



The Role of Traditional and Complementary and Integrative Medicine in Controlling COVID-19

On March 30th, the World Naturopathic Federation (WNF) participated in a World Health Organization (WHO) online call with ten other NGOs from nine countries to discuss “The Role of Traditional and Complementary and Integrative Medicine in Controlling COVID-19”. The WNF will be working with naturopathic researchers from around the globe to provide research-based reviews on naturopathic therapies specific to immune health.

Thank you to our members that have provided information and suggestions related to COVID-19. Providing solid research to support the naturopathic approach to any recommended therapy or condition is essential, especially in the time of a global pandemic. Our goal is to provide the research to support the naturopathic focus on lifestyle as an essential aspect of prevention, treatment and recovery and to highlight key naturopathic therapies that have a substantial body of research to validate their mechanism of action. We will share these reviews with you and the WHO once they are completed.

We welcome the contribution of naturopathic researchers from around the world. The following are the organizations that have offered to support the WNF in creating Rapid Reviews specific to COVID-19 crisis: University of Technology Sydney (UTS), National University of Natural Medicine (NUNM), Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine (CCNM), Bastyr University (Bastyr), Boucher Institute of Naturopathic Medicine (BINM), NICM Health Research Institute, Canadian Association of Naturopathic Doctors (CAND), American Association of Naturopathic Physicians (AANP), AANP Global Health Committee, OCN FENACO, Naturopaths and Herbalist Association of Australia (NHAA).

If you would like to be involved please email us research@worldnaturopathicfederation.org



Support the Environmental Risk Factors Initiative

The WNF Environmental Risk Factors initiative is very timely. As the world is forced to take a look at the choices that it has made there will be more focus on the environment. The WNF Environmental Risk Factors Initiative will focus on highlighting the key environmental factors that disrupt health. We will launching the website and social media posts this summer. In June we will also be working with Global Giving – a fund raising organization – to help raise the needed funds for this important initiative. Stay tuned.

Attention Educational Members

The WNF is completing a comprehensive analysis of the 100 naturopathic educational institutions from around the world. This analysis will provide the framework for enhancing naturopathic educational globally. This review will be a follow up to the WNF Educational and Credentials document published in August of 2018. We will be asking all naturopathic schools to provide information on their program. Please watch for the email.

Community Engagement Survey

In the next month the WNF will be circulating a Survey looking at the role naturopathic doctors / naturopaths play in educating their community about health, and the types of activities they undertake to do this. The results of this survey will assist in illustrating the essential role that the naturopathic profession plays in prevention, self-care and health promotion. WNF Members will be invited to share a link to the online survey with their members.



Membership Renewal

Despite the chaos in the world, we have had 2/3 of members renew their membership with the WNF. Thank you to all those that have already renewed. If you haven't had a chance, please do so this month.

