The Top 5 Reasons People See an Acupuncturist A study of licensed acupuncturists in Massachusetts and Washington found that patients in both states often visit an acupuncturist for the same types of conditions. Washington Massachusetts (N = 1,298 patient visits) (N = 1,263 patient visits) Digestive conditions General conditions Psychological and mental health symptoms 4.5% 10.4% Nervous system 7.6% 12.1% Respiratory system 33.0% 20.4% conditions 46.9% 27.5% Other Musculoskeletal conditions SOURCE: Sherman KJ, Cherkin DC, Eisenberg DM, et al. The practice of acupuncture: who are the providers, and what do they do? *Annals of Family Medicine* March/April 2005;3(2):151-158.