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## **The BTER Foundation Mission:**

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*Promote better health by  
supporting  
Patient care,  
Education, and  
Research  
in biotherapy  
and symbiotic medicine*

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## **Diseases impacted:**

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

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The logo consists of the letters 'BT' stacked above 'ER' in a bold, serif font, enclosed within a double-lined square border.

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# The BioTherapeutics, Education and Research Foundation

The BTER (pronounced "Better") Foundation was established in February, 2003, with the aim of improving the quality of, and access to, biotherapeutic medicine. Also known as symbiotic medicine, biotherapy is the use of live organisms to diagnose or treat diseases.

## ✓ What is Biotherapy?

- Maggot therapy (MDT)
- Hirudotherapy (leech therapy)
- Apitherapy (honeybee therapy)
- Ichtheotherapy (wound-debriding fish)
- Pet therapy & sniffer dogs

The diseases treated biotherapeutically are often serious, incapacitating, or even life-threatening: diabetic/neuropathic foot ulcers, chronic leg ulcers, pressure ulcers (bed sores), re-attachment of severed limbs, multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis, epilepsy, and more.

## ✓ Biotherapy is not the status quo

Biotherapy is not the status quo, which is why some insurance companies do not cover it, and why few medical programs teach it.

But when conventional therapy fails, doctors and patients often turn to biotherapy to save limbs and save lives.

The BTER Foundation helps ensure ready access to high quality care, through its many activities and programs, including . . . .

## ✓ Patient Assistance Fund

The BTER Foundation arranges for free or subsidized supplies for patients who can not afford the costs of therapy.

## ✓ Education Fund

The BTER Foundation is creating educational programs for patients, for health care workers, and for the community.

## ✓ Training of Therapists

The BTER Foundation is improving the quality of care with training courses, certification programs, and establishing national standards.

## ✓ Clinical and Policy Research

The BTER Foundation collects information about the use, cost, benefits, and reimbursement of biotherapy, and makes this information available to policy makers and the general community. The BTER Foundation is *not* a political or lobbying organization.

## ✓ Scholarships and Grants

The BTER Foundation supports BioTherapy research, and helps young researchers present their work at national and international meetings.

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- Patient Assistance Fund
- Education Fund
- Training of Therapists
- Clinical and Policy research
- Scholarships and grants
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