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# Traditional medicine and lead-containing preparations in Nigeria

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Traditional medicine, its preparations and practices, plays a major role in the health care of the community of Nigeria. In many cases the native doctor ("Babalawo") and the local herbalist ("Eleweomo") are the only practitioners available for the treatment of illness. Even in the towns where allopathic medicine is available the limited facilities it offers make many patients rely on traditional methods. Little is known of the pharmacological action of these

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