

On Some Terms Reflecting the Folk Medical Knowledge

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Folk medical terms reflect the medical thinking and the empirical knowledge of the Georgian people. According to the Georgian written sources, there have been several concepts denoting certain groups of diseases, but a general concept meaning 'a disease' – avadmqopoba – have been mainly used in the Georgian folk medical vocabulary; and this term is connected with the dualist conception – the confrontation of kind and evil.

The classification of diseases have been attested in folk medicine.

The folk terms show the empirical knowledge of character, etiology, symptoms of diseases.