

CARING FOR TOMORROW, TODAY

In memory of James Frackelton MD, Cleveland, Ohio



At age 85, DR. JAMES P. FRACKELTON, MD, FACAM who pioneered and shaped chelation therapy, has died.

From 1985-1987, Dr. Frackelton served as ACAM President, and it was at this time that I met him. I was one of the many ACAM attendees he briefly met, who listened to his presentations on chelation and nutrition, a rarity in these days.

With an undergraduate education in mathematics from Yale University, a medical degree from Case Western Reserve University, training in immunology and time spent as a flight surgeon, his lectures were full of facts, underlined with passion for EDTA chelation therapy. What I appreciated most was his ability to separate facts from fiction, his ability to critically evaluate medical knowledge as it existed then. He was a great fighter for EDTA chelation, examined the treatment critically and without fear of opposition. He was a great and unusual man in many ways. With yet another degree in Chinese language, he had the courage to give the first two minutes of a lecture in Chinese in China!

He established his medical practice in Westlake, OH in 1958 emphasizing Family Practice with a specialty in Exercise Cardiology. As chairman of the Family Practice Department at Fairview General Hospital, he established the Family Practice Residency program. In 1976, Dr. Frackelton changed the direction of his medical practice to emphasize Preventive Medicine and formed Preventive Medicine Group. After many years of studying biochemistry, he began teaching nutrient and detoxification therapies to alternative oriented physicians.

He published with Elmer Cranton MD as early as 1984, was involved in studies focused on EDTA and DMSA chelation and nutrition, and wrote about free radical pathology when the term was foreign to most.

In the late 1990s, Dr. Frackelton incorporated my Boulder laboratory, Trace Minerals International, into his Westlake, Ohio venture. From him, I received my first EDTA chelation treatment, not because I worked for him at that time as his associate laboratory director, but because I trusted him.

I appreciated his philosophy. He truly believed and argued that the body is a self-repairing organism with the inherent ability to repair itself given the proper nutrition, detoxification and appropriate therapies. His practice slogan said it all: **CARING FOR TOMORROW, TODAY.** He practiced what he said.

After we parted, I continued to engage myself in laboratory analysis as needed for chelation and antidote treatment, and became involved in IBCMT (formerly ICAM, the international counterpart of ACAM). Dr. Frackelton continued his practice and laboratory activities in the US and elsewhere.

This is a late thank you to a great doctor, thinker, medical pioneer and human being for whom I always had high respect,- then, now and always.

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