

# Community News

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The rosy periwinkle from Madagascar led to the development of two powerful chemotherapy drugs, vincristine and vinblastine used to treat Hodgkin's disease and childhood leukemia changing childhood leukemia from a deadly disease into a survival success rate of 80% percent.

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Finding a dog has become easier

Depression and injuries

Compensation for workers killed or injured because of violent crime.

Alternative Therapy for Injury Series: Acupuncture

## Understanding where our pharmaceuticals come from may lead to more effective medicines.

Article by Amy Greeson, RPh

Healing and curing disease has been a vital part of every culture on our planet as long as man has been around. In the United States, our medications come from laboratories and through pharmacies, doctors, and hospitals.

Yet, the majority of cultures in the world must rely on their own traditional remedies and treatments. These treatments have been passed on from generation to generation, and have been used for hundreds, and often thousands of years. These indigenous cultures treat disease and injury through spiritual healings, plants, herbs, and other natural substances.

In fact, it is because of their knowledge of these plants and natural resources that researchers and scientists have been able to develop a large number of our modern pharmaceuticals.

Approximately 55% percent of our pharmaceuticals in the United States have come from, been

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