

Allopathic

Medicine practiced by those with a doctor of medicine degree, sometimes called Western medicine.

Allopathic medical care is the kind of care that the majority of Americans receive. It uses medications and surgery to fight diseases. It stands in contrast to homeopathy, which uses natural herbs, diet and vitamins to improve health. Other alternatives to allopathic medicine include chiropractic, acupuncture and meditation.

An increasing number of Americans are using alternatives to allopathic medicine as either a substitute for or in conjunction with allopathic medicine.