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The increasing prevalence of falsified medicines in the multicultural society of Sweden has raised serious concerns as it poses direct harm to consumers from different age, social and cultural backgrounds and sadly enough, children are among the risk groups. Hence, investigating children's health knowledge from a cultural analytical perspective is of great importance. In this paper, I present a state of the art report with focus on the knowledge and sources of information about medicines and medicine procurement among children from different cultural and social backgrounds in Sweden. Having the social and political changes in mind, I look into the kind(s) of education provided to children about health and medicines in Sweden, and the possible marks that sociocultural changes may have left behind on the creation and exchange of knowledge. As a part of this research, I will also look at the methods of information exchange and their influence on children's attitude and behaviour towards health and medicines. Investigating these areas can reveal different routes of knowledge production and if they have changed along the way, help to raise good research questions, and map the current position of knowledge.