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**In This Issue**

Greetings General : Salutation - Formal,

Here it is, the February Newsletter, and it is still the month of February! As I sit down to write an introduction for this issue of the BTER Letter, I realize that just having a newsletter coming out monthly and on time is, itself, newsworthy. We owe this achievement to the administrative and editorial assistance of Hillary Martinez, who has not yet been adequately introduced. Hillary joined the BTER Foundation at the end of last year, focusing first on upgrading the website and subsequently working to improve the quality of our newsletter. Soon Hillary will update the membership rosters, and she has already taken over much of the community correspondence. This has freed up time for the rest of us to move forward on some of the educational and research activities of the Foundation, such as the Journal Club (about to debut), the Maggot Therapy Core Curriculum Committee (about to be resurrected), and our assorted biotherapy guidance documents and publications.

Thank you all, for sticking with us and joining together in our efforts to improve information about and access to biotherapy over the past ten years. And please feel free to send a welcoming note to Hillary, or just let her know how we can BeTER serve you.

And now, on with the show . . . .

Ron Sherman



[Check out our website!](#)

## Journal Club



In an effort to facilitate conversation about recent innovations and discoveries in biotherapy, the BTER Foundation has decided to launch a new program: an online Journal Club.

**In order for our Journal Club to be successful, we need your participation!** Have you recently read (or even published) a fascinating article on biotherapy or wound care? We'd love for you to share your thoughts. If you're interested in participating, please send a two or three paragraph summary and discussion of the article you've chosen as well as a link to the original article or information about how to access it. We will publish a portion of each Journal Club selection in the newsletter as well as a link to the full text and article link on the BTER Foundation website. We look forward to continuing our online conversation about biotherapy with you. **To participate, please send your written work and the article link to [editor@bterfoundation.org](mailto:editor@bterfoundation.org).** Thanks for joining us in this project!

## Biotherapy on the Web: Showcasing Some of the Biotherapy Resources on Twitter

In the twenty-first century, some of the most helpful resources for biotherapy can be found on the web. This year, we'll be using the newsletter to tip you off about some of the great resources that we've found. If you follow the BTER Foundation on Twitter at [@BTERFoundation](https://twitter.com/BTERFoundation), you can check out some of the



publication links we tweet for some great biotherapy reading. Other great handles to follow on Twitter include [@Wound\\_Care](#) (which represents BioPortfolio.com), [@WoundCareAdv](#) (the handle for Wound Care Advisor, the Official Journal of the National Alliance of Wound Care), [@WoundSource](#) (an organization that helps medical professionals to find and compare wound care and skin care products for their patients), and [@ApitherapyUSA](#) (an educational nonprofit dedicated to the therapeutic use of all products of the honeybee). Happy Tweeting!

## Join (or Rejoin) the BTER Foundation Today

### Are you a member of the BTER Foundation?

If so, thank you for supporting the organization that has brought biotherapy to thousands of patients, and information to hundreds of thousands. Our work would not be possible without all of our volunteers and members.

**If you are not yet a member, or if your membership has lapsed...** please review all of the [benefits of membership](#).

Membership often pays for itself in program discounts. Members qualify for free access to our Biotherapy Library (with the cost of membership being less than the cost of ordering one or two scientific papers from the publisher, based on the dues for Community and Student members).

Other benefits include free educational materials, free insurance billing assistance, discounts on workshops and conferences, and more.

### Quick Links

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## How Are We Doing? Let Us Know By Sending A Text!

The BTER Foundation has joined the community of thousands of non-profits who have set up profiles through the charity database GreatNonprofits. This year, one of our goals is to build up our profile in the database, spreading



the word about all of the exciting work that the BTER Foundation is doing in the world of biotherapy research and wound care. **We'd love for you to help us build our profile by texting a review to GreatNonprofits.**

**Here's how:**

1. Tap "New Message" in your message app.
2. Enter the number (888) 432-6659.
3. In the message field enter "83-0351746".
4. Tap send.
5. Now you will be given three questions: a rating, your role, and a space to write comments.

That's it! We appreciate your feedback and opinions immensely. Hearing your voices allows us to grow and evolve as an organization. Thanks in advance for contributing! Know that your answers are anonymous and your phone number will never be shown publicly. The entire process is easy and built to protect your privacy.

## 2015 Workshops and Conferences

### **BTER Foundation Lectures & Workshops**

Feb 12-15, 2015; [Pacific Coast Region of WOCN Society Conf.](#); Anaheim, CA

Feb 22-25, 2015; [LTC Nursing Continuum Symposium](#); Lake Geneva, WI

April 16-17, 2015; [Medical Surgical Nursing Conference](#); San Francisco, CA

May 14-16, 2015; [Palliative Wound Care - MDT Workshop](#); Orlando, FL

Sept 2-5, 2015; [Wild on Wounds](#); Las Vegas, NV



### **Conferences with Biotherapy Lectures & Exhibits**

February 12-15, 2015, [Pacific Coast Region of Wound Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society](#); Anaheim, CA

Feb 20-21, 2015; [NPUAP](#); Orlando, FL

Feb 22-25, 2015; [LTC Nursing Continuum Symposium](#); Lake Geneva, WI

March 13-15, 2015; [Superbones East](#); Orlando, FL [Bruce Cohen]

March 19-21 2015; [DFCon](#); Los Angeles, CA

April 16-17, 2015; [Medical Surgical Nursing Conference](#); San Francisco, CA  
April 29-May 3, 2015; [Symposium on Advanced Wound Care Spring](#); San Antonio, TX  
May 14-16, 2015; [Palliative Wound Care Conference](#); Hilton Orlando Downtown, Orlando, Florida  
June 6-10, 2015; [Wound Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society Conference](#); San Antonio, TX  
June 25-28, 2015; [Western Foot and Ankle](#); Anaheim, CA  
July 23-26, 2015; [American Podiatric Medical Association Annual Scientific Meeting](#); Orlando, FL  
Sept 2-5, 2015; [Wild on Wounds](#); Las Vegas, NV  
Sept 18-21, 2015; [Clinical Symposium on Skin & Wound Care](#); New Orleans, LA  
Sept 26-28, 2015; [Symposium on Advanced Wound Care, Fall](#); Las Vegas, NV  
October 16-18, 2015; [International Biotherapy and Wound Conference](#); Sunway Pyramid Convention Centre, Malaysia  
Oct 22-24, 2015; [Superbones-West](#); Las Vegas, NV  
Nov 18-20, 2015; [Desert Foot](#); Phoenix, AZ

#### **Know about something we don't?**

Let us know of any biotherapy news or event that isn't on our list, so we can make sure that everyone knows about it!

Don't hesitate to contact us for more information. Hope to see you there!

#### [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 onr-hour lectures, full day workshops, and anything in between.

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence." - Helen Keller

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**Your name could be here!**

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