



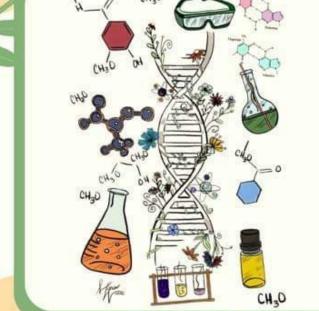




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PHARMACOGNOSY

GENERAL INTRODUCTION



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Pharmacognosy deals with "the study of structural, physical, chemical and sensory characters of crude drugs and includes their history, cultivation, collection, storage and use." As well as the search for new drugs from natural sources.

It deals with all medicinal plants, including those yielding complex mixtures, which are used in the form of crude herbs (comminuted herbal substance) or extracts (phytotherapy), pure compounds such as morphine, and foods having additional health benefits only in the context of having preventive effects (nutraceuticals).

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History of Pharmacognosy

• Natural products, especially those derived from plants, have been used for medicinal purposes since ancient times.

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- Clay tablets of the Babylonian, Assyrian, and Sumerian eras dated 2600 4000 BC are thought to be the earliest recordings of plant usage as herbal remedies.
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- Egyptians also had many paintings of medicinal plants on their tomb walls dated around 2200 2700 BC. The Ebers papyrus, which dates from around 1550 BC, is the most famous medical document of ancient Egypt and contains more than 800 medicinal recipes using medicinal plants.
- This centuries-old usage of natural products certainly continues into the present, as half of prescription drugs in the market today contain plant-derived ingredients

The term **pharmacognosy** was introduced by A. Seydler, a medical student in Halle/Saale, Germany, in 1815 (A small work by Seydler entitled *Analecta Pharmacognostica*.

This term originates from 2 Greek words:

- pharmakon: drug
- gnosis: knowledge

Today, pharmacognosy is a **highly specialized science** that represents one of the major disciplines of pharmaceutical education. It gained its importance nowadays as a result of the intense concern with all aspects of **ecology**, causing renewed interest in so-called 'natural' foods and drugs." acknowledges and the supplement of the intense concern with all aspects of ecology, causing renewed interest in so-called 'natural' foods and drugs."

The availability of an extremely wide variety of these natural products, ranging from fenugreek tea to ginseng chewing gum, has also stimulated the public to learn more about them.