

Cancer

1. Why people with cancer use homeopathy
2. People might use homeopathy to make them feel more in control of their situation. Some people use it alongside conventional medicine. You should not have it instead of conventional cancer treatment.
3. Homeopaths believe that it can treat a wide range of symptoms and conditions.
4. Followers of homeopathy promote it to people with cancer as a natural way to help you



- relax
- cope with stress, anxiety and depression
- control symptoms and side effects such as pain, sickness and tiredness
- People report that they feel better with homeopathy. But there is no evidence to show that it helps with any health condition. It could be due to the placebo effect. This is when people feel better if they believe they have taken something to make them feel better.

Research into homeopathy

- ▶ Clinical trials have looked at whether homeopathy can treat various illnesses. None of them give any evidence that homeopathy can cure or prevent any type of disease. There is also no reliable evidence to say that homeopathy can treat cancer. Many studies are too small, and the method of study is not always of good quality.
- ▶ Some studies have looked at whether homeopathy helps with cancer treatment side effects. But the studies were small and there is not enough evidence to recommend them. The researchers said that the studies need repeating.