

Perspective

## The Need for Replacement of Drug Therapy with Herbal Remedies

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## **DESCRIPTION**

The usage of herbal medications and phytonutrients, often known as nutraceuticals, is growing quickly all over the world as more individuals turn to these products to treat numerous health issues in various national healthcare systems. Natural treatments have gained enormous popularity over the past ten years, both in developed and emerging nations, as seen by the availability of these herbal cures not only in drugstores but also in food and grocery shops. According to estimates, up to four billion people (or 80% of the world's population) who live in developing nations depend on herbal medicines as their main source of healthcare in those communities, traditional medical practices that involve the use of herbs are viewed as an essential component of culture.

As Complementary and Alternative Medicines (CAMs) gained popularity in the UK and the rest of Europe, as well as in North America and Australia, so has the usage of herbal therapies in many industrialized nations is increased. While the use of herbal remedies is common and well established in various other European nations, locations like the UK have a long history of utilizing them. The main justification for using herbal medicine in these industrialized nations, among many others, is the conviction that it will encourage healthy living. Therefore, those who use them as over-the-counter medications and home treatments frequently consider herbal medicines as a balanced and moderate approach to healing, and they spend a lot of money on herbal goods. This helps to

explain why sales of herbal medications are rising and account for a sizeable fraction of the worldwide pharmaceutical market.

Public health issues and worries about the safety of herbal medical goods are becoming more widely acknowledged as their use throughout the world increases and a large number of new products are released into the market. Although many herbal treatments have not been researched and are still in use, some of them show intriguing promise and are extensively utilized. Due to this, there is very little information available about their possible side effects, which makes it more challenging to find the safest and most efficient treatments and to encourage their responsible usage. It is also well known that the majority of herbal products' safety is further affected by poor quality standards, poor quality labelling, and a lack of important patient information. Therefore, it is now crucial to provide the general public, including healthcare professionals, with sufficient information to help them better comprehend the dangers involved with using these goods and to guarantee that all medications are secure and of the right calibre. Herbal medicine usage and factors favouring use is restricted to toxicity-related problems and significant safety concerns. To assist concentrate relevant regulatory bodies on the need for efficacy, proper public health protection, and safety promotion, certain significant problems related to effectively monitoring the safety of these herbal treatments are also addressed. To confirm that herbal medicines fulfill the necessary criteria for safety, quality, and efficacy, they must now be subject to drug regulatory frameworks in every country on earth, just like other medications for human use.

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