

FDA bias against Herbs

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FDA's Role in a New Era of Medical Product Development

Each of these examples demonstrates the promise of “personalized medicine,” which is the tailoring of medical treatment to the individual characteristics, needs and preferences of each patient. The concept of personalized medicine is not new: clinicians have long observed that patients with similar symptoms may have different illnesses, with different causes; and similarly, that medical interventions may work well in some patients with a disease but not in others with apparently the same disease.

[Regulators accept these limitations that biochemical individuality imposes on any drug intervention, but when an herbal does not cure 100% it is identified as ineffective and worthless.]

...FDA was attuned to the promise and potential challenges of personalized medicine. As a result of this forward thinking, the Agency moved quickly to build and shape a regulatory infrastructure to help make personalized medicine possible...[interventions and tests that are applicable to specific disease groups - each group is about 1,000,000 members]

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