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60. Reiki is a component of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM). It combines movement and, meditation, and therapists manipulate muscle and connective tissue to enhance the function of those tissues and to promote relaxation.

### **FALSE**

61. Orthomolecular therapies is a treatment in which patients eat substances such as magnesium, melatonin, and mega-doses of vitamins.

### **TRUE**

62. In the late 1970s, the World Health Organization recognized the ability of acupuncture and Traditional Chinese medicine to treat nearly four dozen common ailments, including the following: neuromusculoskeletal conditions, and emotional and psychological disorders.

### **TRUE**

63. Yin and yang focus on spiritual balance and living in harmony with nature.

### **FALSE**

64. One of the main elements of Western biomedicine is surgery. What do you know about the origin of surgery and some technological milestones in surgery?

First practiced by early Egyptians and Peruvians some 6,000 years ago. First coronary bypass was performed in 1951, and the first heart transplant was performed in 1967. Surgery and drugs are the primary attempts to cure or treat illness in Western medicine.

65. *Curanderos*, traditional Mexican American healers, use three levels of treatment depending on the source of the illness: material, spiritual, and mental (Trotter & Chavira, 1997). What are some of the techniques used in the material, spiritual, and mental levels?

Material: eggs, lemons, garlic, ribbons, religious symbols, crucifix, water, oils, and incense. These are used to either emit or absorb vibrating energy that repairs the energy field around a person. Ceremonies include prayers, ritual sweepings, or cleansing (Torres & Sawyer, 2005).

Spiritual: *curandero* entering a trance, leaving his or her body, and playing the role of a medium.

Mental level: using the power the healer has, such as using herbs as treatments.

66. How should the field of health psychology best use information about diverse approaches to health?

The rituals and ceremonies used by diverse cultures reflect the values of those cultures. Health psychologists should understand that those who believe in them should not be ignored and ridiculed. A provider needs to be aware of a person's beliefs in order to treat the person comprehensively. What people believe influences what they do to remedy the situation, and needs to be taken into consideration when receiving advice from a psychologist with a Western viewpoint on how to maintain health and prevent illness.

67. Name three complementary and alternative medicines, and give descriptions of their techniques and goals.

See Table 2.4, p. 57

- What are two of the three theories discussed in our text on how acupuncture works? 68.
  - Pain impulses are blocker from reaching the spinal cord or brain at various "gates" to these areas.
     Acupuncture stimulates the body to produce endorphins, which reduce pain.
     Opioids may be released into the body during acupuncture treatment.