

Trends in development of CAM practitioners in UK and Germany

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Definition

- CAM is an approach to health care that
- while different from conventional
medicine - is sometimes
complementary to it and at other
times is distinctly alternative (Kelner,
Wellman et al. 2000)

Background

- Increasing public awareness and media presence of CAM
- Controversial debate on CAM issues - effectiveness
- Increasing concerns about patient safety
- Little empirical data and transparency

Aims

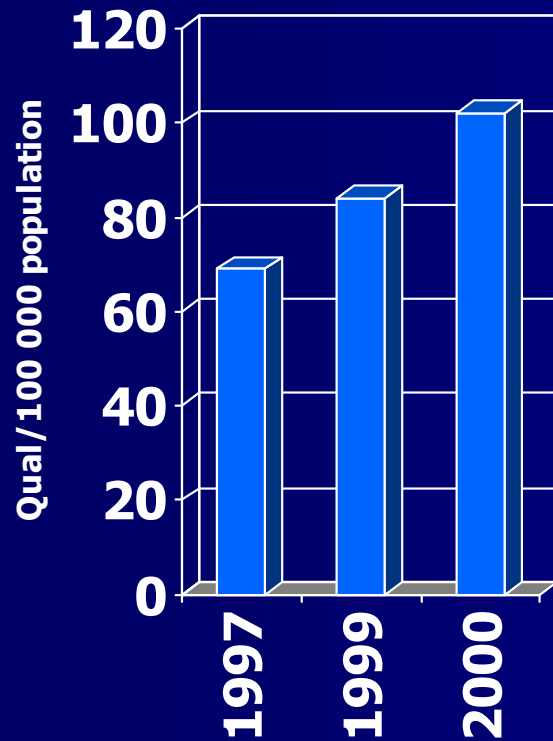
- Creating a knowledge base about CAM practitioners in UK and Germany
 - Comparing the status quo and the development in recent years
 - Comparing regulation to identify gaps and recommendations

Methods

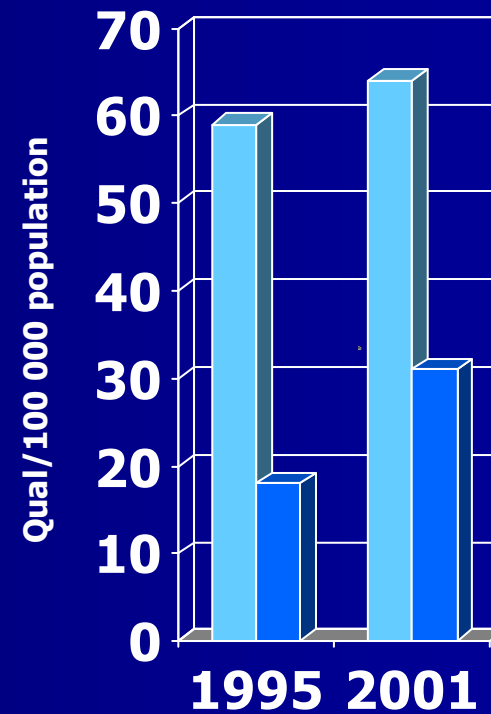
Search for and secondary analysis of

- Epidemiological data and public databases
- PubMed and specific literature
- Population surveys
- Databases compiled by professional bodies

CAM Practitioners - UK

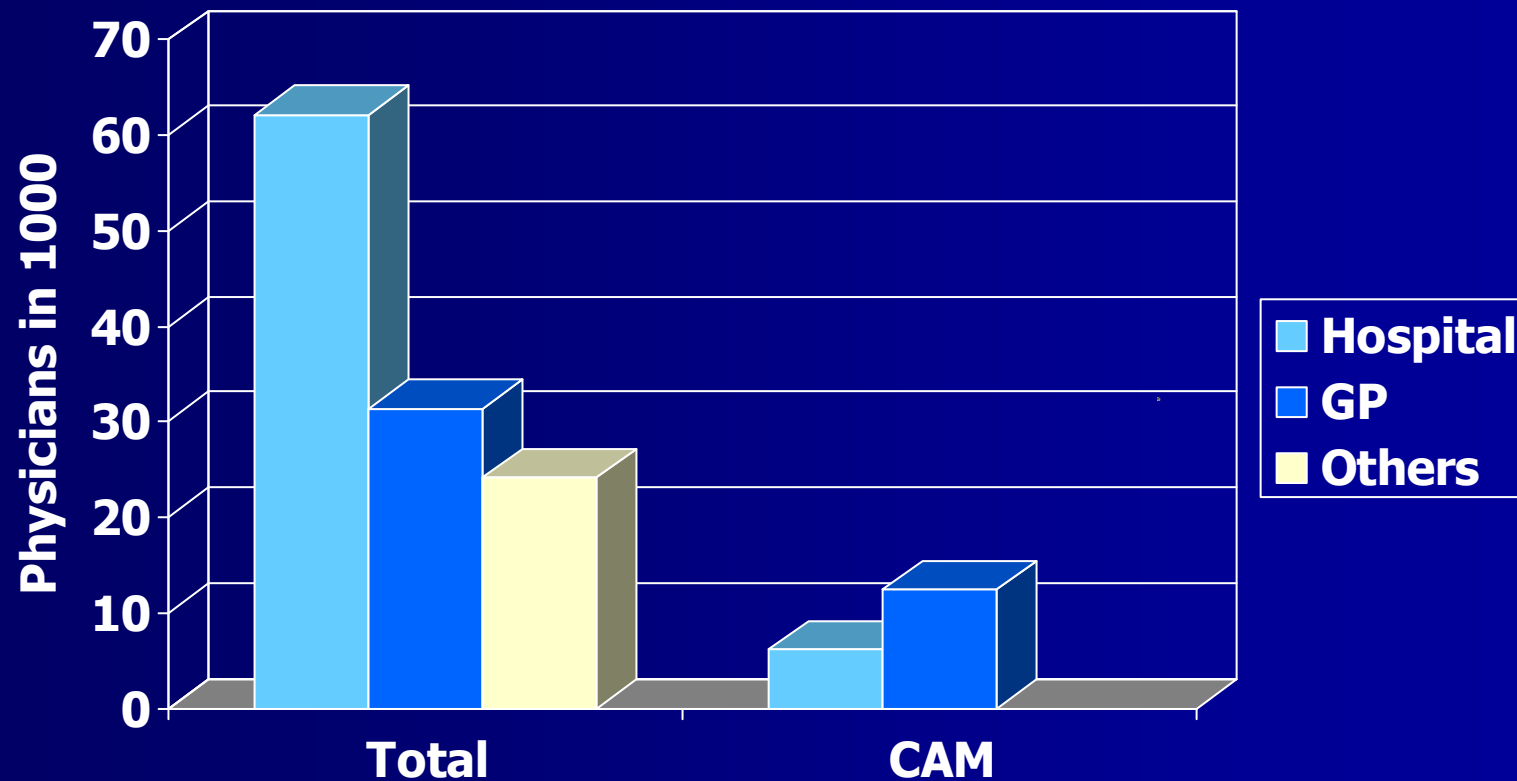


■ Registered CAM practitioners

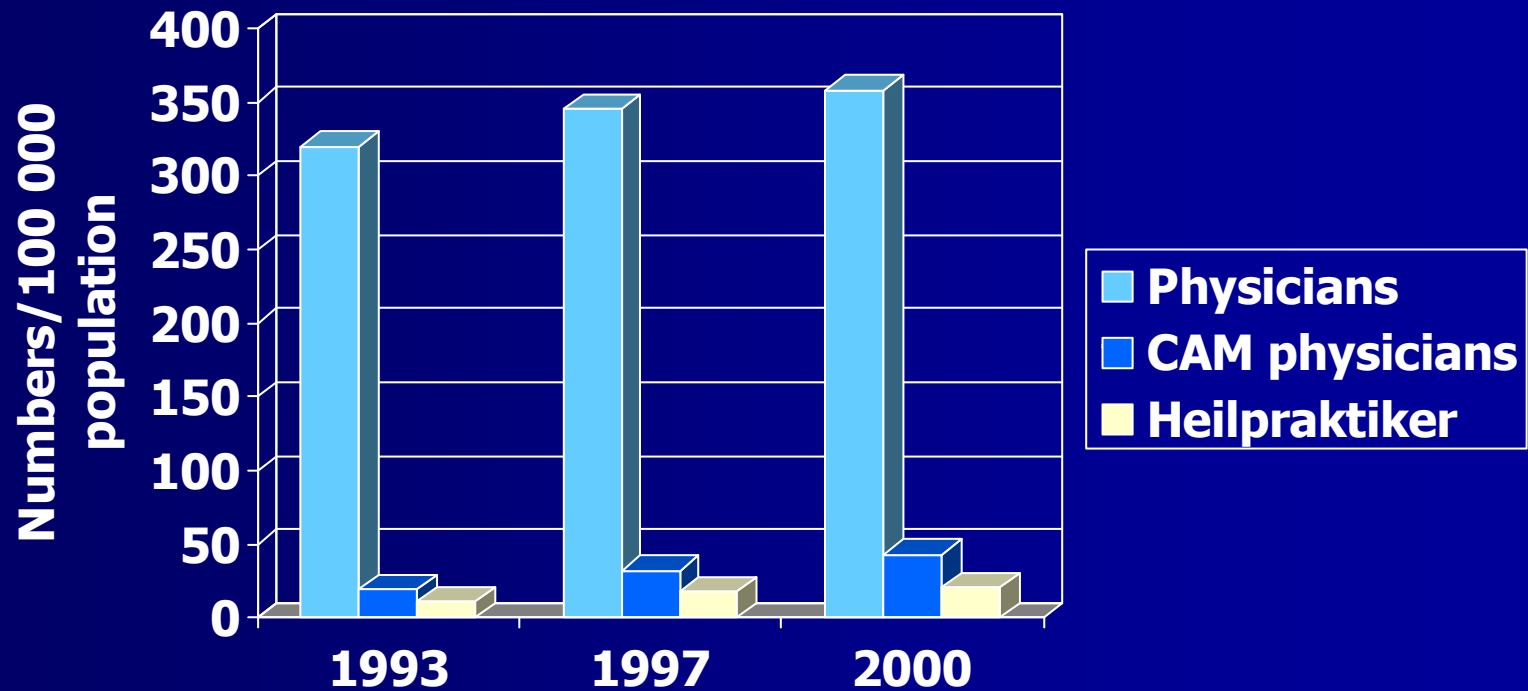


■ GPs ■ GPs offering access to CAM

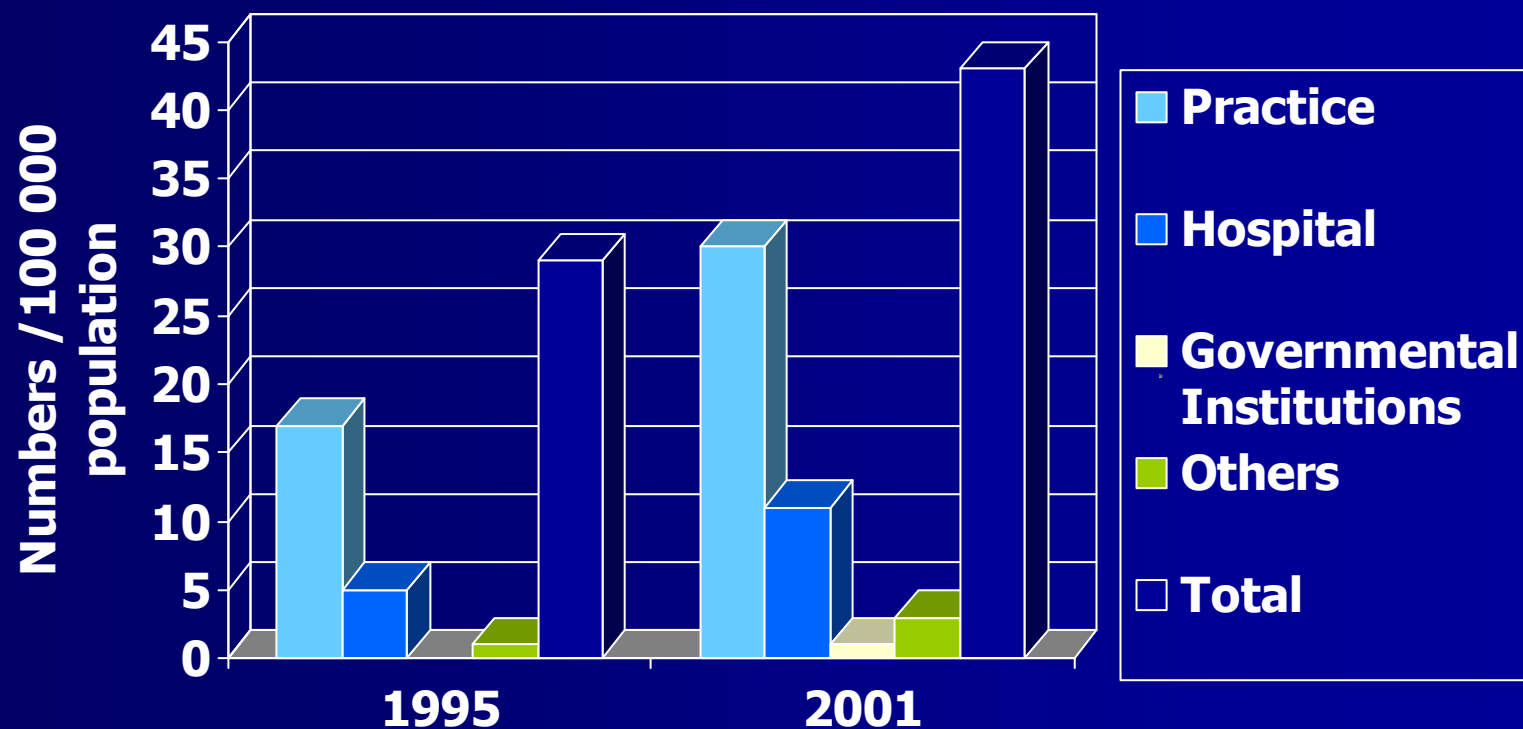
CAM Physicians in different settings - UK



CAM Practitioners - Germany



CAM Physicians in different settings - Germany



Comparative Results I

- In the international literature, the UK and Germany are regarded as “CAM tolerant”.
- According to population surveys, demand and use of CAM increased over recent years.
- Both countries have seen a substantial increase of CAM qualifications.

Comparative Results II

- Regulation of physicians, other health care professionals and para-medical practitioners is more common in Germany.
- UK started in the early nineties to regulate chiropractitioners and osteopaths.

Discussion

- Obtaining data concerning CAM is still very difficult
- Data on services, remuneration and settings are scarce and contradictory

Perspectives

- Data on registered and on non-registered professionals should be collected
- Consumer protection demands regulation of all CAM practitioners
- The UK and Germany are enhancing attempts to regulate the CAM

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