In article <19609@pitt.UUCP> geb@cs.pitt.edu (Gordon Banks) writes:

>Accepted by whom? Not by scientists. There are people

>in every country who waste time and money on quackery.

>In Britain and Scandanavia, where I have worked, it was not paid for.

>What are "most of these countries?" I don't believe you.

I am told (by the person who I care a lot about and who I am worried is going to start putting his health and money into homeopathy without really knowing what he is getting into and who is the reason I posted in the first place about homeopathy) that in Britain homeopathy is available on the National Health Service and that there are about 6000 GPs who use homeopathic practices. True? False? What? Have there been any important and documented investigations into homeopathic principles?

I was reading a book on homeopathy over the weekend. I turned to the section on the principles behind homeopathic medicine, and two paragraphs informed me that homeopaths don't feel obliged to provide any sort of explanation. The author stated this with pride, as though it were some sort of virtue! Why am I sceptical about homeopathy? Is it because I am a narrow-minded bigot, or is it because homeopathy really looks more like witch-doctory than anything else?

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