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New Age Folk Medicinal Techniques as Novel Treatments for Ischemic Heart Disease

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The Situation

Complementary therapies have traditionally been excluded from cardiology research, often as a result of ethnocentric and paternalistic medical and so on and so on. In this pilot study of cardiac patients with ischemic heart disease at an Australian university (n=321), we investigated the use of Tarot and telepathy as potential alternatives to traditional methods of cardiac surgery such as transplant and Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting (CABG).

Why Does My Heart Feel So Bad?

The cost of heart bypass surgery in the US can reach \$200,000, while the cost of a heart transplant may be as much as \$800,000 [1,2]. These costs present substantial and sometimes insurmountable obstacles to treatment. By contrast, a deck of Tarot cards costs approximately \$24.95, and telepathy can be attempted by anybody, anywhere, at no cost. This situation is one example of what the WHO terms 'an opportune moment for medical gambling' [3]; alternative methods present such a minimal cost in comparison to existing treatments that it would be churlish not to test those alternatives. In this Clinical Image Manuscript, we seize this opportunity to prove that Tarot and telepathy may well function as efficacious treatment methods for cardiac disease.

Back to the Story

Using our signature Visual Anecdotal Graphic Recording and Numerology Technique (VAGRANT; Figure 1), we found that it could be suggested that these techniques result in some sort of subjective medical benefit. VAGRANT is both graphic and anecdotal; it is dynamic without being over-dynamic, presenting medical practitioners with a liminal space between empowerment and enablement at the intersection between what is and what might be imagined to be, perhaps. This allows for the presentation of results in a way that is much as expected.

We also found that the novel recording technique displayed convergent validity, as should be obvious from Figure 1. Several of our patients survived.

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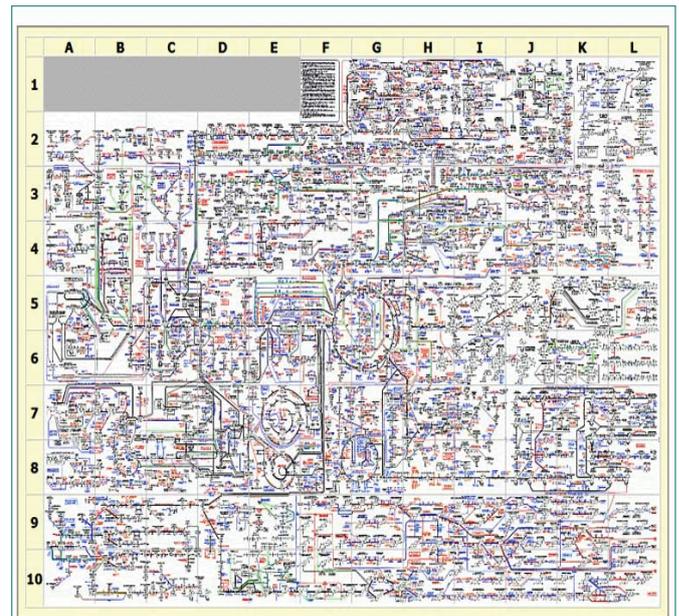


Figure 1: Visual Anecdotal Graphic Recording and Numerology Technique [2] output demonstrating the possibility that it could be tentatively suggested that Tarot and telepathy are potentially efficacious alternatives to traditional methods of cardiac surgery (n=321).

Conclusion

Implications for standards and codes of practice are substantial. We propose the immediate destruction of all worldwide cardiology departments, since these now represent an unjustifiable drain on the public purse. Instead, we call on governments around the world to immediately allocate 7% of GDP to the procurement of Tarot cards and McKenzie Telepathy Transceivers for immediate placement in emergency departments.

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