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Geochemistry of Groundwater Used in Balneotherapy and Spa Treatments

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For a long time, groundwater has been used not only for drinking, personal hygiene and entertainment, but also in therapeutic treatments. Initially, its use in therapeutic treatments was connected with the use of waters from natural springs, especially thermal waters or waters with specific chemical or gaseous compositions, which were often believed to have "miraculous" properties. Subsequent studies have led to the discovery of the presence of components which are beneficial to human health in these waters, and these helped to explain numerous mechanisms of their activity. Following scientific and technological developments, groundwater used in therapy started to be obtained not only from natural springs, but also from deeper water intakes (dug wells), and, from the late 19th century on, also from boreholes, [...] For further reading, please follow the link to the Special Issue Website at:

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