

Media Release

World Naturopathic Federation announces the publication of a Health Technology Assessment on Naturopathy

Toronto, ON, February 20, 2022 -- The World Naturopathic Federation (WNF) announces the publication of *Naturopathy, practice, effectiveness, economics & safety*, the first Health Technology Assessment (HTA) of the naturopathic profession. The HTA, a 750-page report, provides an evidence-based summary of naturopathic practice and the safety, economics, and effectiveness of naturopathic care.

Lead editors of the HTA were naturopathic doctors Iva Lloyd (Canada), Amie Steel and Jon Wardle (Australia). Contributors included 50 naturopaths / naturopathic doctors, spanning five World Health Organization (WHO) Regions. The HTA was made possible due to the generous financial assistance of the [Naturopaths and Herbalist Association of Australia](#) and the [WNF](#), and supported by the Australian Research Centre in Complementary and Integrative Medicine at the University of Technology Sydney (Australia).

“The HTA addresses key questions raised by policy makers, accreditors, regulators and those seeking to further understand the breadth and depth of naturopathic care,” states Dr. Iva Lloyd, WNF President. “It addresses the research, risks and economics associated with naturopathic practice, as well as the current regulatory and educational status of the profession globally”.

The scope of the HTA was informed by research conducted by the international naturopathic community over the last thirty years. It encompasses over 2,000 peer-reviewed scientific articles including a review of more than 300 clinical studies involving over 100 different health populations. Seven international surveys of the naturopathic profession were conducted to support the findings reported in the HTA.

For a hard copy of the HTA please contact the WNF. The full HTA is available as an e-book at <https://worldnaturopathicfederation.org/project/health-technology-assessment-naturopathy/>. All proceeds from the HTA will go towards supporting the naturopathic profession globally.

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About the World Naturopathic Federation (WNF)

The World Naturopathic Federation represents over 70 naturopathic organizations from all WHO Regions. The role of the WNF includes promoting and supporting the global naturopathic profession.

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