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FOLKLORE MEDICAL TRADITIONS (ACCORDING TO IMERETI MATERIALS)

The aim of the ethnographic exploration of the folk medicine is to reveal and study the healing experience of the population and medical traditions.

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The most widespread folk medical care is related to the treatment of upper respiratory systems and ear-ache which is characteristic to the common cold. Ancient Georgian medical books (*Karabadini(s)*) have many methods of treatment of the said illness. The present paper collates the ancient medical knowledge of the old books with the observations spread in the population. It is evident that the information about healing herbs and methods of treatment has been preserved in the popular memory.

We think that collection of ethnographic data in folk medicine and the study of traditional medical culture can contribute to the scientific medicine.