

# FOSTERING INTERPROFESSIONAL AWARENESS AND COLLABORATION AMONG INTEGRATIVE HEALTH AND MEDICINE ORGANIZATIONS

Several interprofessional **Integrative Health and Medicine (IHM)** organizations have emerged over the past few decades, all with a shared vision for advancing health and well-being. Here we present an overview of these organizations with the intent of cultivating awareness of their distinct mission and goals, and enhancing visibility among health care users, policy makers, educators, practitioners, and the general public. This collaborative resource is intended to be a launching point for building bridges towards enhanced coordination and partnerships.

## ACADEMIC COLLABORATIVE FOR INTEGRATIVE HEALTH

The Collaborative

### Academic Collaborative for Integrative Health (ACIH)

Core membership are academic organizations associated with the five licensed IHM professions (acupuncture and East Asian medicine, chiropractic, direct entry midwifery, massage therapy, and naturopathic medicine). Other membership categories: Traditional World Medicines/Emerging Professions organizations; Individual colleges affiliated with ACIH disciplines; Individuals and Organizations aligned with ACIH values.

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ACADEMIC CONSORTIUM  
FOR INTEGRATIVE  
MEDICINE & HEALTH

### Academic Consortium for Integrative Medicine & Health (ACIMH)

Current membership of over 70 highly esteemed academic medical centers and affiliate institutions. The mission of the Consortium is to advance the principles and practices of integrative healthcare within academic institutions. The Consortium provides its institutional membership with a community of support for its academic missions and a collective voice for influencing change.

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Academy of Integrative Health & Medicine

### Academy of Integrative Health & Medicine (AIHM)

An interprofessional membership association providing transformational educational programs, such as the AIHM Fellowship and Annual Conference. AIHM represents a diverse global community with local chapters and student alliances working together to shape the future of health care to serve the whole person- body, mind, spirit- and beyond to include community and planet.

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### Integrative, Complementary, and Traditional Health Practices (ICTHP) Section, American Public Health Association (APHA)

Convenes a wide range of practitioners, researchers, community members, students, and policy makers with the goals of fostering multidisciplinary interaction; encouraging research; increasing ICTHP visibility within the public health realm; promoting training and development; and linking with global partners to create a global society where integrative health care including wellness is a right, not a privilege.

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INTEGRATED  
HEALTHCARE POLICY  
CONSORTIUM

### Integrative Health Policy Consortium (IHPC)

The policy and advocacy voice of integrative health and wellness professionals, IHPC advocates for better access by individuals to their choice of licensed or certified providers within a pluralistic healthcare system, for non-discrimination in payer coverage of all licensed providers within their scope of practice, and for collaborative efforts among healthcare providers and other stakeholders to take a whole-person healthcare-delivery approach to the individual.

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IM4US  
INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE FOR THE UNDERSERVED

### Integrative Medicine for the Underserved (IM4US)

A collaborative, multidisciplinary group of people committed to affordable, accessible integrative health care for all. Through outreach, education, research, and advocacy, we support those dedicated to promoting health in underserved populations. Together we work to shift the current paradigm towards equity, wellness, prevention, patient empowerment, and self-care.

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OCIM  
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Integrative Medicine



SAIM  
STUDENT ALLIANCE FOR INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE

**Oregon Collaborative for Integrative Medicine (OCIM)** and its student-led collaborative, the **Student Alliance for Integrative Medicine (SAIM)** Work to advance interprofessional medicine through facilitating regional collaboration among licensed health science professions across all disciplines at educational institutions, working together on initiatives in education, policy, patient care and research for the purpose of promoting health and optimizing patient care.

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virtual health library

VHL TCIM  
Americas  
Traditional, Complementary  
and Integrative Medicine



TCIM  
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NETWORK

**Virtual Health Library on Traditional, Complementary, and Integrative Medicine (VHL TCIM)** A hemispheric collaborative and participative online platform developed by the TCIM Network of the Americas. It seeks to make visible and facilitate access to information and knowledge on TCIM systems and related therapies. The Latin American and Caribbean Center on Health Sciences Information (BIREME), a PAHO/WHO center, serves as facilitator.

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