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Dr. Gao has practiced Traditional Chinese Medicine for 26 years. He was also Director of the West German Branch of Liaoning Qigong Scientific Research Association from 1989 through 1991 and has 34 years experience as a Qigong Practitioner and Instructor.

In 1991, Dr. Gao moved to the United States and established his practice in Wichita, Kansas with an emphasis in Acupuncture, Qigong, Tuina Anmo (Oriental Bodywork) and Herbal Medicine. He founded the Kansas College of Chinese Medicine (KCCM) in the Fall of 1996. The College is presently the only Chinese Medicine College of its kind in a five state area offering a Diploma of Oriental Bodywork and Master of Oriental Medicine. In 1998 Dr. Gao was elected as President of the Kansas Acupuncture Association and worked extensively with the Kansas State Legislature to establish licensure and legal precedent for the practice of Traditional Chinese Medicine in the state. In 1999 Dr. Gao formed the Evergreen Wellness Center, a full service Traditional Chinese Medicine Clinic. The Clinic is the largest of its kind in Kansas serving thousands of patients. In 2000 Dr. Gao founded the International Institute of Oriental Medicine (IIOM), an organization dedicated to bridging the gap between Eastern and Western Medicine. IIOM is the first organization to provide a comprehensive online and on campus Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Program designed specifically for Physicians. In 2004, Dr. Gao was the co-chair of the *Bridging the Gap Between Eastern & Western Medicine Conference*, hosted by the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine. He was invited as an official delegate by the Edgar Snow Foundation to speak on the Future of Medicine at the Edgar Snow Symposium, Beijing University, Fall 2004. Additionally from 2000-2004, Dr. Gao was Program Director of the Integrative Medicine Program at Healthsouth/Wesley Rehabilitation Hospital where he was responsible for development, design and direction of a groundbreaking Stroke Rehabilitation Research Program. Dr. Gao is also on staff at Select Specialty Hospital and Trinity Hospice both located in Wichita.

Dr. Gao has presented research papers at the Third World Conference on Medical Qigong in Beijing, China, the Second World Congress on Qigong in San Francisco, California, the International Society for the Study of Subtle Energies and Energy Medicine (ISSSEEM) in Boulder, Colorado and has presented numerous lectures and demonstrations at Medical Schools, Chiropractic colleges, Universities and hospitals throughout the United States on various aspects of Chinese Medicine. He also instructs in both the Kansas College of Chinese Medicine and the International Institute of Oriental Medicine.

Dr. Gao is licensed by the State of New Mexico to practice as a Doctor of Oriental Medicine (D.O.M.), in the State of Missouri as an Acupuncturist and is certified by the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) as a Diplomate of Oriental Medicine, the highest level of certification achieved in the United States.