The Florence G. Strauss-Leonard A. Wisneski Indigenous and Integrative Medicine Collection is a singular assemblage of books, journals and other materials related to integrative whole-person health practices and indigenous, culturally-based therapies from around the world. Often very distinct from conventional Western approaches to medicine, the resources in this special collection provide an opportunity to research and learn about diverse community-based healing traditions and philosophies.

The Florence G. Strauss-Leonard A. Wisneski Indigenous and Integrative Medicine Collection is supported by an endowment donated by Henry L. and Joan T. Strauss, established in memory of Florence G. Strauss. In 2009, the collection was significantly expanded by the generous donation of print materials from Dr. Leonard A. Wisneski.

Today the Strauss-Wisneski Collection--sited at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Library at the Anschutz Medical Campus--includes over 2,300 volumes dating from the late 1800s through to the present, from nearly all nations, on topics ranging from acupressure to Zimbabwe. Many of the titles are not held by any other library in the Rocky Mountain region, and the collection attracts borrowers from all over Colorado and the United States.

Our Goal

The governance committee and the collection’s supporters and friends hold an inclusive vision of health care practice, where the best of allopathic and indigenous medicine traditions are brought together in a unified whole, served by a deep and rich collection of information resources. **We aspire to building an evidence based research-quality collection, in all formats and accessible to all. Donor support can help make it happen.**
Connecting with Community

Health sciences libraries link people with information in service to a greater vision of enhancing the overall health status and quality of life of our communities. Essential to this vision are outreach and connecting with community. An integral aspect of the Strauss-Wisneski Collection is the Strauss Lectures, a series of presentations on indigenous and integrative medicine topics held regularly at the Library and open to all. Recent lectures have included presentations on the popular use of over-the-counter herbal supplements, and the sciences of yoga and meditation.

Our Future

Our vision for research support, service and community engagement inspired by the Strauss-Wisneski Collection has led us to articulate a range of goals. A fundamental goal is to improve the collection's depth, diversity and accessibility. We aim to leverage our resources in partnership with kin collections to build a stronger community of indigenous and integrative medicine scholars. Working with those scholars, we anticipate programing that identifies hitherto-unknown connections and builds upon our knowledge base. Working with that new knowledge, we envision learning tools to advance a whole-person, culturally aware approach to health care.

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To achieve this integrated future, it is our commitment to build:
• A research-quality collection of information resources in all formats that supports a robust level of scholarly investigation
• A network of collections of a similar nature joining the Strauss-Wisneski Collection with those at other academic health sciences libraries in the U.S. and Canada, unified to share resources, programming and services coordinated in a collaborative approach to support for scholarship
• Academic programming such as symposia and conferences, bringing together researchers, practitioners and the community from around the world to disseminate, share and build upon research and new learning
• Multimedia resources on indigenous and integrative medicine topics that can be used in teaching, clinical and research environments to advance whole-person, culturally-aware patient-centric health care
• Endowment support to sustain and develop the Strauss-Wisneski Collection and related outreach programming.

A Dynamic Opportunity to Give

The CU Health Sciences Library is actively seeking strategic funding to achieve our aspirational goals. Please consider supporting the Florence G. Strauss-Leonard A. Wisneski Indigenous and Integrative Medicine Collection with a contribution to the collection's endowment fund. Your visionary support will help us advance meaningful scholarship into integrative and indigenous medicine. Imagine a view of health that sustains and embraces whole people, whole planet.