

Experience reports on the treatment of malignant tumours with anthroposophic mistletoe preparations

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Dear Colleague,

The efficacy of mistletoe therapy has been experienced on a repeated basis in a great variety of clinical situations, preparations, host trees, dosages and methods of application by every doctor who is familiar with this form of treatment. As a result, a wealth of experience in the individual use of mistletoe therapy has been generated over the decades which is far more differentiated and possibly more successful than standardized studies can ever be.

It is precisely such diversity and complexity in the use of mistletoe therapy which make it difficult to extract even half-way standardized recommendations and procedures regarding mistletoe treatment which could provide some guidance for doctors who are interested in the treatment but have no experience with it.

Against this background, the *Vademecum* editors have decided to include a detailed chapter on mistletoe therapy in a future edition of the *Vademecum*.

The present questionnaire was drawn up to record as precisely as possible the treatment approach for specific indications that have proved themselves to be particularly effective in your cases and which you have successfully applied on repeated occasions (but we are equally interested in instructive single cases!). These otherwise “undiscovered treasures” will then as far as possible be integrated into the therapeutic recommendations of the *Vademecum*.

If you were willing to complete the questionnaire for one or more indications (a separate questionnaire for each indication), that would be of immense value for the development of our knowledge about mistletoe therapy and the reciprocal incentive to embark on new therapeutic paths.

Why not use the quiet summer months to review your experience of the treatment: in order ensure that the new edition appears on time, the questionnaires should be returned by **30 January 2013**.

We would like to thank you very warmly for your collaboration and wish you a lovely and restful summer!

Yours

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