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Dear Sirs:

We have a copy of the enclosed advertizing and wish to bring to your attention that an Attorney General's opinion dated March 10, 1975, holds that acupuncture is the practice of medicine and can only be performed by a licensed physician.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Arthur W. Poore".

Arthur W. Poore,
Executive Secretary

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What is Acupuncture?

Modern acupuncture comes out of the 5000-year-old tradition of Chinese medicine. It is based on the principle that the vital force of living things is manifested in a flow of energy that follows a set of natural laws.

The healthy body is one in which the energy is balanced and free-flowing. When the energy is obstructed the body becomes diseased.

The acupuncturist does not diagnose or treat disease. This is the function of the medical doctor. The acupuncturist makes referrals to other appropriate health practitioners when approached regarding problems outside of his or her competence or scope of practice.

The acupuncturist is trained to evaluate the balance of energy in the body and to restore the balance when it is upset. Acupuncturists can influence the energy balance by stimulating acupuncture points in a variety of ways. These include the use of needles, electrical stimulation, heat, pressure, and exercise. The ways that are chosen depend on the type of problem, the training and preference of the practitioner, the feelings of the client, and in some cases, state laws.

In addition to physical manipulation of energy, the acupuncturist also uses psychological and nutritional counseling, and makes recommendations regarding a life style conducive to good health.

Acupuncture

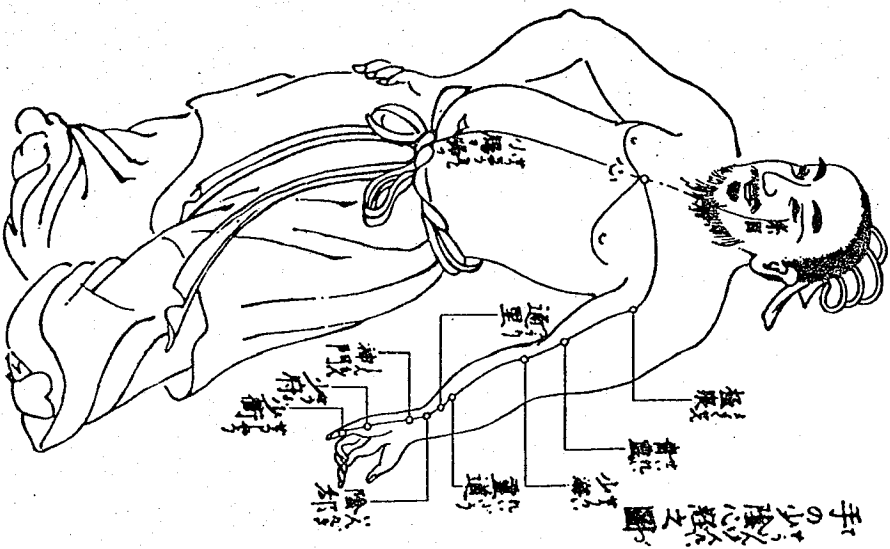


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can be a reality!



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is being organized to support the effort for licensure. Membership in the Society will be open to the public as well as professionals.



There is a wide interest in the ancient art of acupuncture in the world today. Acupuncturists are active in most parts of the world, both East and West. In Minnesota, a growing number of persons are receiving extensive training in traditional Chinese medicine. They are seeking state licensure to put their knowledge and skills into practice. Acupuncturists are presently licensed in six states, with action pending in several others.

FOR THE PUBLIC MEMBER the Society will offer:

- an avenue for public information about acupuncture
- an opportunity to strengthen the effort to obtain licensure for acupuncturists
- an opportunity to support an action that could increase your own health care options.



FOR THE PROFESSIONAL MEMBER* the Society will provide:

- seminars for continuing education
- contact with colleagues
- an ethics committee
- an opportunity to be involved in developing statewide standards of excellence.

*Professional membership is open to trained acupuncturists, students of acupuncture, and other licensed health professionals who also have acupuncture training.

Join us as a founding member

Yes, I want to join the Acupuncture Society of Minnesota.

Please check:

- Public member \$ 8.00
- Sponsor \$25.00 or more
- Professional \$25.00
- I do not wish to join at this time; please put me on your mailing list.

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