

***Table 1* Concerns about unconventional dentistry and medicine**

No evidence of safety and effectiveness

Risk of missed diagnosis

Risk of delayed diagnosis

Risk of the patient stopping or refusing effective conventional treatment

Risk of directly harmful treatment

Risk of dangerous adverse effects of treatment

Patient may see an unqualified practitioner

Patient may waste money on ineffective treatments

Mechanisms and theories of some practices are so implausible that they cannot possibly work

Risk of disciplinary or malpractice actions

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