

"That department of knowledge and practice which is concerned with the cure, alleviation and prevention of disease in human beings and with the restoration and preservation of health. Also in a more restricted sense applied to that branch of its department which is the province of the physician in the modern application of the term. The art of restoring and preserving the health of human beings by the administration of remedial substances and the regulation of diet, habits and conditions of life."

The Medical Act of the State of Michigan defines the practice of medicine to be:

"The actual diagnosing, curing, or relieving in any degree, or professing or attempting to diagnose, treat, cure or relieve any human disease, ailment, defect or complaint, whether of physical or mental origin by attendance or by advice, or by prescribing or furnishing any drug, medicine, appliance, manipulation or method, or by any therapeutic agent whatsoever."

In Webster's New International Dictionary medicine is defined as "The science and art of dealing with the prevention, cure or alleviation of disease."

The Century Dictionary defines it as: "The art of preventing, curing, or alleviating disease, and remedying as far as possible the results of violence and accident. Practical medicine is divided into medicine in a stricter sense, surgery and obstetrics. These rest largely on the sciences of anatomy and physiology, normal and physical, pharmacology and bacteriology, which, having practical relations almost exclusively with medicine, are called the medical sciences, and form distinct parts of that art."

It has been repeatedly held throughout the United States that what are known as drugless methods of healing involve the practice of medicine. I cite a few of the principal cases as follows:

People vs. Phippen, 70 Mich., 6.

Bragg vs. State, 58 L.R.A., 925.

Dent vs. W. Virginia, 129 U.S., 114.

Commonwealth vs. Jewelle, 85 N.E.R., 858 (Mass.).

People vs. Gordon, 62 N.E.R., 858 (Ill.).

State vs. Gravette, 62 N.E.R., 325 (Ill.).

State vs. Marble, 70 L.R.A., 835 (Ohio).

Commonwealth vs. St. Pierre, 175 Mass., 48.

People vs. Alcutt, 102 N.Y. Supp., 678.

Bandel vs. Dept. of Health, 193 N.Y., 133.

State vs. Heath, 125 Ia., 585; 101 N.W., 429.

State vs. Adkins, 124 N.W., 627 (Ia.).

State vs. Wilhite, 132 Ia., 226; 11 A. & E. Ann. Cases, 180.