

## **About The ParaWellness Research Program**

Dr. Raphael d'Angelo began his medical career as an Air Force trained medical technologist. His first assignment to a hospital in South Vietnam (1967-68) resulted in extensive exposure to all types of parasites as head of the microbiology lab.

Exiting the military as a staff sergeant, he completed his premed requisites and re-entered the Air Force for medical school and a family medicine residency. In 1982 Dr. d'Angelo entered civilian practice in Oklahoma. In 1991 he moved to Colorado where he finished out 35 years of integrative/holistic family medicine. Throughout his medical career Dr. d'Angelo remained active in laboratory testing and in 2011 he retired from family medicine.

"A practitioner friend who cared for cancer patients told me he was sending specimens for parasite testing to a hospital in Nigeria because he could not get a good test here in the US. I had to agree with him. In all the years of civilian practice the labs very rarely found anything. Needing something to occupy some of my free time I offered to take on his parasite testing. I developed a small lab and began to look at urine and stool samples from his patients. The outrageous fees for testing and treatment from the Nigerian hospital were quickly replaced with more reasonable fees and I offered some natural treatments for those patients who were so inclined. This was the beginning of ParaWellness Research. Word of mouth since 2011 has allowed me to help many, many people".

Performing laboratory testing is highly regulated by the Department of Health and Human Services. Their laboratory accreditation division eventually became aware of my program and asked that I become a certified medical lab under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act. I had done this for a five-doctor lab I set up in the 1990s so I was very familiar with all the hoops one has to go through. Being retired and the expenses of certification were overwhelming drawbacks. So I opted out of testing in a public setting that is regulated by government and elected to go private in the form of a private membership association protected by a number of amendments to the US Constitution. People could still see their doctor in the public sector and be tested by me in the private sector. I give every specimen my personal full attention and I love the work that I do.

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