



Resources

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Listed in alphabetical order by organization name.

Alliance for Natural Health USA

The [Alliance for Natural Health USA](#) (ANH-USA), is part of an international organization dedicated to promoting sustainable health and freedom of choice in healthcare through good science and good law.

The Alternative Medicine Foundation

The [Alternative Medicine Foundation](#) publishes *The Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine*. The organization's web site includes an extensive list of resources, databases, and workshops. The foundation also developed the HerbMed database, which can be accessed from this site.

American Academy of Medical Acupuncture (AAMA)

The purpose of the [American Academy of Medical Acupuncture](#) is to promote the integration of concepts from traditional and modern forms of acupuncture with Western medical training and thereby synthesize a more comprehensive approach to health care. The site includes a database of physicians.

American Association of Naturopathic Physicians (AANP)

The [American Association of Naturopathic Physicians](#) is the national professional society representing licensed or licensable naturopathic physicians who are graduates of four-year, residential graduates programs. Naturopathic medicine is based on the belief that the human body has an innate healing ability. Naturopathic doctors (NDs) teach their patients to use diet, exercise, lifestyle changes and cutting edge natural therapies to enhance their bodies' ability to ward off and combat disease. Naturopathic physicians craft comprehensive treatment plans that blend the best of modern medical science and traditional natural medical approaches to not only treat disease, but to also restore health.

American Association of Oriental Medicine (AAOM)

The purpose of the [American Association of Oriental Medicine](#) to promote excellence and integrity in the professional practice of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, in order to enhance public health and well-being. The site includes a database of acupuncturist.

The American College for the Advancement of Medicine (ACAM)

The [American College for the Advancement of Medicine](#) represents one of the largest groups of licensed, practicing physicians in the U.S., distinguished by their evidence-based, scientific application of alternative medicines in patient care.

American Holistic Medical Association (AHMA)

Founded in 1978, the [American Holistic Medical Association](#) remains true to its original mission, serving as the leading advocate for the use of holistic and integrative medicine by all licensed healthcare providers. They embrace integrative, complementary and alternative medicine techniques; they hold onto what is helpful in allopathic medicine; and they understand that healing includes your body, your mind, your emotions, and your spirit.

American Institute of Homeopathy (AIH)

The [American Institute of Homeopathy](#) is a trade association of medical and osteopathic physicians, dentists, advanced practice nurses and physician assistants dedicated to the practice, promotion and improvement of homeopathic medicine. The organization places great emphasis on the dissemination of homeopathic medical knowledge through publishing, public speaking and education. This web site represents this commitment and is intended as both a professional and public resource for homeopathy today.

Associated Bodywork & Massage Professionals (ABMP)

[Associated Bodywork & Massage Professionals](#) is a professional membership association serving massage, bodywork, and somatic practitioners by providing practice support, ethical standards, legislative advocacy, and public education. ABMP is employee-owned and headquartered in Golden, Colorado. It was founded in 1987 and since that time has grown to more than 73,000 members, making it the largest massage membership organization in the country.

[ABMP's public education site](#), provides information on the benefits of massage, what to expect during a massage session, how to find a massage therapist, and hundreds of articles pertaining to bodywork education.

Association for Comprehensive Energy Psychology (ACEP)

Formed as a non-profit in 1999, [ACEP](#) has a global membership of over 1,200 licensed mental health professionals and allied health practitioners. ACEP members are dedicated to exploring, developing, researching and applying energy psychology methods to alleviate human suffering, enhance human performance and access human potential.

Energy psychology (EP) is a family of integrative approaches to psychotherapy and healthcare treatment rooted in mind-body healing traditions over 5,000 years old. ACEP works on behalf of its members to establish the credibility and efficacy of energy psychology methods through its programs of education, certification, ethics, humanitarian aid and research. By upholding standards of practice and a code of ethics for energy psychology practitioners, ACEP raises the bar of professionalism for this emerging field.

Institute for Functional Medicine (IFM)

The [Institute for Functional Medicine](#) offers educational publications and programs designed to raise the bar on clinicians' standard of care. The Institute publishes textbooks, monographs, and other educational materials available for CME credits and offers clinicians a Forum for the shared exploration of emerging research and clinical applications to improve patient care and outcomes. Detailed information about the Institute, its educational activities, and membership can be found on their web site or call 800-228-0622.

International Society for the Studies of Subtle Energies and Energy Medicine

[International Society for the Studies of Subtle Energies and Energy Medicine](#) is an international non-profit interdisciplinary organization dedicated to exploring and applying subtle energies as they relate to the experience of consciousness, healing, and human potential.

National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM)

The [National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine](#) is the Federal Government's lead agency for scientific research on complementary and alternative medicine.

National Center for Homeopathy (NCH)

The [National Center for Homeopathy](#) is an open-membership organization whose mission is to promote health through homeopathy. By providing general education to the public about homeopathy, and specific education to homeopaths, we help to make homeopathy available throughout the United States.

National College of Naturopathic Medicine (NCNM)

[National College of Natural Medicine](#) is the oldest accredited naturopathic medical college in North America. They offer graduate programs in naturopathic medicine and classical Chinese medicine blending ancient healing wisdom with modern science in challenging curricula.

National Institute of Ayurvedic Medicine (NIAM)

The [National Institute of Ayurvedic Medicine](#) is recognized as the largest and most authentic resource of information on Ayurveda in the United States. It was established in 1982 by Scott Gerson, M.D., Ph.D. (Ayurveda), M.Phil. (Ayurveda) who is the nation's only medical doctor to hold degrees in both Ayurveda and conventional allopathic medicine.

Natural Healers

[Natural Healers](#) is an education resource for people pursuing careers in the natural healing arts. They are a complete alternative medicine and holistic health school directory and career center with a comprehensive list of natural healing schools searchable by state, modality, distance learning or continuing education.

Price-Pottenger Nutrition Foundation (PPNF)

The [Price-Pottenger Nutrition Foundation](#) (PPNF), previously known as the Weston A. Price Memorial Foundation, is a non-profit education resource created in 1952 to promote and publish the principles and research of Weston A. Price, DDS, Francis M. Pottenger, Jr., MD, and other great nutrition pioneers. Chief among these principles is the conviction that the quality of water, soil, and the plant and animal kingdoms determines the physical foundation of mankind, which in turn promotes and balances mental and spiritual health. The foundation is supported by membership, book sales and donations, which enable them to disseminate reliable, unbiased information for the benefit of present and future generations. Please visit the [PPNF Blog](#) to read articles from the Price-Pottenger Nutrition Foundation.®