

K(> king@reasoning.com (Dick King) writes:

K(> RR> ron.roth@rose.com (ron roth) wrote:

K(> RR> OTOH, who are we kidding, the New England Medical Journal in 1984

K(> RR> ran the heading: "Ninety Percent of Diseases are not Treatable by

K(> RR> Drugs or Surgery," which has been echoed by several other reports.

K(> RR> No wonder MDs are not amused with alternative medicine, since

K(> RR> the 20% magic of the "placebo effect" would award alternative

K(> RR> practitioners twice the success rate of conventional medicine...

K(> 1: "90% of diseases" is not the same thing as "90% of patients".

K(> In a world with one curable disease that strikes 100 people, and nine

K(> incurable diseases which strikes one person each, medical science will cure

K(> 91% of the patients and report that 90% of diseases have no therapy.

K(> 2: A disease would be counted among the 90% untreatable if nothing better than

K(> a placebo were known. Of course MDs are ethically bound to not knowingly

K(> dispense placebos...

Hmmm... even *without* the ;-) at the end, I didn't think anyone

was going to take the mathematics or statistics of my post seriously.

I only hope that you had the same thing in mind with your post,

otherwise you would need at least TWO ;-)'s at the end to help

anyone understand your calculations above...

--Ron--

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