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An Open Letter to Those Persons Interested in Chelation Therapy

Dear Sirs,

Thank you for your recent letter of inquiry. We are sorry that we are not staffed to handle personal or specific requests for medical information. We do provide educational materials for the public regarding the important new alternative, nonsurgical therapies employed in the treatment and prevention of arteriosclerosis offered by the professional members of our Academy. We also refer patients to the nearest members of our Academy who offer these approaches. We believe that this information is vital to you to enable you to make an informed choice regarding your health care. All too often, the remarkable benefits available from low fat dietary regimes, in conjunction with megavitamin, chelation and hyperbaric oxygen therapy are not offered to patients who may be facing needless vascular surgery, such as bypass heart surgery, or even amputation of an extremity (due to impending gangrene), or a future of continual pain and disability and eventual premature death, when frequently these alternative approaches could have provided as good, if not better results at less cost, and without surgery.

Currently, there is great public debate and furor regarding bypass surgery which appears to be needlessly performed on too many Americans. A National Institute of Health study has concluded that drugs are "safer and better" than coronary bypass.

Our physicians employ a comprehensive treatment program which begins with unique painless (non-invasive) tests to accurately measure the extent of arteriosclerosis in your body. This facilitates annual re-evaluation of your health and allows you to document the continuing improvement in your circulation. Lately, there has been great interest in the health benefits derived by conscientious restriction of dietary fats to control angina, etc. This diet is not acceptable to everyone and many of us would find it a difficult diet to continue forever.

We employ a more comprehensive program, including EDTA chelation and hyperbaric oxygen therapy, as well as a special supplement program including vitamin C, zinc and chromium, etc. (see Isaacs et al. article, on enclosed literature form), which, when employed

concurrently has markedly enhanced the benefits particularly, when this is all done in conjunction with a total and holistic health program, including life-style improvement!

The use of chelation therapy for arteriosclerosis is not well known in the United States, but chelation is fully accepted by all as the "treatment of choice" for lead poisoning and has been successfully and safely employed for more than 25 years in children for that purpose. Chelation therapy employs a synthetic amino acid called, ethylenediamine tetraacetic acid (EDTA) which is given intravenously, in the arm, over approximately a 4 hour interval. This intravenous feeding is repeated 15 to 40 times - or even more, depending on the severity of your case. Usually, all of the circulatory symptoms will be remarkably improved 1 to 3 months after completing this series - occasionally earlier - or later. This treatment is virtually painless and quite safe. Therefore, it may readily be repeated later on if you develop more problems.

Members of our Academy report good to excellent results in 80 to 90% of their patients who receive the total program because of poor circulation (hardening of the arteries), involving the brain often with loss of memory and dizziness, or the heart with weakness, shortness of breath and/or angina, and the legs, with leg cramps or pains and/or limited ability to walk, sores that heal poorly and even early gangrene. Unfortunately, since the maximum benefits are usually not visible for 2 to 3 months after you have completed the total series of recommended treatments, we strongly recommend that you consult a knowledgeable physician soon for early diagnosis and early treatment. That way, you can avoid disappointing results and/or possibly avoid the need today's crisis care medicine (bypass surgery, amputations, or even hospitalization in the coronary care units) that everyone agrees does so little to change your basic disease, and is far too expensive!

We are pleased to refer you to physician members of our Academy who are knowledgeable regarding these alternative therapies. We also can provide scientific information for your physician friends as well as for you, the public. We hold semi-annual convention where your physician, who may not be familiar with these therapies is most welcome to attend and learn, and meet our members. Our Academy's next convention will be held May 25-27, 1979 in Chicago, Illinois and the following convention will be held November 2-4, 1979 in Denver, Colorado.

Most of our physician members were not personally convinced until they utilized these therapies on themselves, or their families. Only then, did they begin to offer these approaches to their patients. After all, we had all been taught there was nothing that could be done to reverse arteriosclerosis. Now, even the American Heart Association's official journal, "Modern Concepts of Cardiovascular Disease", June 1977, Vol. XLVI, No. 6, quotes Dr. Wissler of the University of Chicago, who agrees that on animal studies, low fat diet, EDTA and oxygen have been proven to be able to reverse arteriosclerosis. It may be five more years before organized medicine fully agrees and finally recommends these approaches to you. But, meanwhile, we are doing everything we can to hasten that day - and we will continue striving to improve on these approaches so they become easier and less expensive!

We can provide professional speakers from our Academy for responsible groups and we recommend that you obtain a 35mm., 30 minute film strip presentation with sound suitable for showing to all community groups. This film is self explanatory and does not require a physician's attendance. The Committee for Freedom of Choice at 145 Main Street, Suite 104 in Los Altos, California 94022 supplies this film for \$50.

Malpractice and other "peer Review" pressures on physicians today, cause physicians to be hesitant to offer you these innovative therapies, particularly since they frequently are not well informed about them. We hope you will avail yourself of the literature, and technical information we make available to you, so that you help yourself and others.

Hopefully, you may interest some open-minded "holistic" physicians to look into the benefits of this therapy and he may begin to offer it in your community. We have found it very satisfying to restore an active and useful life-style to many patients, who are needlessly ill - or even totally disabled. A small booklet written primarily in lay language is available (see under Halstead, on enclosed literature form). Also, a comprehensive bibliography, intended primarily for the health professional, lists many key references regarding the safety and efficacy of chelation.

We need your active support! We recommend that you become involved in one or both of the lay organizations that are attempting to increase the general public awareness regarding these new therapies. They are also attempting to improve health insurance companies' attitudes for they currently seldom pay for these new alternative health approaches. These organizations are - The Association for Chelation Therapy (ACT), Mrs. Collie Greene, Executive Director, 439 N. Gerona Ave., San Gabriel, California 91775 and the National Educational Society for Natural Healing, P.O. Box 15758, New Orleans, Louisiana 70175. A nominal fee of \$5-\$15. donation for annual membership in each group will help keep you informed regarding the new developments in this important and rapidly growing field, and may even help assure you of the continued availability of chelation and other new therapies.

Since Medicare, does not currently reimburse patients for these alternative methods of therapy, many members are writing Congress, the FDA, and HEW to demand that chelation be paid! Some patients are even planning to sue the government to force payment. Mr. D.J. Dominey has already been successful, his chelation treatments were covered under Part A (hospitalization). Medicare still refuses to pay under Part B for chelation done in the physician's office.

The original decision not to pay for chelation was made August 11, 1969 and involved Dr. Theodore Bedwell - Chief Medical Officer - Bureau of Health Insurance, Social Security Administration and NIH and NHI. The Academy of Sciences report on which their decision was made is in serious error, so that public pressure should be able to rectify this government policy - even faster than the courts.


Join ACT and help this happen!

We find an average patient spends approximately \$2,000. undergoing a total program of chelation therapy. Although many patients probably would have spent \$20,000. or more undergoing bypass surgery. There are many who find even this expense beyond their means and thus, go without chelation therapy. This is unfortunate because even one treatment a months could have eventually produced improvement - or at least stopped the deterioration in their health! All too often, surgery is chosen because it was covered by insurance, even though the risks of surgery may well have been avoided with the total program including chelation. Pressure is often placed on our physician members to discontinue the use of these innovative approaches helping your health. Even government agencies, whose initial concern should be to protect the consumer and not protect the vested interests of the medical establishment, have nonetheless been involved in this unfortunate harassment.

Your personal involvement by joining these organizations can help overcome these obstacles and redirect - through educational efforts, the misguided actions of organized medicine, insurance companies and government agencies so that proper reimbursement policies are forthcoming and hopefully produce an increased availability of this therapy to your loved ones. Some of the controversy regarding bypass surgery has been reported in The Unkindest Cut, by Marcia Millman, William Marrow & Company, Inc. at 105 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10016. We urge those of you who are considering undergoing a surgical procedure because of hardening of the arteries to carefully read her book and our literature before making your decision.

Again, we are sorry we cannot specifically answer any personal health questions that you may have included in your letter. We are a nonprofit organization and we lack the funds to increase our staff at this time. We can accept donations from the public, and would appreciate any support you can offer us to help increase our effectiveness.

Sincerely,


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President

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