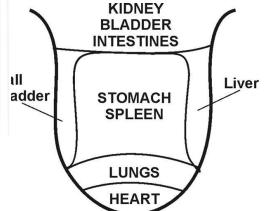
Diagnostic Methods-tongue



图 3-17 舌边黏腻

图 3-16 苔黄厚黏腻

图 3-45 苔焦黑干燥



Diagnostic Methods- Pulse





Diagnostic Methods- Abdomen



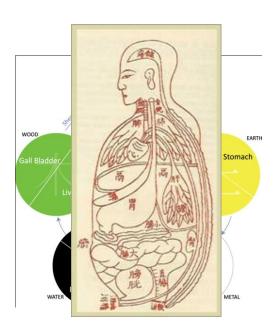
Acupuncture and herbal traditions both use the belly

Very useful in differentiating various constitutional types

Areas of coldness, tension, pain and moisture all give clinically useful information

Diagnostic Theory

- Eight principle
- Wu xing (five phases)
- Zang fu- organ systems



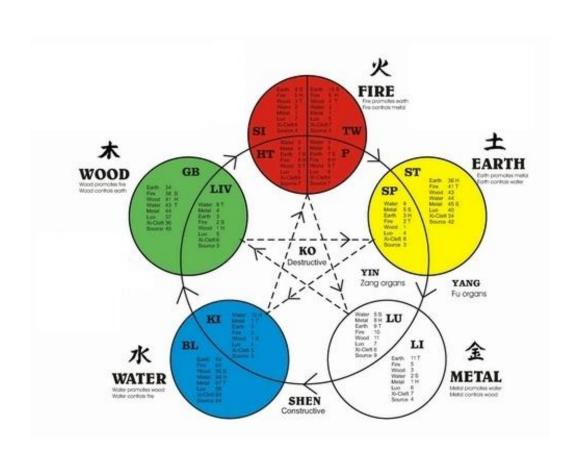
Eight Principles

- Excess / deficiency
- Hot / cold
- Exterior / interior
- Yin / yang



Wu Xing- five movements

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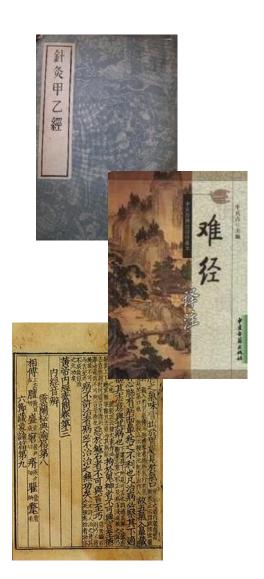
Zang Fu- organ systems

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- Interior / exterior relations
- Channel relations
- Organ functions / Chinese physiology- not to be confused with Western organ function!



Acupuncture



Chinese / Modern TCM

Japanese

Korean hand

Tung shi, Taiwan

French ear

English 5E

Dry needling/trigger points

Acupuncture

- Channels and points
- Adjusts flow of qi
- Effects organ function
- Local vs distal treatment
- Treats root and branch



Chinese herbs



Chinese herbs

- Raw herbs/decoctions
- Tablets/pills
- Concentrated granules

Chinese herbs- Safety

Know your sources

Need for qualified, studied practitioner

Separate media hysteria from actual situation

While safe, this is not something you should fool around with in a casual way

中藥的安全

Chinese herbs- drug interactions

- Quite rare
- Usually can be used with western meds



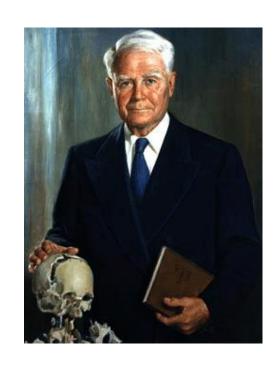
Diet Therapy

- Energetics of food
- Basic Western nutrition
- Get off the HFCS and artificial sweeteners
- Shop the edges of supermarket
- If you great grandmother did not recognize it as food, it's not!

Bodywork

- Massage
- Cranial work
- Cupping





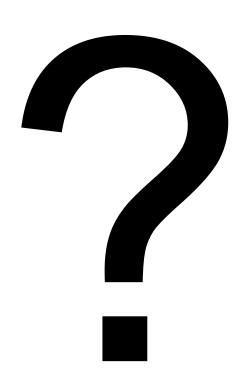


Wellness promotion 養生

- Moderate exercise
- Taichi / qigong
- Yoga
- Pilates
- Meditation
- Whatever connects you to Life

Questions

有什麼問題



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