

From: romdas@uclink.berkeley.edu (Ella I Baff) writes:

JB> RR> "I don't doubt that the placebo effect is alive and well with

JB> RR> EVERY medical modality - estimated by some to be around 20+%,

JB> RR> but why would it be higher with alternative versus conventional

JB> RR> medicine?"

JB> Because most the the time, closer to 90% in my experience, there is no

JB> substance to the 'alternative' intervention beyond the good intentions of the

JB> practitioner, which in itself is quite therapeutic. [.....]

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Well, if that's the case in YOUR practice, I have a hard time

figuring out how you even managed to make it into the bottom half

of your class, or did you create your diplomas with crayons?

If someone runs a medical practice with only a 10% success rate,

they either tackle problems for which they are not qualified to

treat, or they have no conscience and are only in business for

fraudulent purposes.

OTOH, who are we kidding, the New England Medical Journal in 1984

ran the heading: "Ninety Percent of Diseases are not Treatable by

Drugs or Surgery," which has been echoed by several other reports.

No wonder MDs are not amused with alternative medicine, since

the 20% magic of the "placebo effect" would award alternative

practitioners twice the success rate of conventional medicine...

--Ron--

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