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CLASSIFICATION OF FOLK NAMES OF HUMAN AND ANIMAL DISEASES

Summary

The past of medicine makes it possible to trace the evolution of medical knowledge content, the focus of medical activity on the basis of folk medical lexicology. As a result of the research work we collected about 1687 (one thousand six hundred eighty seven) folk medical terms. They represent almost all traditional areas and sections of human and veterinary medicine. Etymologically clear names to the diseases were given after certain factors: the causes of their origin; the diseased body parts; the brightest symptoms; the time the disease occurs; the similarity of disease and its symptoms to wild life and inanimate nature; the names of mythological creatures, which cause the disease etc. Human and veterinary medical vocabulary should be viewed in the following aspects: folk names of organs and body parts and names which are characterized by the internal and external structure of a human body – in the context of folk anatomy; folk names of normal physiological and psychological

processes as part of national physiology and psychology; folk names for denoting health disorders, disease states and actual diseases.

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