



Caution Naturopathic Medical Education

Lets examine the misguided rhetoric written about **accredited four year resident Naturopathic Medical schools teaching surgery, drugs and pretending to produce primary care physicians.** Even though the rhetoric states that Naturopathy has a forty to eighty year record of high standards, the facts always remain the same. High standards are hard to find.

FACT 1. In approximately 1956, Florida produced a report showing Naturopathic degrees were sold in garages, back rooms, motels, etc. Some would counter this by saying, "so what, M.D.s' do it all the time". I doubt that is true, even if it were, it is hardly an excuse.

FACT 2. A Utah government report stated that Naturopaths were writing more prescription drugs than the Allopaths.

FACT 3. In the years touted as having high standards Naturopaths with prison records were held in high esteem. As recent as 1989, the *American Association of Naturopathic Physicians* honored an ex-convict with the "President's award". He actually served prison time for offering to sell a medical degree to an undercover agent. In 1987 he was used as a site visitor at Bastyr College to determine whether or not they should be accredited. The same individual was deeply involved with the Basic Science programs in Kansas for the National College of Naturopathic Medicine (NCNM).

FACT 4. Another individual who served as a site visitor at John Bastyr College actually claims three degrees, two of which the F.B.I. determined were from diploma mills.

FACT 5. The third site visitor was an individual who had donated large sums of money to the college which leaves one to ask the question, "Should Bastyr College have been accredited to begin with"?

FACT 6. Both Bastyr and National College accepted students from Pacific College of Naturopathic Medicine (PCNM), issuing college credits extending into July 1982. This amounted to three years credit from PCNM, when the State of California indicates that the school was closed on 1/14/81 for non-compliance. This does not appear to be high standards.

FACT 7. National College of Naturopathic Medicine issued approximately 22 degrees to Chiropractors in the State of Arizona, who never attended one class in the State of Oregon.

FACT 8. According to one 1984 NCNM graduate, the education was so poor, she went on to a nursing school to obtain a credible degree.

FACT 9. In recent years the Oregon Office of Education Policy and Planning described NCNM as a disgrace.

FACT 10. In 1988 a former President of NCNM declared two degrees issued by NCNM to be bogus.

FACT 11. In 1992 an NCNM 29 page [Student Report](#) was published. Comments made by students included: Need to have a policy on cheating - lots of it going on - yet those students do not get punished in any way or form (page 4). There is an air of deception hovering all around. Most administrators, Directors and some students present an image of themselves that is contrary to who they really are. People here are hiding, they are afraid of being caught at what they do best, perpetrating fraud and deceiving the Naive. Disrespect towards students abounds (page 13). Needs improvement as far as primaries and secondaries using patients as "guinea pigs" and not really accomplishing anything significant (page 19). Clinic continues to be embarrassingly dirty (page 19). Serious cases are under treated, people don't improve and never come back (page 21).

FACT 12. The NPLEX examination is not "secure" and should not be used by any state. Copies are in circulation.

FACT 13. National College of Naturopathic Medicine is being sued for fraud and deceit by a former graduate. The plaintiff claims that the college made several false statements in their catalog to attract students and plaintiff is now left with a worthless degree.

FACT 14. In a sworn deposition on August 2nd, 1995, the (then) president of the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians (AANP), when asked about minor surgery, declared vasectomies performed by naturopathic doctors to be a minor surgical procedure. He stated, that vasectomies fall within the scope of naturopathic practice. When asked if this procedure is taught at National College, he said, I don't know. When this naturopath was asked about other surgeries he admitted doing hemorrhoid operations, "sewing" of laceration, skin biopsies varicotomies and electrocautery of warts. He declared breast implants to be a relatively simple procedure.

FACT 15. In 1986 an Oregon licensed naturopath practicing in the state of Nevada killed his first patient doing breast implant surgery. The patient was a mother of four daughters, the oldest being eleven years of age. It was determined that his credentials were bogus, like so many others licensed by the State of Oregon.

FACT 16. According to the Oregonian, Thursday October 3, 1996 NCNM was issued a warning to prove itself or lose accreditation. (Opinion) According to ANMA they should not have received accreditation in the first place.

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