

Natural Medicine Policy Statement

The WNF recognizes the important role that natural medicine plays in the global healthcare system. WNF also recognizes that the practice of naturopathy / naturopathic medicine is eclectic and encompasses many aspects that are considered natural medicine.

One of the challenges of naturopathy / naturopathic medicine is that the term naturopathy is often used interchangeably with natural medicine. Although there is a degree of overlap, it is important that naturopathy and naturopathic medicine be recognized as distinct.

One of the main goals of the WNF is to provide clarity and to provide the distinction between natural medicine and naturopathy that is required. In order to do this, the WNF will:

- Ensure that all member organizations have at least 65% of their members as naturopaths and that all member organizations commit to focusing primarily on the advancement of naturopathy / naturopathic medicine as part of their mandate.
- Engage in projects that focus on the clarification and the advancement of naturopathy / naturopathic medicine.
- Hold the WNF General Assemblies in naturopathic-based conferences.

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