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Dear Ronald Sherman,

In this issue, we update you on our forthcoming Leech Therapy Policy & Procedure Template. If you have experience with leech therapy, please give us your feedback on our draft policy so that we may post the final guidelines next month.

Also, take a look at the "Got Maggots" T-shirt offer below, provided by this month's sponsor: Monarch Labs. This coupon/advertisement is a first for THE BeTER LeTTER and a first for Monarch Labs. As always, you will find the latest news and events in biotherapy, from around the world, in THE BeTER LeTTER.

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Draft Leech Therapy Policy and Procedures

The BTER Foundation will soon release the latest in our "Policy & Procedure (P&P) Template" series: Leech Therapy.

A draft of the template can be found on our website at: [http://bterfoundation.org/indexfiles/Leech Therapy policy and procedure, edited, 6 20 08_for public comment.doc](http://bterfoundation.org/indexfiles/Leech%20Therapy%20policy%20and%20procedure,%20edited,%206%2020%2008_for%20public%20comment.doc)

If you have any leech therapy experience and have not already commented on this draft, please review our P&P recommendations and send us your feedback. We plan to release the final version in August, 2008. Board Member Sharon Mendez deserves special commendations for her hard work in putting these policies together and for sharing them with the biotherapy community.

Based on the success of our "Maggot Therapy Policy and Procedures Template, the Foundation's P&P templates are intended to assist first-time practitioners both with the performance of biotherapy and with obtaining the necessary administrative approvals.

The Maggot Debridement Therapy P&P Template has been posted on the internet and distributed free to hundreds of interested therapists since 2005.

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BioTherapy in the News

BTER Foundation Director designated as one of Medical Device Industry's "100 Notable People"

A photograph of Ronald Sherman, MD, Director of the BTER Foundation, can be found on the cover of *Medical Device & Diagnostics Industry* (bottom row, 3rd from the left), along with the other "100 notable people in the medical device industry" for 2008. In the cover story, the journal editors



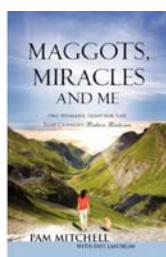
refer to Sherman's contributions to the medical device industry, including conducting clinical trials of medicinal maggots for wound-healing, and his success in securing FDA marketing clearance for those maggots --- the first live animal to achieve such a status in FDA history.



Sherman is the co-founder and Laboratory Director of Monarch Labs, which produces medicinal grade maggots (Medical Maggots) and distributes them throughout North America. He has also assisted scores of others set up their own laboratories to supply medicinal maggots to thousands of patients throughout the world. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Sherman for this recognition by the medical device industry.

BTER Foundation Announcements

Board Member Pam Mitchell publishes Memoir



Pam Mitchell's autobiography is now available again in paperback, and still getting great reviews. If you order your copy through the [BTER Foundation Website](#), you can get the great prices of Amazon.com and Amazon will donate a portion of the sale to the Foundation. In fact, **get all of your books through the [BTER Foundation-Amazon.com web link](#).**

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BTER Foundation Workshops and Exhibits

[Symposium for Advanced Wound Care](#); April 24-27; San Diego, CA
[Diabetes Expo-Los Angeles](#); May 3; Long Beach, CA
[Undersea & Hyperbaric Medical Society](#); June 26-28; Salt Lake City
[American Podiatric Medical Association](#); July 24-27; Honolulu, HI
[Wild on Wounds](#); September 18-20; Orlando, FL

Conferences with BioTherapy Lectures & Posters

[WOCN-Pacific Coast Region](#); March 27-28, 2008; Carmel, CA
[Symposium for Advanced Wound Care](#); April 24-27; San Diego, CA
[Diabetes Expo-Los Angeles](#); May 3; Long Beach, CA
[World Union of Wound Healing Societies](#); June 4-8; Toronto, Canada
[Undersea & Hyperbaric Medical Society](#); June 26-28; Salt Lake City
[American Podiatric Medical Association](#); July 24-27; Honolulu, HI
[Diabetic Limb Salvage](#); September 18-20; Washington, D.C.

[Wild on Wounds](#); September 18-20; Orlando, FL
[American Association of Equine Practitioners](#); December 6-10; San Diego, CA

How about a Workshop in Your Town?

To arrange a maggot therapy or leech therapy workshop in your community, contact the BTER Foundation. Local and national experts are available to provide 1-hour lectures, full day workshops, and anything in between.

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Thank you!

Thank you for your continued support of the BTER Foundation. Let us know how we can help you.

Ronald Sherman, Director
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"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."
- Margaret Mead

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