



MISSION ~

- * Promote better health by supporting patient care, education, and research in biotherapy

DISEASES IMPACTED ~

- * Diabetes, pressure ulcers, venous stasis, leg ulcers, burns, gangrene, traumatic and surgical amputations, multiple sclerosis, epilepsy, stroke, spinal cord injury, depression, rheumatologic & autoimmune diseases

TREATMENTS ENCOMPASSED ~

- * Maggot therapy, leech therapy (hirudotherapy), apitherapy (honeybee therapy), pet therapy, and diagnostic sniffer dogs

IMPORTANCE and JUSTIFICATION for the FOUNDATION ~

- * Biotherapeutic medicine is centuries old; thousands of practitioners are using these medical treatments in their practices today
- * Few medical schools and training programs (whether allopathic or homeopathic) teach biotherapeutic modalities
- * No other organization evaluates or accredits practitioners in biotherapeutic competence
- * Many insurance companies do not reimburse for biotherapeutic treatments
- * Poor reimbursement and the inability to patent living creatures prevent most biotherapeutic modalities from becoming profitable enough to inspire corporate investment, development, or support

SELECTED FOUNDATION PROGRAMS ~

- * **Patient Assistance Fund** - subsidizes treatment costs for patients without medical insurance or other payment means
- * **Production and distribution** of educational materials for therapists and patients
- * **Training** courses in biotherapeutic medicine
- * **Certification** and accreditation of biotherapy practitioners
- * **Research Development Grants** - supporting presenters at national and international conferences
- * **The BeTER LeTTER** - the Foundation's newsletter provides the latest in biotherapeutic news, research and insights for patients, therapists, researchers, and students

FINANCIAL STATEMENT ~

- * The BeTER Foundation is a registered not-for-profit charity, under IRS 501[c]3. Tax ID Number: 83-0351746.