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FOLK REMEDIES ACCORDING TO LECHKHUMI ETHNOGRAPHIC MATERIALS

The texts of spells recorded in Lechkhumi are almost identical with the materials obtained in different parts of Western Georgia, differing only through subtle nuances. Healing spells are related to belief, and psychological factors. They could be regarded as a complementary method of treatment. Even though today the population mainly enjoys highly qualified medical services, family and ancestral cultural traditions still maintain their importance. The study of folk medicine in terms of ethnography reveals a large number of effective medications. Through inquiry the following facts are identified: 1. all information about folk medicine is true since it has been tested over the centuries and we have come up with countless examples; 2. All achievements of folk medicine are due to a diverse climate of Georgia, natural environment, a rich variety of flora and labors of talented individuals in the course of the centuries; 3. A folk healer is an ally to their medical counterparts, rather than a competitor.