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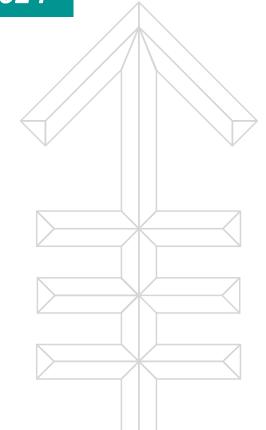
# Integrating Herbal Medicine into Oncology Care Delivery

**Overview of About Herbs and Herbal Oncology Program** 

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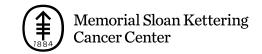
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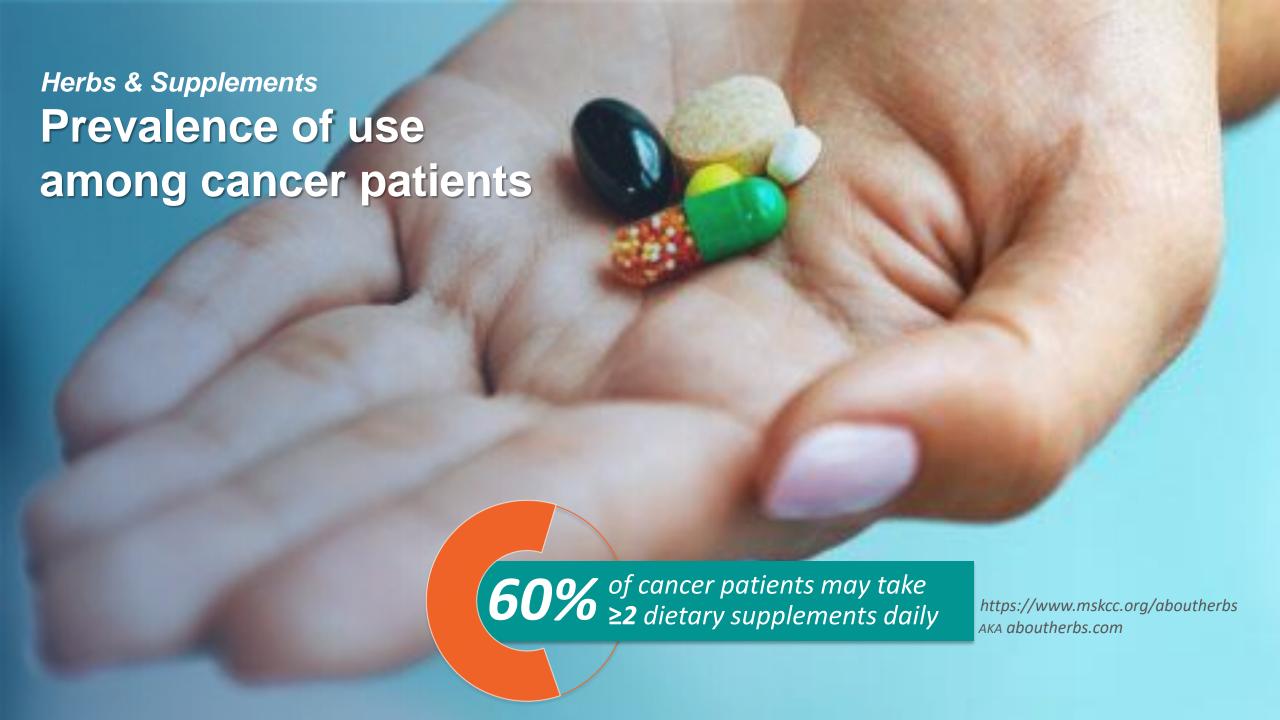
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## **Learning Objectives**

- Describe About Herbs website as a resource for herbs and supplements use in oncology setting
- Discuss how Herbal Oncology Program (HOP) was developed at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
- Review how HOP was implemented and evaluated
- Explore future directions for TCM use in oncology settings





# Herbs & Supplements How patients self-inform



- Internet-based searches, along with family and friend recommendations
- General belief that natural products are safe
- But clinical information is quite limited
- And may not include potential herb—drug interactions (HDIs)
- Nor consider the unique and changing needs of cancer patients before, during, and after treatment



# Think SĀF-TI first



**S**tandardization

Most herbal products are not standardized,

so impossible to compare potency

**A**bsorption

Herbal constituents that are not absorbed

have no benefits

**F**unction

What are perceived benefits and how well

have they been studied

**T**oxicity

Some products may be contaminated with

heavy metals, microbes, or unknown substances

Interactions

HDIs may be underreported and/or not

adequately studied



Herbs & Supplements

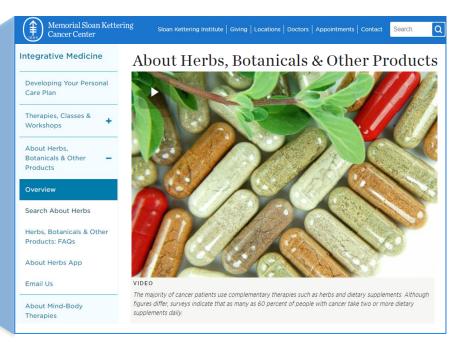
## About Herbs Website



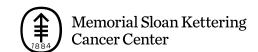
#### Free and evidence-based

For clinicians, patients, and caregivers

With evidence especially relevant to cancer patients

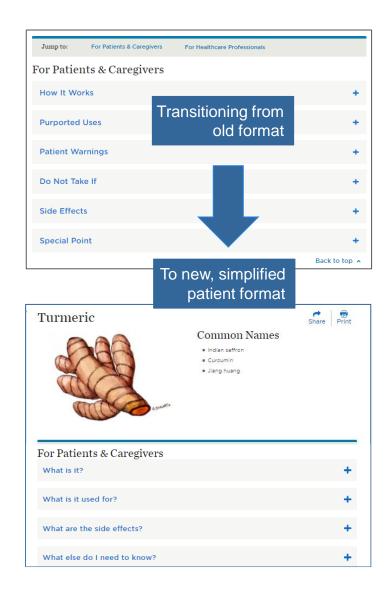


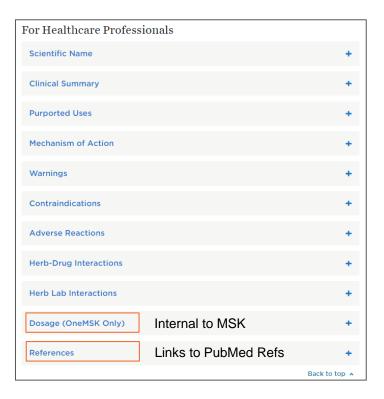
And notes clinical relevance of potential HDIs



## AH Speaks to target audiences

To meet the specific needs of cancer patients and healthcare professionals







# AH Speaks to target audiences

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#### **Healthcare Professionals**

#### **Herb-Drug Interactions**

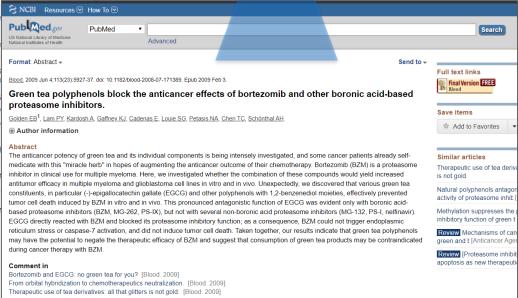
- Adenosine: The caffeine content may inhibit the hemodynamic effects of adenosine
- Anticoagulants / Antiplatelets: Theoretically, consumption of large amounts (.5-1 gallomay provide enough vitamin K to antagonize the effects of anticoagulants and antipla agents, though this effect has not been reported in humans (29) (34).
- Atropine: The tannin content may reduce the absorption of atropine.
- Iron supplements: The tannin content in may reduce the bioavailability of iron. Green t should be taken either 2 hours before or 4 hours following iron administration.
- Codeine: The tannin content may reduce the absorption of codeine (18).
- Bortezomib: EGCG and other polyphenols can inhibit the therapeutic effect of bortez other boronic acid based proteasome inhibitors (37).

Tamoxifen: EGCG was shown to increase the oral bioavailability of tamoxifen, increasing the
potential for their interactions (38).

- Verapamil: The bioavailability of verapamil increased significantly in the p thought to be due to P-glycoprotein inhibition by EGCG (39).
- Irinotecan: A study found EGCG to inhibit transport of irinotecan and its r biliary elimination, resulting in their prolonged half-life which can increase
- Cytochrome P450 3A4 substrates: Green tea extract inhibits CYP 3A4 er the intracellular concentration of drugs metabolized by this enzyme (43) (
- UGT (Uridine 5'-diphospho-glucuronosyltransferase) substrates: Green to enzymes in vitro and can increase the side effects of drugs metabolized
- Acetaminophen: Green tea was shown to increase acetaminophen-induce

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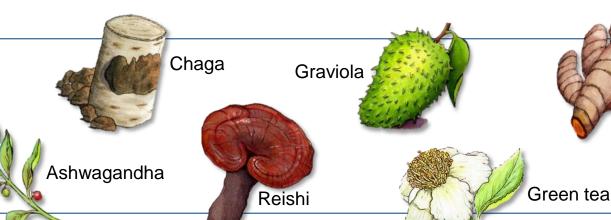


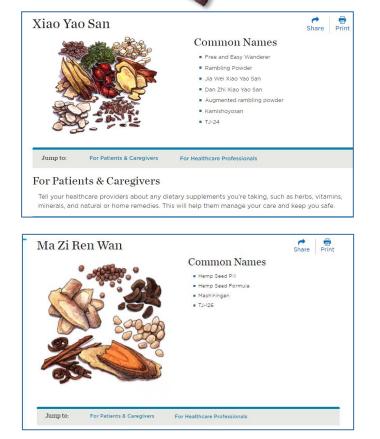


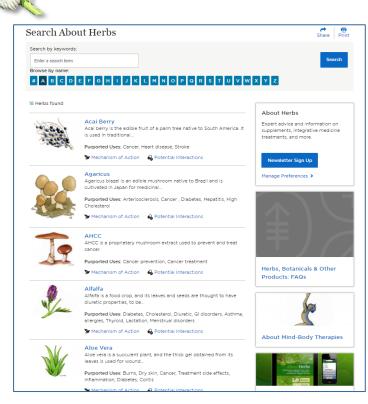
## Making use of About Herbs

#### **Quick Start**

- Get familiar with popular herbs
- Get familiar with our latest TCM entries
- Use the Alphabet
   Directory and search
   bar to locate other
   herbs









**Turmeric** 

Popular

Herbs

## **Examples of herb and supplement uses**

But evidence is often limited or lacking

Appetite	Cognition	Fatigue	Immune function	Menopause symptoms	Nausea	Pain	Sleep	Stress/ Anxiety	Weight loss
Cannabis	Carnitine	Astragalus	Astragalus	Black Cohosh	Astragalus	Arnica	Cannabis	5-HTP	5-HTP
Ginger	Ginkgo	Carnitine	Chaga	Chasteberry	Cannabis	Bromelain	Chamomile	Ashwagandha	Garcinia
Shi Quan	Ginseng	CoQ10	Coriolus	Dong Quai	Ginger	Cannabis	Hops	Cannabis	Green tea
Da Bu Tang	Gotu Kola	Ginseng	Ginseng	Flaxseed	Peppermint	Capsaicin	Kava	Chamomile	Mate
	Rhodiola	Mate	Lentinan	Maca		Devil's Claw	Lavender	Kava	Maitake
		Reishi	Maitake	Pollen Extract		Glucosamine	Lemongrass	Lavender	Taurine
		Rhodiola	Reishi	Red Clover		Turmeric	L-Theanine	Lemongrass	
			Shiitake	Soy		Vitamin B6	Melatonin	Passionflower	
			Turmeric	Wild Yam		Willow Bark	Passionflower	St John's Wort	
			Vitamin C	XYS		Yunnan Baiyao	Valerian	XYS	
Rho	diola	lko	Astragalus	Ginseng	Dong	Maca Flax	seed	St John's wort	Maitake

#### **Major categories of**

#### Herb-Drug Interactions

## Unintended or unwanted effects include

- Loss of drug efficacy
- Increased toxicities

## **Antioxidants vs Chemotherapeutic Agents**

- Can interfere with chemotherapy efficacy
- · Grape seed vs cisplatin

#### Phytoestrogens vs Hormonal Therapy

- May stimulate cancer growth, inhibit CT drugs
- Soy vs tamoxifen

#### Blood-Thinning Herbs vs Anticoagulants

- Increases bleeding risk
- · Garlic vs Warfarin

Herbs to avoid before surgery for bleeding or anesthesia risks

- Feverfew
- Garlic
- Ginger
- Ginkgo
- Kava
- Saw palmetto
- St. John's wort
- Valerian

#### Immunostimulant Herbs vs Immunosuppressants

- Increased rejection risk after bone marrow or organ transplant
- Astragalus vs cyclophosphamide

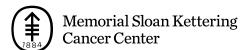


### **Botanicals with known HDIs and SEs**

Red yeast rice



HDIs	Liver toxicities	Immuno- modulating	Hormonal activity	Antioxidant	Photo- sensitizing	Bleeding risk	High in oxalates
Berberine Cannabis Isatis Kava Oleandrin Red yeast rice Reishi St John's wort	Black cohosh Chaparral Comfrey Garcinia Kava Noni Vitamin A	Astragalus Chaga Coriolus Echinacea Reishi	Astragalus Dong quai Ginseng Lavender Red clover Soy	Acai Astragalus Garlic Grape seed extract Graviola NAC	St. John's wort Limes  St John's wort	Dong quai Feverfew Garlic Ginger Ginkgo	Cranberry Chaga Dandelion Rhubarb Sheep sorrel Vitamin C
St John's Wort	A	astragalus	Soy	Pomegranate Vitamin C Vitamin E  Graviola		Gingko	Vitamin C



#### Ma Zi Ren Wan (Hemp Seed Pill)

## Calculation for HDI safety with MZRW

Taxol: Strong substrate of CYP3A4, CYP2C8

CBD MW 314.464 g/mol

Bottomline:

CBD 50 mg PO daily

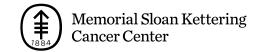
- Will not interfere with Taxol via CYP3A4
- Will not interfere with CYP2C8

#### In vitro, S Yamaori - 2011:

- IC50 of CBD on CYP3A4 (competitive inhibition Ki=1) is 11.7uM
- 11.7 $\mu$ umol/L x 314.464 ug/umol = 3679 ug/L → 3679 ng/mL.
- Not achievable at 50mg every morning/patient reported dosing

#### In humans:

- Systematic review (2018) Dose of 800mg oral CBD in a study involving 8 male and female cannabis smokers, reported a mean Cmax of 77.9 ng/mL and mean Tmax of 3.0 h (Haney et al., 2016)
- A Phase 1 RCT (2018) showed Cmax was 541.2 ng/mL and AUC τ was 3236 ng-h/mL after 1500 mg CBD twice daily



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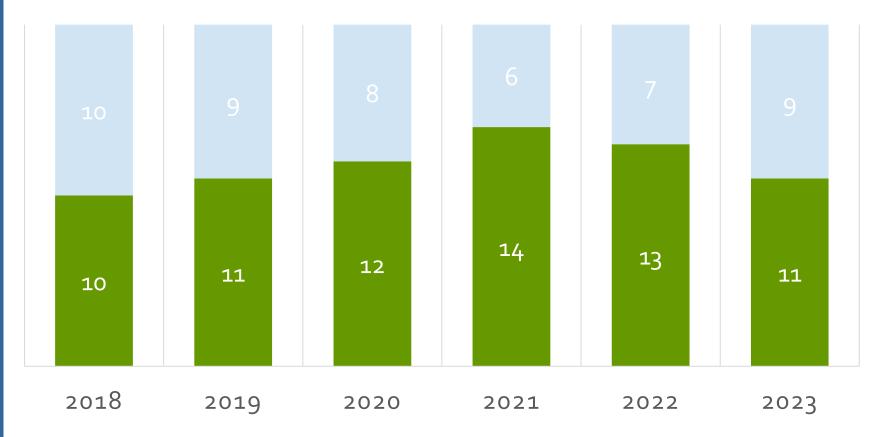






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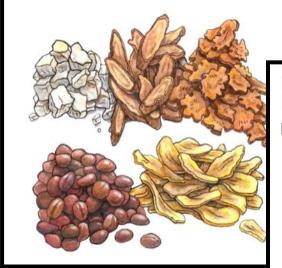






### **Suan Zao Ren Tang**

Purported Benefits, Side Effects & More

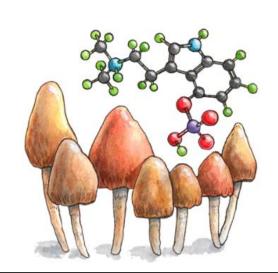


#### **Common Names**

Suanzaoren

### **Psilocybin**

Purported Benefits, Side Effects & More



#### **Common Names**

- Magic mushrooms
- Shrooms
- Boomers
- Buttons
- Purple passion
- Mushies (>12 other terms)

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To advance the research and education of safe and appropriate use of herbs to improve the health and wellbeing of individuals impacted by cancer

Research
:
Clinical education
:
Evidence-informed practice



## MSK Herbal Dispensary



> Support Care Cancer. 2023 Jan 21;31(2):128. doi: 10.1007/s00520-023-07577-x.

# Integrating herbal medicine into oncology care delivery: development, implementation, and evaluation of a novel program

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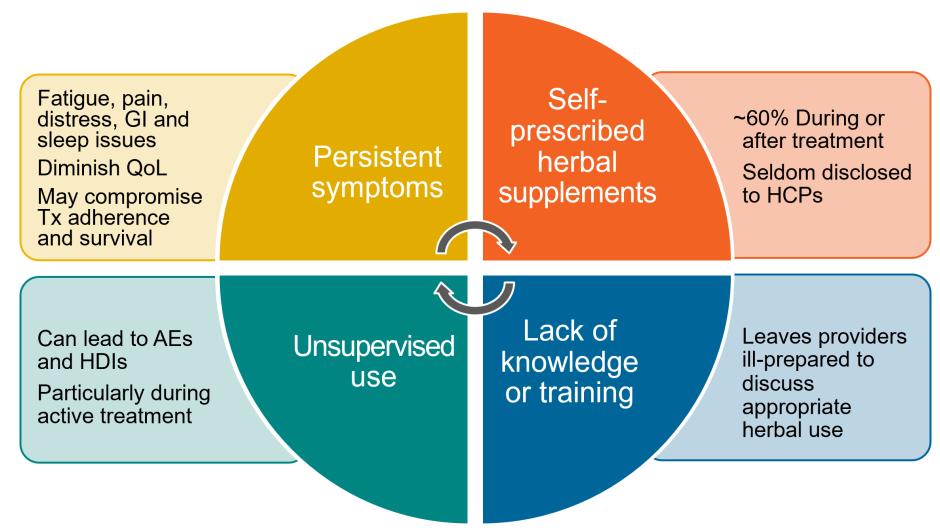
#### Abstract

**Objective:** To evaluate the feasibility of a novel program facilitating patient-provider communication about appropriate use of herbal medicine at a large academic cancer center and its impact on patient wellbeing.





## Interrelated care gaps illustrate critical needs

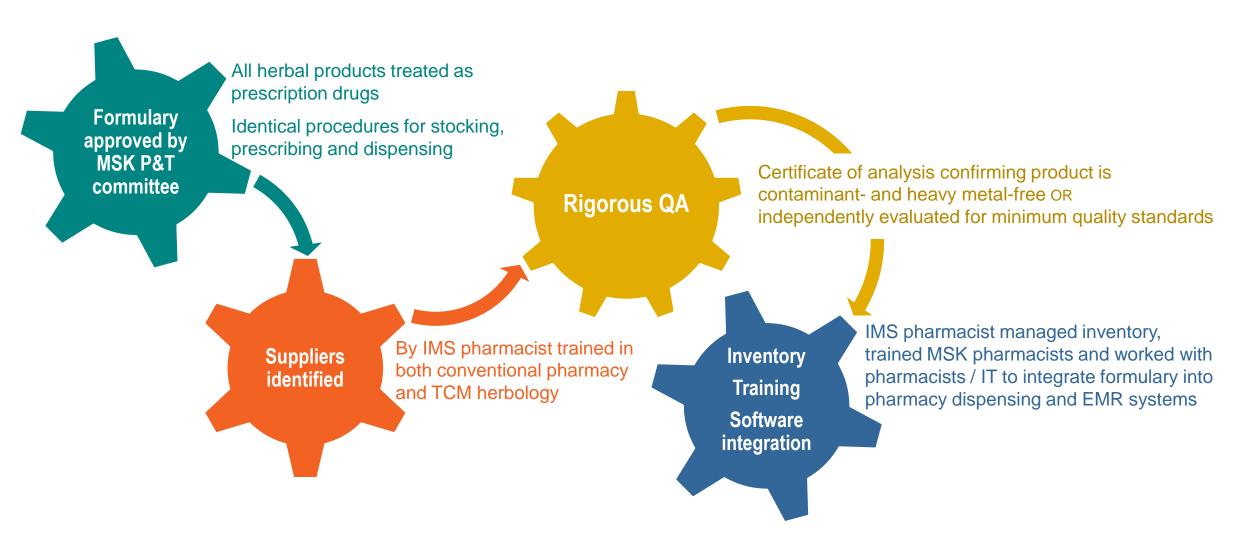




To develop, implement and evaluate a novel program facilitating patient-provider communication about, and appropriate use of, herbal medicine at a large academic cancer center



## Herbal formulary and dispensary process



## Shared decision-making with patients



- IM providers counseled patients
- Identified unmet symptom needs
- Prescribed TCM herbs when indicated



## Data evaluation and patient survey

## Medical record data on all participants Feb 2019 – Jan 2022

- Symptoms
- Other concerns that motivated patients to seek herbal products
- Types and quantities of dispensed TCM products
- Demographics

## Brief survey\* approved by MSK IRB to herbal Rx recipients: May – Aug 2021

- Symptoms or concerns patients hoped to address
- Satisfaction with HOP program and products dispensed
- Whether they experienced AEs
- How likely they were to recommend the dispensary program

<sup>\*</sup>Answer options were multiple choice, Yes/No, or 5-point Likert scales: extremely satisfied/likely to extremely dissatisfied/unlikely. Distributed via Research Electronic Data Capture (REDCap™) web application

Harris et al. *J Biomed Inform* 2009; 42: 377–81; Vanderbilt University REDCap (Research Electronic Data Capture) 2018



## Program results: Feb 2019 – Jan 2022

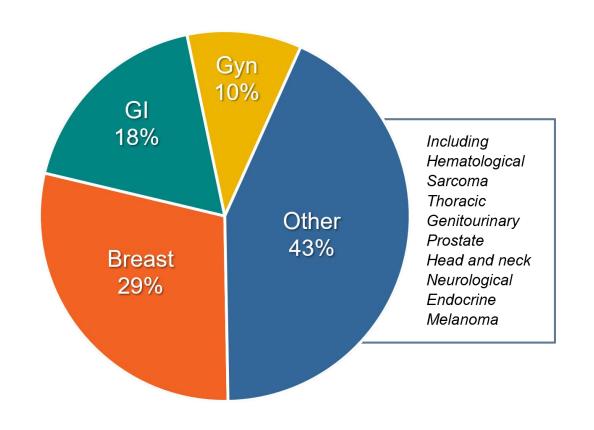
851 Outpatients with diverse cancers 712 (84%) in active treatment

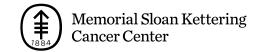
Age, median 61 y (18-98)

Female 606 (71%)

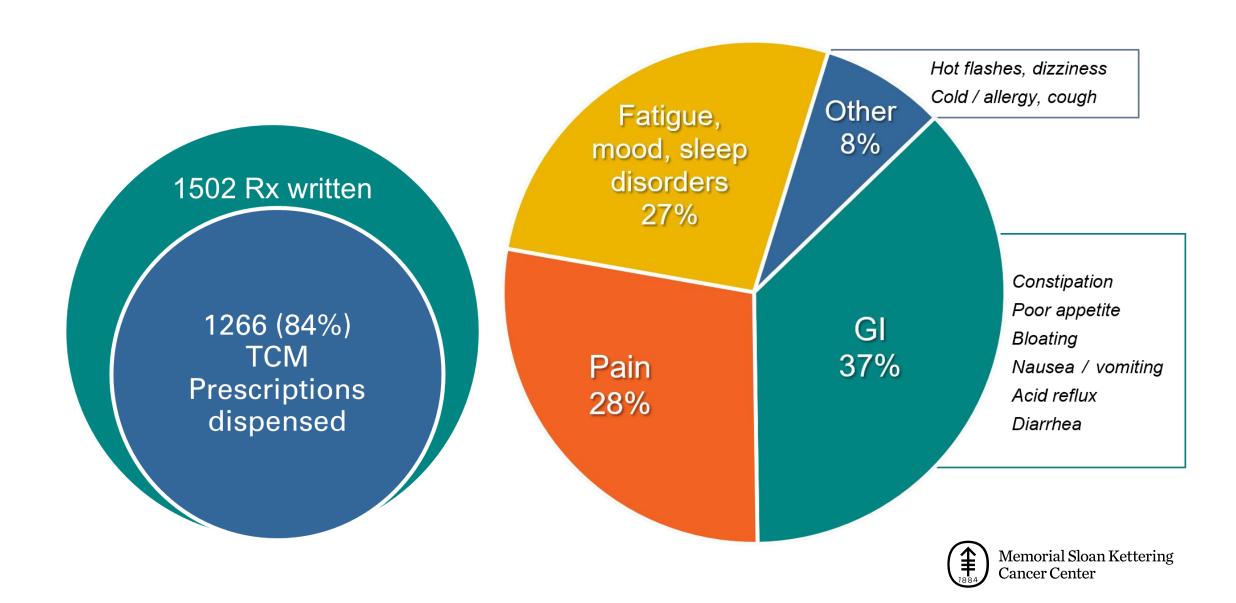
White 594 (70%)

Insured 498 (59%)





## Program results: Feb 2019 – Jan 2022



## Survey results: May – Aug 2021

Very to extremely important to be able to discuss herbal medications with an IM provider

80%

Somewhat to extremely easy to obtain herbal products via the dispensary

86%

Somewhat to extremely likely to recommend HOP

53%

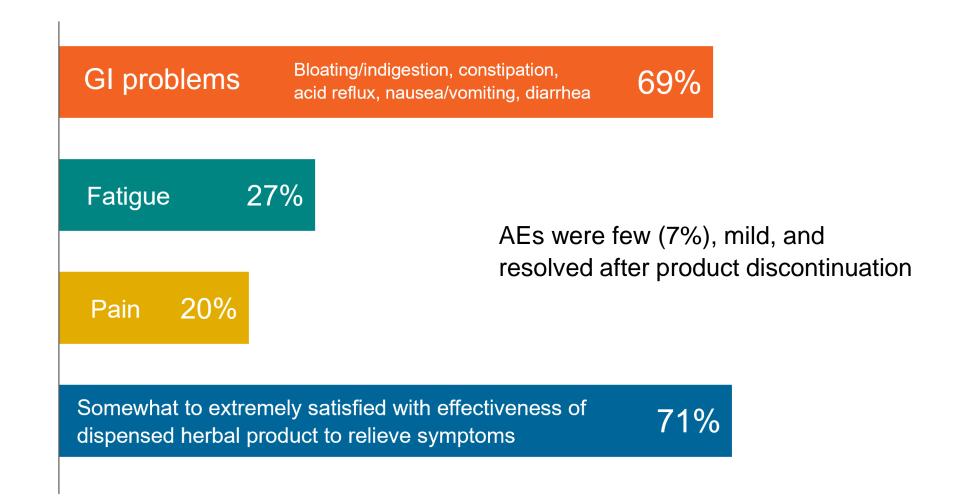
85%

Very to extremely important to have 2-day home delivery

From top to bottom, n = 107, 104, 103, 103



## Symptoms participants hoped to address (n=103)





#### **Evaluation limitations**



Project based on methods for program development, implementation, and evaluation in a real-world setting, not a formal research protocol



Survey findings based on a patient sample self-selected for outcome evaluation may not represent the entire study population



Only immediate symptom relief with herbal products was evaluated; durability not known

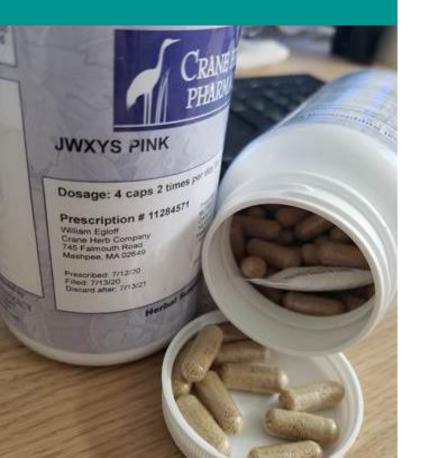




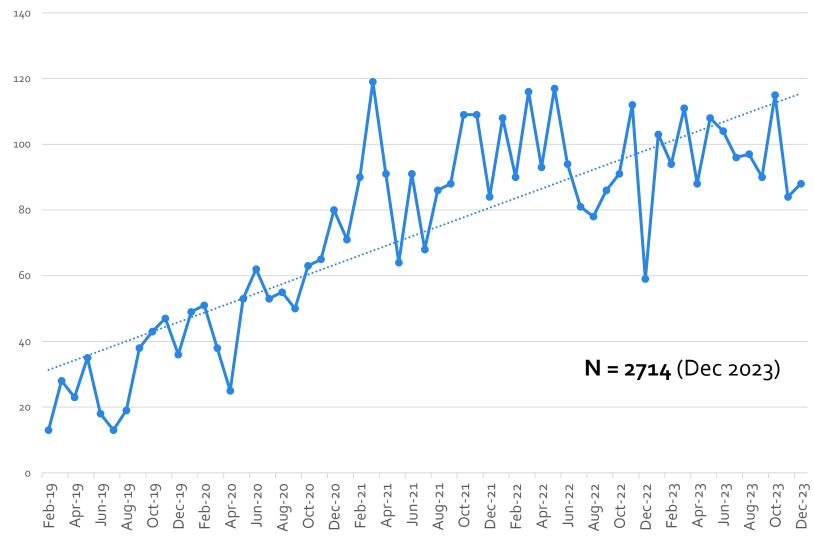
- Demonstrates feasibility of herbal medicine integration in an academic oncology setting
- High patient satisfaction
- Limited adverse events
- Elucidates future research directions

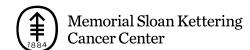


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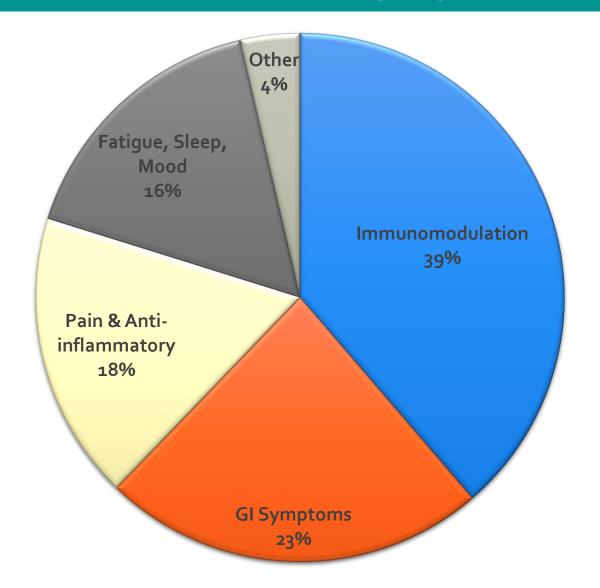


#### Month to Month Prescription Dispensed





## Rx Distribution by symptom (Rx = 4304, N = 2714) Dec 2023



Products dispensed:	4304 Symptoms	%	
Turkey Tail Mushroom	1276 Immunomodulation	30%	
Tibetree Pain Patch	524 Pain	12%	
Ma Zi Ren Wan	371 Constipation	9%	
Bao He Wan	252 GI Symptoms	6%	
Curcumin	235 Anti-inflammatory	5%	
Reishi spore	230 Immunomodulation	5%	
Sheng Mai Yin	217 Fatigue	5%	Ton 15
Ginger	189 N/V and GI issue	4%	Top 15 Dispensed
Xiao Yao San	141 Mood/fatigue	3%	Disperiseu
Ban Xia Xie Xin Tang	127 N/V and GERD	3%	
Coriolus	115 Immunomodulation	3%	
Bu Zhong Yi Qi Tang	74 Fatigue	2%	
Shen Ling Bai Zhu San	72 Diarrhea	2%	
Suan Zao Ren Tang	58 Sleep	1%	
Zhi Bai Di Huang Wan	58 Hot flash	1%	
Ashwagandha	50 Adaptogen	1%	
Ling Gui Zhu Gan Tang	48 Dizziness	1%	
Jia Wei XYS	48 Fatigue	1%	
Melatonin	45 Sleep	1%	
Yu Ping Feng San	45 Immunomodulation	1%	
Dang Gui Bu Xue Tang	37 Blood tonic	1%	
Tian Wang Bu Xin Dan	30 Sleep	1%	



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#### Herbal Topical Analgesic for Pain Management: Perspectives from Cancer Patients

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Herbal Formula Shenling Baizhu San for Chronic Diarrhea in Adults: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

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#### Background:

Shenling Baizhu San (SBS), a well-known Chinese medicine herbal formula, has been widely used

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## The Herbal Medicine Suanzaoren ( Ziziphi Spinosae Semen) for Sleep Quality Improvements: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

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Abstract

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**Background:** Sleep disturbances are common and bothersome among cancer and noncancer populations. *Suanzaoren (Ziziphi Spinosae Semen*) is commonly used to improve sleep, yet its efficacy and safety are unclear.

**Methods:** We systematically searched PubMed, Cochrane Library, and EMBASE from inception through October 5, 2021, to identify randomized trials of *Suanzaoren*. We included randomized trials comparing *Suanzaoren* to placebo, medications, cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT), or usual care for

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### About Herbs monographs on dispensary products

#### Ma Zi Ren Wan

Purported Benefits, Side Effects & More



#### **Common Names**

- Hemp Seed Pill
- Hemp Seed Formula
- Mashiningan
- TJ-126

### **Shen Ling Bai Zhu San**

Purported Benefits, Side Effects & More



#### **Common Names**

- Ginseng & Atractylodes Formula
- Samryungbaekchul-san
- Jinryobyakujutsu-san



Purported Benefits, Side Effects & More



#### **Common Names**

- Free and Easy Wanderer
- Rambling Powder
- Jia Wei Xiao Yao San
- Dan Zhi Xiao Yao San
- Augmented rambling powder
- Kamishoyosan
- TJ-24





#### **Common Names**

- Suanzaoren
- Semen Ziziphus Spinosae
- Ziziphus
- Sour Jujube Decoction
- Ziziphus Decoction Formula
- Tabellae Suanzaoren Tang

## Herbal Education



### **Herbal Formulations in Cancer Supportive Care**

Pending ACPE Accreditation





#### **MZRW Herbs**





Zhi Shi
Unripe Bitter Orange
Aurantii Fructus Immaturus

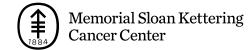












#### **BHW Herbs**

Shan Zha



Zhi Ban Xia Prepared Pinellia Corm Rhizoma Pinelliae Preparatum



Fu Ling Poria mushroom Sclerotum Poriae Cocos

Mai Ya Barley sprouts Fructus Hordei Germinatus



Lian Qiao Forsythia fruit Fructus Forsythiae







## XYS (Jia Wei) Herbs



Zhi Gan Cao

Radix Glycyrrhizae Preparata

Bupleuri Radix

Fu Ling

Poria mushroom

Sclerotum Poriae Cocos





Bai Shao

White Peony root Paeoniae Radix Alba

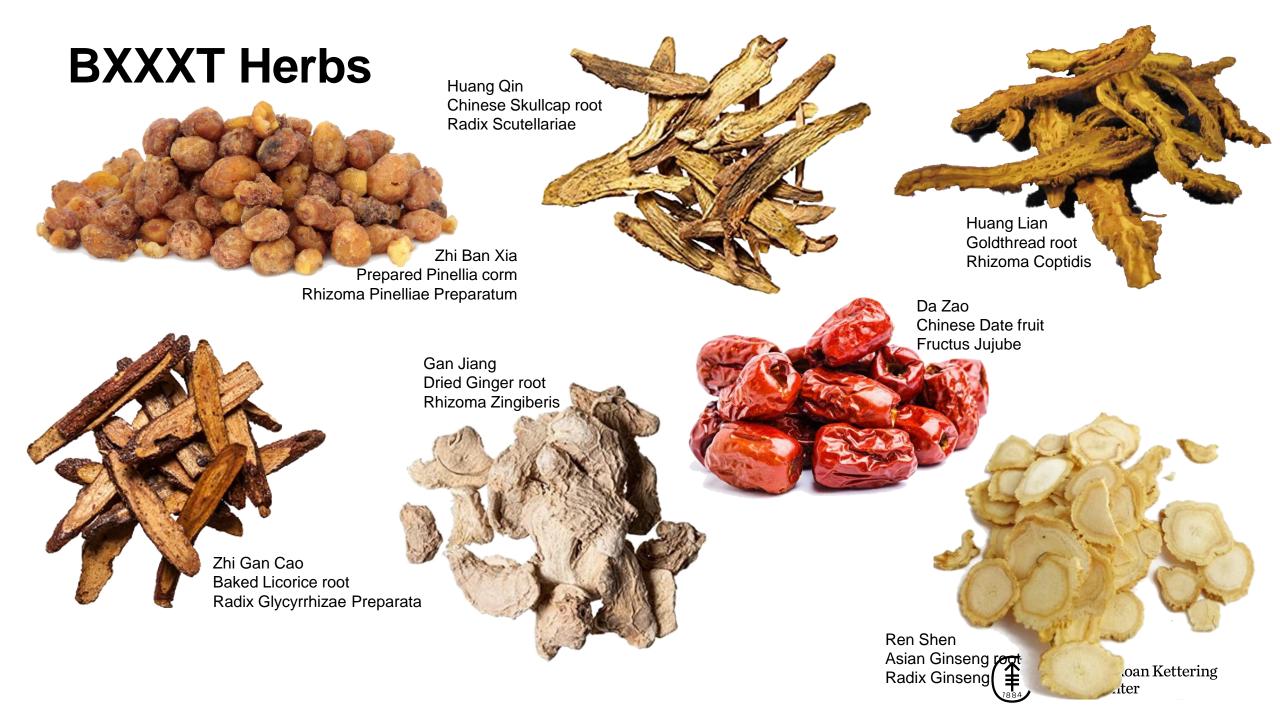


## **SMY Herbs**



Wu Wei Zi Schisandra fruit Fructus Schisandrae





### **SZRT Herbs**





## Herbal Education







## Herbal Formulations in Cancer Supportive Care

an Online Education Course

Are you interested in learning how TCM herbal formulations can help reduce symptoms and side effects of cancer treatment?

This course, designed by MSK's leading integrative medicine experts, is intended for healthcare professionals who wish to learn about Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) herbal formulations that can help reduce common symptoms. Understand the current evidence base and practice application through clinical scenarios where these formulations may be helpful.





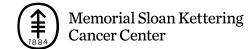
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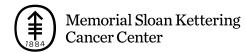






## Future directions for TCM use in oncology settings





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Caregivers,

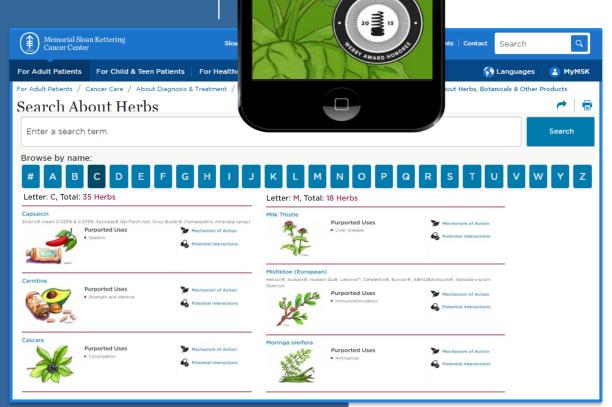
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