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### **REMEDIES FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN FOLK MEDICINE BATONEBI (CHILDREN'S INFECTIOUS DISEASES)**

Ethnocultural study of the Georgian folk medicine revealed that today folk remedies are mainly substituted by professional medicine.

Batonebi which incorporates infectious diseases represents part of psychoneurotic diseases, therefore, offering apologies and soothing the patient is the main method of treatment.

The article provides the analysis of ethnographic materials recorded in Imereti. It seems that nowadays some rituals being modified into simplified form are spread among the population.

Today, mass vaccination leads to milder forms of infection. A complicated form of the disease is rather rare. Therefore, treatment of children affected by Batonebi is mostly given at home. Clinics are approached only in complicated cases.

The article contains ethnographic materials directly narrated by folk-tellers which better reveals the real picture of the present situation.