Novidades no Sistema de Saúde e Homeopatia
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Traditional medicine has been integrated into the health systems of some countries, especially where quality of life is lower. Also, there is an increasing interest in sustainable development in the world. In this context, the Brazilian Health System has made important organizational changes (National Health System - SUS), and new ways of thinking are emerging. Recently, the ministry of Health has passed a new legislation on this subject. This paper illustrates the approach taken to medical activities in homeopathy. In 2004 a survey on the use of homeopathy in the Health Service of the State of São Paulo was carried out and a database was organized in the SUS. Results collected from all regions of the State indicate 45 municipalities with public health services which include homeopathy. Both the public and the scientific community considered the inclusion of new therapies in the public health system to be viable. The main outstanding question is how to explain the good results of homeopathic medicine.

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