

Claudette Baker, L. Ac., Dipl. Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM)

is the Founder and Director of the Glenview Healing Arts Center and has been practicing Oriental Medicine since graduating from the Midwest College of Oriental Medicine in 1985. From 1983-6 she also completed a traditional tutorial Chinese herbal medicine program with her first mentor from China, Dr. Zhen Gang Guo, MD, OMD, and surgeon.

Ms. Baker has studied many specialties over the decades, and enjoys a multi-faceted practice, including; internal medicine, integrative oncology, auto-immune disorders, digestive disorders, ob/gyne, (including male and female fertility support), hormone imbalances, as well as migraines, and orthopedic issues.

She has mastered numerous adjunctive modalities of Oriental Medicine, including Electro-acupuncture, needle-less micro-current Auricular Acupuncture, cupping and guasha. She holds a certification in laser (needle-less) acupuncture, which is used for traumatic brain and other injuries, stroke rehab, and neuropathy. She also uses an AcuTron Mentor (micro current) for facial rejuvenation and pain. For the past two years Ms. Baker has been studying Functional Medicine nutrition to help support her patients, and collaborates with local doctors in that field.

Ms. Baker is passionate about educating people how to become healthier and more vibrant at any age or stage in life. She helps them to understand the causes of their specific ailments and explains the connection between the body/mind/spirit and how diet and lifestyle affects overall health (or lack thereof).

Claudette recently facilitated an 8-day recovery and wellness retreat in Costa Rica for people healing from cancer. In the 1990's, she organized and taught classes for The Institute of Chinese Herbology's Herbal Certification program for acupuncturists, and taught Chinese Herbs for oncology to her colleagues at the national level.

Since 1985, Ms. Baker has been a pioneer and leader in the Oriental Medical profession both nationally and locally. She has worked tirelessly to help her profession gain acceptance in the United States and to educate patients, physicians, the media, and legislators about the safety and benefits of acupuncture and Chinese herbs. From 1993 to 2001, Ms. Baker was on the Board of Directors of the American Association of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine (AAAOM), and was elected as its first woman President ('96-98). In 1996 Claudette was invited to Milan, Italy, to attend the World Health Organization's 'Consultation on Acupuncture' where worldwide standards for acupuncture education and practice were developed.

For 15 years Claudette was on the Board of Directors of The Illinois Association of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine (ILAAOM), and during her Presidency in 1997, she and her small team passed the initial legislation that created a license for acupuncturists in Illinois. In 2004 she came out of 'political retirement' and successfully led the legislative campaign that removed the physician referral requirement, conferring the status of 'independent practice' to Licensed Acupuncturists.

From 2009 to 2013, Ms. Baker was appointed to the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation's Board of Acupuncture, serving as Chairman for 2 years. She is also a member of the Society for Integrative Oncology, The Illinois Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, and the BioDynamic Association. She is also passionate about supporting the environment and educating people about the links between environment and health.