



The Center for Integrated Medicine at Pitigliano Hospital, Tuscany region, opened in February 2011, is the first and only hospital in the Italian public health service that delivers CAM (homeopathy and acupuncture) for hospitalized patients. The project was made possible in Tuscany because there is a law that recognizes the Complementary Medicine (homeopathy, acupuncture and herbal medicine) as medicines of the regional public health service. Five physicians experienced in homeopathy and acupuncture and TCM and one healthcare project manager were recruited for the project. It is an experimental project of the Tuscany region initiated for the purpose of scientific research aimed at:

**** Studying the application in a hospital ward of a new model of Integrated Medicine characterized by the therapeutic alliance between biomedicine and CAM according to the principles of the interdisciplinary approach to the cure. According to this model, orthodox doctors and medical experts in CAM work together in identifying new shared pathway in the treatment of those pathologies considered susceptible to integrated therapy.**



Briefing between orthodox doctors and medical experts in CAM's

Integrated medical visit in the Medicine Department of Pitigliano Hospital

Outpatient visit of integrated medicine

**** Measuring the effectiveness of CAM (homeopathy and acupuncture and TCM) for improving the quality of life, reducing clinical signs of chronic diseases, reducing the side effects of chemical drugs used in chronic diseases due to the integration of care; finally measuring the reduction in pharmaceutical expenditure. The protocols also take place in the Center of orthopedic and neurological rehabilitation of Manciano. In addition to the hospital wards there are five ambulatories for outpatient visits in homeopathy, acupuncture and TCM.**



Outpatients' areas of the Center for Integrated Medicine

Waiting Room

Active outpatient Services: Integrated Medicine for chronic diseases and Integrated Oncology. In two and a half years of activity there have been more than 10,000 visits to citizens coming both from the region of Tuscany and other Italian regions. Assisted population: Age Rating: ≥ 12 years: 5% 13-21 years: 10%, from 22 to 55 years : 35%, ≥ 56 years: 50% . Sex: Male 40% Female 60%.