

## **The Effectiveness of Traditional Music As Therapy And Alternative To Traditional Forms of Therapy In Treatment of Anxiety And Depression.**

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**Abstract :** Music therapy has emerged as a promising alternative to traditional forms of therapy, such as talk therapy or medication. Research has shown that music can have a profound effect on the brain and the body leading to improvements in mood, cognition, and physical functioning. This presentation will discuss the current effectiveness of music therapy for a range of conditions such as depression and anxiety. Indeed traditional forms of therapy have often been effective in treating various mental and physical health conditions. However they are not without their limitations. Music therapy, on the other hand is a non-invasive and cost effective alternative that can produce similar or even better results. Talk therapy can be time consuming and expensive, and medication can have unwanted side effect. Studies have shown that music therapy can be as effective as talk therapy in treating depression, and can even produce longer lasting results. The research also highlights the underlying mechanisms of traditional music therapy, such as its complementary treatment options. A systematic review of existing literature was conducted to gather relevant studies and establish a comprehensive understanding of the topic. Various research methods, including experimental studies, qualitative research, surveys, were utilized to explore the therapeutic potential of traditional music interventions. The findings reveal that traditional music therapy shows promise in managing anxiety and depression symptoms, with positive outcomes impact on brain activity, emotions, and stress regulation. The outcomes of this study contribute to evidence-based practice, providing insights for clinicians and therapists to incorporate traditional music therapy into their treatment approaches. Furthermore, the research promotes awareness and acceptance of traditional music as a legitimate and effective therapeutic intervention for anxiety and depression, potentially enhancing access to alternative and complementary treatment options. Overall, this study demonstrates the potential benefits of traditional music therapy in addressing anxiety and depression, offering valuable implications for mental health care and improving the well-being of individuals struggling with these condition.

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