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native healers is a foundation text on the fundamental principles of western herbal medicine and how to implement them in practice by two leaders in their field it combines the latest in scientific research with the wisdom of ancient traditions to reveal a system of healing that is flexible supportive powerful and kind presenting a view of the body and its systems which is unique to western herbal medicine native healers provides a clear and comprehensive overview of basic treatment approaches to common conditions and the herbs used to heal them this book serves as an informative companion to the heartwood foundation course in western herbal medicine and is an indispensable resource for students healthcare professionals and anyone

interested in herbal medicine

the western herbal tradition provides a comprehensive and critical exploration of the use of plant medicines through 2000 years of history from dioscorides to the present day it follows each of the 27 herbs through a wide range of key sources from european arabic and american traditions including greek roman and renaissance texts a rich discussion of the historical texts is balanced with current application and research the herbs have been selected on the basis of common use by practising herbalists each illustrated monograph contains species identification and botanical description a study of the characterisation and medicinal use of the plants consistently drawn from featured herbals which includes the authors2 own translations from the latin assessment of past and current texts in the transmission of herbal knowledge consideration of traditional therapeutics including humoral and physiomedical approaches suggestions towards a modern experiential approach through goethean methodology current evidence on pharmacological constituents review of evidence on safety recommendations for internal and external uses prescribing and dosage excellent illustrations accompany each monograph to aid learning first book to cover broader historical perspective and discussions of issues surrounding each herb written by leading experts who are well known in the field includes some monographs of which there is little material already available the bibliographic evidence provided could support applications for registration of herbal medicinal products under the provisions of the traditional herbal medicinal product directive an excellent valuable resource for everyone interested in herbal medicine

critical approaches to the history of western herbal medicine encourages a serious re assessment of research in the history of herbal medicine and provides examples of appropriate methodologies and critical examinations of relevant sources in this innovative collection historians and researchers from a range of disciplines come together to share material on the identification and use of medicinal plants the activities of people involved with herbal medicine and the investigation of past herbal therapeutic beliefs and practice

a treatise on using plants from outside the standard chinese materia medica within the chinese medical paradigm this book first discusses some historical information then introduces a method to integrate new plants into chinese medicine and finishes with a materia medica covering some of the most common plants used in western herbal medicine this is a continuation of the author s first book western herbs according to traditional chinese medicine

a comprehensive guide detailing the story of healing with herbs from pre history to modern times drawing on her decades of experience as an established herbalist and historian christina stapley presents an encyclopaedic and accessible guide to the theory and practice of western herbal medicine throughout history spanning an impressive timeline of two thousand years a

history of plant medicine is a fundamental textbook for students and practitioners of herbal medicine to enhance their study and practice as well as an enjoyable narrative for anyone interested in this bountiful and fascinating subject using a wealth of historical research staplely invites readers on a journey from the beginnings of botany through to the development of greek and celtic medicine including roman medicine and the roman settlement of britain it moves on to explore anglo saxon leechbooks arabic medicine norman influenced physicians and surgeons and pharmacy in the medieval period it also examines the physic garden in britain culpeper and astrology concluding with changes and developments to herbal medicine in the modern day as well as offering a detailed chronology of herbalism in the western world a history of plant medicine provides practical advice and recipes which can be implemented in the daily practice of the modern herbalist staplely creates tangible threads through time focusing on the most used herbs at different periods and following them over the centuries special emphasis is put upon seeking out effective recipes and practices abandoned in favour of new ideas and foreign herbs and each is presented clearly and accessibly throughout a history of plant medicine also illuminates the work of women physicians across the ages whose work has often been obscured or forgotten ultimately a history of plant medicine invites herbalists both new and old historians or interested lay people to re evaluate their relationship with herbal medicine in understanding how different herbs are perceived in the light of knowledge and beliefs at particular times in order to aid a greater understanding of the western herbal tradition

the first book to exclusively use chinese medical theories and terminology to guide practitioners of chinese medicine in the use of western herbs written entirely according to the theory diagnosis and treatment paradigm of traditional chinese medicine tcm explains how to combine and modify the standard tcm formulas to non chinese herbs suitable for western practitioners includes 58 monographs of common western healing herbs detailing how each plant is used clinically the ever growing number of chinese medicine practitioners in the west has brought about an amalgamation of many styles of chinese medicine and various other forms of medicine from around the world this book addresses the increasing demand for knowledge of how to integrate plants from outside the standard chinese materia medica into the fold of chinese medical practices in the west it is the first in depth guide to using western herbs exclusively according to the theories diagnoses and treatments of traditional chinese medicine that harmonizes the unique terminology and theories of tcm with other botanical medicines the book contains 58 monographs illustrated with full color photographs of herbs commonly used by western herbalists each herb is grouped by the basic categorization for medicinals in chinese medicine such as herbs that resolve the exterior and herbs that regulate blood the monographs detail the energetics function and indication channels entered dosage and preparation and contraindications of each plant the author also explains how to use the herbs to modify standard formulas used in everyday chinese herbal medicine based on his own clinical experience an

appendix of western analogs for chinese herbs further highlights 40 chinese medicinals that have related species growing in the west

providing a guide to the development of herbal medicine in the western world this is a revised edition of a work first published in 1981 it contains basic information on modern herbal practice as well as historical details about the personalities who shaped its development it discusses the conflict in the ranks of herbal practitioners and organizations and looks at the growing volume of clinical research which is establishing the scientific credentials of herbal medicine information about ancient and modern miracle cures such as ginkgo biloba aloe vera saw palmetto and st john s wort is also included

this book is intended to be a users manual not a reference book and so has charts diagrams tables and cross references to enable the interested practitioner to incorporate the western herbal tradition into their practice it synthesises and elaborates on all the extant information on the western healing tradition as recorded by william lilly and nicholas culpeper in the 17th and from the author s own herbal practice it shows how using planetary energies and the wheel of the year deepens our understanding of the action of medicinal plants on the body and establishes the practitioner within their environment allowing them to use planetary energies to determine the peak times to harvest and use herbal remedies and to locate health and sickness within the holistic paradigm of western traditional herbal medicine for ease of use the book is divided into two sections the first details the philosophical framework within which traditional western herbalists can operate looking at the four humours and seven planets and the use of the diagnostic tool of the decumbiture chart the work is so organised that the humoral system can be used without astrology should that be the preference the second part covers the practical application of the philosophy how to collect make and administer herbal remedies according to the planetary days and hours and the decumbiture chart examples of decumbiture charts will be included to show how the philosophy is used in practice lastly a materia medica of common herbs is included this fascinating new title by the best selling elisabeth brooke will be of interest to anyone involved in the theory or practice of herbal medicine particularly those who have been inspired by her other classic works including a woman s book of herbs and herbal therapy for women

the medicinal formula of the western medicine tradition is a comprehensive text for the student or practitioner of traditional or herbal medicine it contains many of the most used herbal formula of the western herbal tradition over the past 2000 years each formula contains ingredients with proportions way of preparation dose and uses it has been compiled over years of research and sourced from some of the most respected writers and texts of the western medicine tradition it also contains an introduction to galenic pharmacy pharmacology and humoral medicine as well as ample appendices including glossaries lists of substitute medicines

and a list of diseases with the formulas used in their treatment this text has been written to inspire western practitioners herbalists and naturopaths to study and use western traditional formulas resources for which are greatly required it is a great stand alone text to study and incorporate western formulas into your clinic it is also a great complimentary text to medicinetraditions.com

the practice of traditional western herbalism places the function of western herbs in their true historical context apart from homeopathy traditional chinese medicine and ayurveda recently there has been a revival of interest in western herbalism but practitioners haven't been able to explore its benefits due to a void of information on the topic the system of medicine the herbs fit into had all but disappeared to remedy the situation herbalist matthew wood has researched the old time practices and reconstructed them for modern use in resuscitating western herbal medicine and bringing it up to date he gives his readers a powerful tool for holistic theory and treatment wood makes the point that plant medicines because they are made from a broad range of chemical components are naturally suited for the treatment of general patterns in the body he argues against the biomedical model of standardization in which herbs are refined and advertised as if they were drugs suited to an exact disease or condition

more and more of us are turning to safe and gentle herbal remedies to maintain our well being not only are herbs effective medicines but herbal medicine's holistic approach to healing encourages us to develop an understanding of our bodies and their constitutional predisposition using herbs can actively help our self healing process and strengthen our overall good health this practical guide covers all aspects of herbal medicine from its history on how to prepare remedies for common ailments

the energetics of western herbs vols 1 and 2 is a pathbreaking reference work for over 220 botanical remedies used in western herbal medicine comprehensive and detailed it draws on chinese and greek herbal medicine to integrate traditional herbal energetics with the latest findings in plant pharmacology the traditional vitalistic and modern scientific systems of herbal medicine are complementary paradigms not irreconcilable approaches using both systems simultaneously will greatly enhance the efficacy of herbal formulation in clinical practice as well as provide a deeper understanding of each system this fourth edition is a complete revision and expansion of the third edition in both text and layout it includes fourteen new herbs including schisandra rehmannia rhodiola eleuthero devil's claw white peony asian ginseng asian buplever and baikal skullcap the introductions to each herb class which explore the treatment strategies behind the various types of herbs have been rewritten to include much new clinical material as well as to reflect current knowledge in addition the whole text has been re typeset for greater user friendliness as a practical herbal medicine reference the energetics includes detailed practical instructions for preparing and using herbal remedies for internal and topical use for

each herb it includes the most useful preparation forms along with important dosage caution and contraindication information for this fourth edition the detailed dosages for tincture infusion and decoction preparations have been fully updated based on current western herbal medicine practice and the tincture strength and ethanol content information have been added for every herb

this is the first definitive book to draw on unique unpublished professional expertise about the reshaping of herbal medicine in the uk this book outlines the outcomes of recent examinations and poses challenging questions about the direction of future herbal medicine policy within the uk contributions from senior members of the european herbal practitioners association well written and presented includes vital issues such as divergent herbal traditions in the uk history of herbal medicine in europe patient and public safety and cultural issues faced integrating traditional systems of medicine within an allopathic medical model

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