

TOP TEN SIMPLE DRUGS FROM NATURE THAT CHANGED THE WORLD.



ASPIRIN

Salicylic acid was first discovered in white willow bark.



ALOE

The aloe vera plant contains a powerful antibacterial agent.

OPIUM

Found in seeds of the poppy plant, its derivatives gave medicine its most effective pain killer.



COCAINE

It comes from the coca plant, and is still used today in surgeries.



DOPAMINE

A dopamine agent used for Parkinson's treatment is derived from the *Mucuna pruriens* species.



ALCOHOL

Derived from fermented grain, fruit, or vegetables, it's used widely in medicine as an antiseptic and analgesic.



QUININE

Comes from the bark of the cinchona tree and is a potent anti-malarial fever reducer.



PACLITAXEL

Is an anti-cancer treatment derived from the Pacific Yew tree.



MARIJUANA

THC from the cannabis/marijuana plant is a psychoactive drug used today to alleviate pain and stimulate the appetite of chemotherapy patients.



CAFFEINE

Found in coffee beans (and tea), it is the world's most widely used stimulant.

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