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TRADITIONAL (ALTERNATIVE) GEORGIAN MEDICAL CULTURE IN EURASIAN AREA

Traditional Georgian medicine has been established on the basis of empirical experience and knowledge. At the same time, the influence of the medical schools of Eurasian countries can be clearly traced, such as the humoral theory of Hippocrates or some elements of Ibn Sina's teaching.

Simultaneously Georgian traditional medicine was an object of interest for other countries and was widely spread out of the borders of Georgia. This fact is confirmed in the writings of the authors of different centuries, starting from antiquity, including Apollonius of Rhodos, Pliny, Lambert, Sharden, Guldenstedt and others.

With regarding to all mentioned above, we can assume that the Georgian folk medicine has been developed as open, non-isolated system, being able to adopt and assimilate elements of highly developed classical medical knowledge. This fact, together with other characteristics, clearly outlines the high level of the Georgian folk medical culture.