

ICIM Awards \$20,000 Research Grant to Dr. Lamas: Chelation Therapy for Diabetics

The International College of Integrative Medicine (ICIM) is pleased to announce that the James P. Carter Memorial Grant for EDTA Chelation Research has been awarded to Dr. Gervasio Lamas in the amount of \$20,000.

Dedicated to Dr. Carter, this grant was created to inspire innovative thinkers such as Dr. Lamas to conduct further clinical research that will aim to confirm the results of the Trial to Assess Chelation Therapy (TACT) for treating vascular disease and diabetes.

The grant supports a pilot effort by Dr. Lamas to replicate a 1990's Danish study led by Claus Hancke, which showed that 24 of 27 diabetic patients on a waiting list for amputation were able to cancel their surgery after integrative treatment. Dr. Lamas will also examine whether the elevation of toxic metals such as lead is a possible mechanism of action.

Previous research coordinated by Dr. Lamas, TACT, showed that patients who had suffered heart attacks in the past subsequently treated with intravenous chelation had fewer future cardiac events than those who only received conventional cardiac care. Diabetic patients in TACT who also received high-dose vitamins and minerals had 51% fewer cardiac events over a five-year period.

The late James P. Carter, M.D.'s contributions to the acceptance of chelation therapy were immeasurable. Dr. Carter played a critical role in helping ICIM define its commitment to educating its members, protecting their ability to practice innovative medicine, and stimulating meaningful research.

The International College of Integrative Medicine (www.ICIMed.com) grew out of a physician study group in the Great Lakes region in the 1970's. ICIM's signature therapy is EDTA chelation for vascular disease. Semi-annual meetings feature prominent speakers that teach a variety of integrative techniques that members can use in their practices immediately. ICIM will be teaching chelation workshops September 24-28, 2014 for every level of physician and staff. Please see www.IntegrativeMedicineConference.com for details.