**WHAT IS THE STATUS OF ALTERNATIVE HEALING METHODS IN THE WORLD TODAY**

***NATURE IS THE BEST DOCTOR BECAUSE IT TREATS ALMOST THREE***

***FOURTHS OF ALL DISEASES AND IT NEVER TALKS ILL OF ITS COLLEAGUES.***

**Galen, Roman physician**

Allopathic medicine today is becoming more tolerant toward alternative medicine, but also toward patients who seek help outside the western medical practice. The World Health Organisation emphasizes that 80% of global population is being healed by one of the alternative methods. In Germany around 60% of the population is treated by various alternative methods, and bioenergy is a popular choice in Italy; in Great Britain the Association of spiritual healers exists more than fifty years alongside traditional medicine, and homeopathic treatment is extremely popular and present in practice. In Slovenia, the Czech Republic, Switzerland, France, Poland, Bulgaria, China, the Philippines, USA, Mexico, Japan, India and many other countries, alternative medicine is implemented in collaboration with traditional conventional medicine.

At the world medical congress in the 1980s, it was concluded that alternative medicine should not be neglected and that it should be studies and integrated into the healing and care system, especially those alternative disciplines that are complementary to conventional medical practice.

More and more physicians are expanding their view on healing treatments, advising patients to seek help of energy method healers, or from a different alternative healing method. Energy medicine is entirely complementary to conventional medicine, and this is why the term complementary medicine is becoming increasingly adopted.

Complementary methods seek ways to help people help themselves and solve their medical issues or those of their close ones, especially when conventional medicine does not provide the expected aid.