

# Traditional Orthopedic Knowledge in Karnataka: A Qualitative Study of Healers' Techniques and Practices

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**Abstract:** *This study explores the traditional orthopedic knowledge systems of three primary folklore bone setters in Karnataka, India. The research documents their historical knowledge repositories, unique techniques, and practices while analyzing the social and clinical relevance of their contributions. Using qualitative interviews, field observations, and basic descriptive analysis of patient responses, the study highlights the efficacy, accessibility, and cultural acceptance of traditional bone setting. Findings reveal the significance of these practices in rural healthcare, the challenges in integration with the public health system, and suggestions for policy intervention.*

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