



Traditional Alternative Healers of the Philippines Statistics (3)

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1. The traditional and alternative healing of mental illness in the Philippines which are closely related to the Filipino culture.

No available data as of now.

2. The Institute's definition of traditional and alternative healing/medicine.

As defined under Republic Act No. 8423 or the Traditional and Alternative Medicine Act of 1997:

Traditional and Alternative Health Care is the sum total of knowledge, skills and practices, other than those embodied in biomedicine, used in the prevention, diagnosis and elimination of physical or mental disorders.

Traditional Medicine is the sum total of knowledge, skills and practice on health care, not necessarily explicable in the context of modern, scientific philosophical framework, but recognized by the people to help maintain and improve their health towards the wholeness of their being, the community and society, and their interrelations based on culture, history, heritage, and considerations.

3. The Institute's stand on the unregistered traditional and alternative medicine practice in physical and mental illnesses.

As of the moment, PITAHC does not possess any regulatory power to impose penalty or sanction to all unregistered TAHC practitioners and clinics. PITAHC, however, certifies practitioners based on existing competencies and guidelines and accredits facilities, clinics and training programs in accordance to the guidelines of each approved modality.