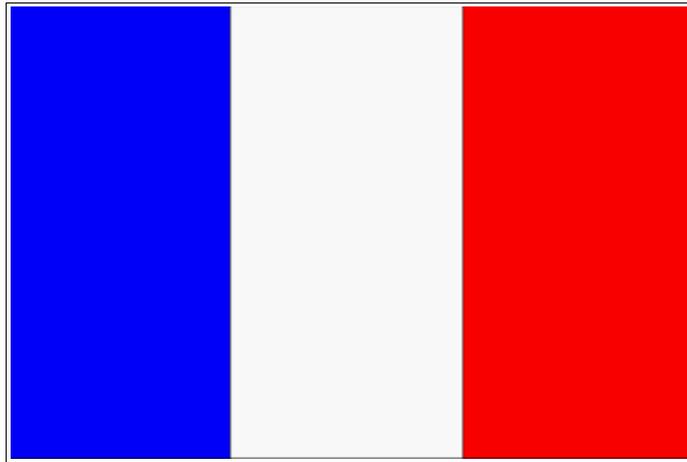


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NATIONAL/REGIONAL ACUPUNCTURE PRACTICES

A. Type(s) of Medical Acupuncture most commonly practiced:

1. Traditional Medical Acupuncture

Traditional Medical Acupuncture is based on Chinese Medicine and encompasses traditional concepts.

2. Auricular Medicine and Auricular Therapy

Auricular Medicine and Auricular Therapy is defined as a therapeutic system utilizing the human ear where organs are projected as transitory holographic reflections of the brain's memory. This medical model enables the detection and the treatment of energetic and pathological disturbances on both the somatic and the psycho-emotional levels. This is achieved through the use of a complex physical and energetic reflex system and a unique somatotopic correspondence organization.

B. Education/Training Requirements

In France, only medical doctors, midwives, dentists and veterinaries are allowed to practice acupuncture. Since the beginning of the nineties, medical acupuncture has been taught in universities instead of private schools.

The courses are organized as follows : one year for basic introductory knowledge followed by two years of education required to receive a diploma.

Year One comprises 75 hours to obtain an Inter University Diploma (DIU) representing competence in theory. Theory comprises an introduction to Chinese traditional concepts and acupuncture followed by 20 hours of clinical practice followed by an examination.

When the student passes this first examination (with a report), he/she can proceed with two years additional training culminating in a « Capacity » in the practice of acupuncture. The grade of « Capacity » is the only one that gives the official imprimatur to practice acupuncture and imparts the status of acupuncturist.

The universities providing these courses are Strasbourg, Montpellier-Nîmes and Nantes.



Beginning in 2004, specific teaching of Gynecology and Obstetric acupuncture has been developed. After a first year of Inter University diploma (DIU, see above), medical gynecologists, obstetrician and mid wives can receive one year of specific teaching (130 hours theory and 8 half-days of clinical practice). These courses are available in the following universities : Paris XIII (Bobigny), Strasbourg, Lille, Rouen, Nantes, Montpellier-Nîmes.

In Paris, in the of University Paris XI (Kremlin-Bicêtre), in association with Lyon I and Harvard Medical School, has developed a one year teaching of Scientific Acupuncture for medical doctors and specialists, dentists and mid wives. There are 10 sessions of teaching (2 days) : theory, clinics and practice of medical and scientific acupuncture in specialties such as anesthesia, pneumology, cardiology, locomotor apparel, gyneco-obstetrics, etc... Auriculotherapy (ear-auricular acupuncture) is taught in Paris XI in association with Paris XIII (two years, 190 H + practice), and in Lyon as well at the famous GLEM (Groupe Lyonnais d'Enseignement Médical, 2 years).