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ON SOME QUESTIONS OF TRADITIONAL MEDICINE

Georgian folk medical culture, together with healing herbs, considers incantations - magic means of treatment.

Ethnographic research of folk medicine is aimed at finding out medical knowledge and experience. This paper is based on the ethnographic materials collected by the Dialectology Scientific-research Institute, ATSU.

In the villages of Imereti region we have discovered a number of unknown to these days healing means, which is valuable not only for the ethnographic studies but also for the science of medicine.

For the comprehensive study of the folk medical traditions it is important that the methods of preparing of the domestic medicines, used for the treatment of particular diseases, and concomitant spell formulas are discussed within the common context.

In spite of the fact that today people basically turn to qualified medical service for the aid and treatment, folk medical means have not completely lost its significance.