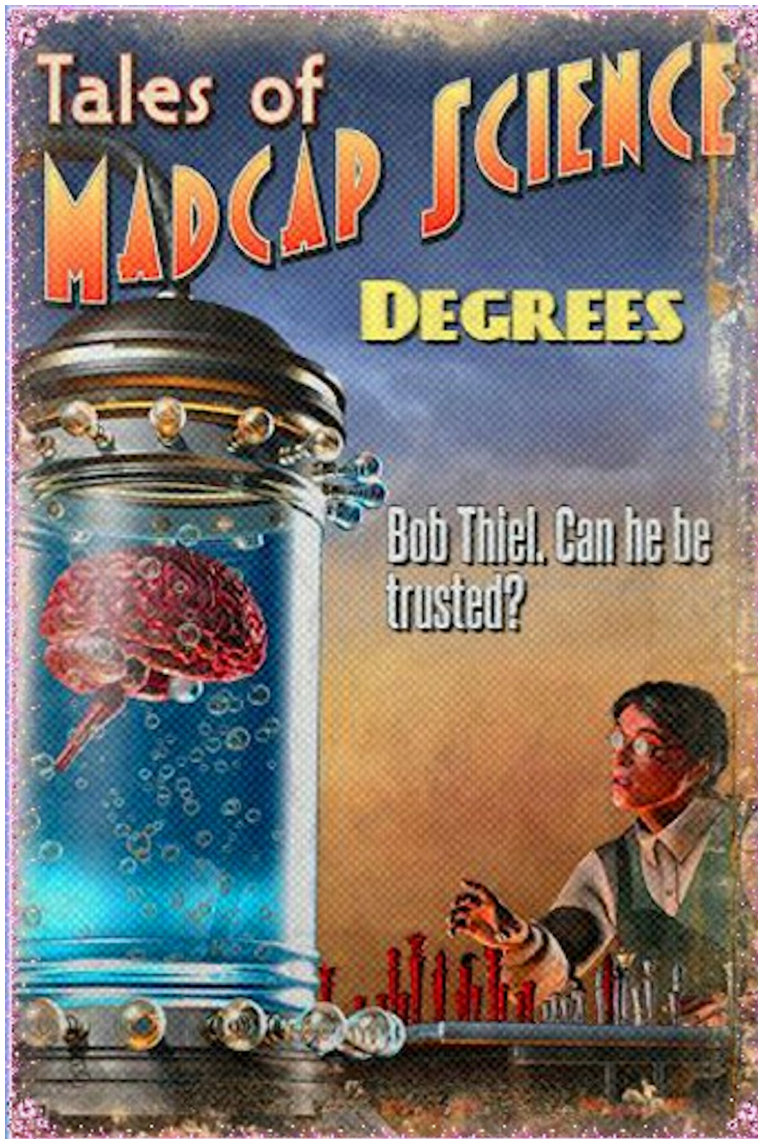


Investigating Bob Thiel

December 5, 2026
Bob Thiel



The Painful Truth

THE PAINFUL TRUTH-HERBERT W.
ARMSTRONG'S WORLDWIDE
CHURCH OF GOD

Understanding the psychology of religious seduction and spiritual abuse.

What is the difference between a licensed naturopathic doctor and an unlicensed naturopath?

"Licensed naturopathic doctors, sometimes referred to as naturopathic physicians, are regulated at the state level to practice naturopathic medicine. Naturopathic medical students attend accredited, four-year, in-residence, naturopathic medical schools where they study biomedical sciences such as anatomy, physiology, biochemistry, pathology, and pharmacology. Their medical education incorporates the latest advances in science and natural approaches to illness prevention and management. Students complete a minimum of 4,100 hours of class and clinical training, including over 1,200 hours of hands-on, supervised, clinical training. Naturopathic doctors can order diagnostic tests such as blood tests, X-rays, MRIs, and, in some states, prescribe drugs and hormones and perform minor surgery. According to the Association of Accredited Naturopathic Medical Colleges (AANMC) 2015 survey of alumni, 50 percent of naturopathic doctors practicing full-time self-report as primary care physicians, while 28 percent report working as natural health specialists. In addition, like conventional medical doctors (MDs), a growing number of naturopathic doctors choose to focus their practices in specialty areas. Specialty associations currently exist for

Endocrinology, Environmental Medicine, Gastroenterology, Intravenous Therapies, Pediatrics, Primary Care Medicine, and Oncology. A naturopathic doctor must pass rigorous professional board exams prior to being licensed or regulated in a state that regulates the practice of naturopathic medicine. State mandated regulatory bodies oversee standards of practice, complaints, and discipline for all licensed jurisdictions. Licensed naturopathic doctors also carry malpractice insurance and maintain a commitment to lifelong learning through continuing education. These requirements are safeguards to ensure patients' rights to quality naturopathic care."

- Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine (NMD)
- Doctor of Naturopathy (ND)

Some years back I put Bob Thiel's phone number for his business into my search engine and came to this now defunct page ([Wayback Machine has not archived this URL.](#)): <https://site-stats.org/ccog.org/>

Name Server:

- NS1.COGWRITER.COM
- NS2.COGWRITER.COM

Abuse Email: abuse@namecheaposting.com

Abuse Phone: +1-323-375-2822

On this page (2019) we see that Bob has quite a few websites, some dealing with religion, others with health. Let's take a look at one, * <http://foodresearch.info>.

The website describes itself as "Food Research International is Caribbean company dedicated to providing the highest quality nutritional supplements, in a form that is as close as possible to those naturally found in foods."

Websites hosted on same server

1. [Ccog.org](#) [[Screen Shot](#)]
2. [Doctorsresearch.com](#) [[Screen Shot](#)]
3. [Ccogafrika.org](#) [[Screen Shot](#)]
4. [Theoriginalcatholicchurch.org](#) [[Screen Shot](#)]
5. [Ccog.eu](#) [[Screen Shot](#)]
6. [Foodresearch.info](#) [[Screen Shot](#)]
7. [Healthresearch.com](#) [[Screen Shot](#)]

At least 7 Sites on this server

 [Websites Hosted on 198.54.123.22](#)

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<https://www.youtube.com/user/DoctorsResearch/videos>

Seems Bob's goal in life is to teach everyone. Sorry Bob, we don't need you!

I did find some disturbing claims by Thiel, and they can be found here:

<http://foodresearch.info/aboutdrthiel.html> where he claims about himself in grandiose style, "Back a Herbs reported **"Dr. Thiel has the highest published success rate of any natural health professional in the entire United States"**" Now, that is quite a claim is it not? There is no link to confirm this claim. Another Thiel dead end?

On another Thiel webpage we read:

"a variety of professional and academic backgrounds who have demonstrated a commitment to the principles of naturopathy"

Commitment over expertise? Really?

Moving right along, Thiel claims he registered as a naturopath in Washington D.C.

But let's not stop there. On the same page we read: *Dr. Thiel was a science editor for the American Naturopathic Medical Association (ANMA). The ANMA has named him Research Scientist of the Year, Physician of the Year, and Disability Researcher of the Year. Dr. Thiel also received the leadership Award from the Orthomolecular Health-Medicine society. Here is their Hall of Fame page. No Thiel listed.*

<https://www.anma.org> was listed above as one website I found that Thiel never linked to. I wonder why? So I contacted the ANMA about past presidents and received no answer back. There is once again no way to verify Thiel's claims as to being a former science editor of the ANMA. So what next? Using my search engine I typed into the bar: **bob thiel science editor for the American Naturopathic Medical Association**. This came up as the address to the search:

[https://duckduckgo.com/?](https://duckduckgo.com/?q=bob+thiel+science+editor+for+the+American+Naturopathic+Medical+Association&t=opera&ia=web)

q=bob+thiel+science+editor+for+the+American+Naturopathic+Medical+Association&t=opera&ia=web

I did find this interesting page. License vs. certification. One cannot take these folks seriously after reading this:

CERTIFICATION

California State Naturopathic Medical Association Information

<http://healthresearch.com/csnma.htm>

The California State Naturopathic Medical Association is the unifying organization of naturopaths who work in the State of California. The California State Naturopathic Medical Association is, by far, the largest association of naturopaths in California.

What is Naturopathy? Naturopathy is a system of natural healing that dates back several thousand years. The term naturopathy came into use in the early 1900s. Naturopathy is founded on the belief that the body can heal itself when supported by appropriate natural interventions. It uses combinations of interventions which are generally considered to be in the realm of "alternative health" such as herbology, homeopathy, diet & clinical nutrition, natural manipulation, exercise, muscle testing, electrical stimulation, counseling, water (sometimes called hydrotherapy), biofeedback, light, and other natural procedures. Click here to learn more about [Naturopathy in the State of California](#).

Do Naturopaths Use Drugs or Surgery? While some of our members are medical doctors (with additional naturopathic training) and thus are permitted by law to prescribe medication or perform surgery, these procedures are not considered to be within the scope of naturopathy. In the vast majority of cases, however, the *Constitutional Record*, dated February 2, 1921, stated, "Naturopathy does not contemplate disease and essential operations, nor is it within the scope of their science."

What are the qualifications to join CSNMA? "....professional and academic backgrounds who have **demonstrated a commitment to the principles of naturopathy**"

Is the California Naturopathic Medical Association a profession? Commitment, not qualifications to practice medicine!

profession (which includes a role in helping those who

Why Should I Join the California State Naturopathic Medical Association? You should join the CSNMA in order to support true naturopathy and improve the health of California residents. The mission of the California State Naturopathic Medical Association is to expand the use of naturopathic interventions to as many health professionals as possible. We believe this diversity will best serve the residents of the State of California, as well as our present and future members. We strive to provide technical and scientific educational opportunities for naturopaths. We accept the standards as originally developed for our profession and thus stand for true naturopathy. We favor real naturopathic education, clinical internships, and rigorous certification for naturopathic professionals. We are the major group protecting the rights of true naturopaths to practice within California—these rights are under constant attack. CSNMA sets the standards for naturopathy in California. If you are not with us, who will be your voice? We cannot continue to succeed without your support.

Who Can Be a Member of the California State Naturopathic Medical Association? Consistent with our mission statement, the California State Naturopathic Medical Association (CSNMA) has a policy of non-discrimination regarding membership. **Our members are health care professionals (or students) with a variety of professional and academic backgrounds who have demonstrated a commitment to the principles of naturopathy.** CSNMA is affiliated with the ANMA. Contact the ANMA at www.anma.com or 702-897-7053 for ANMA membership information. CSNMA membership costs \$72.00 per year; an [application is available online](#).

CSNMA, the unifying organization which stands for true naturopathy! Click here for the [latest CSNMA Update](#). Here is the [first 2001 CSNMA Update](#) and the [last 2000 CSNMA Update](#).

CSNMA believes that **genetically-modified foods sold in California should be properly identified**. The CSNMA has been working since October 1999 to get such a bill introduced. CSNMA (and of course ANMA, please see related article in the December 1999 issue of the ANMA Monitor or [click here for a related article](#)) believes that consumers have a fundamental right to know whether or not foods they eat are real or contain genetically-modified substances.

The following supplement companies primarily support CSNMA or kindred groups:

American Herbal Products/New Vita www.newvita.com 800-307-0928

Doctors' Research, Inc. www.doctorsresearch.com 877-305-3333

Ellon Botanicals 800-978-8808

GV&N 661-266-4676

Nature's Sunshine (unofficial website www.backtohealth.net) 800-453-1422; Spanish Language 800-321-0214

NuFem 800-638-2404

Royal Nutrition 800-524-3727

Sabre Sciences 805-496-0106

Standard Enzyme 800-670-1999

White Flower/Janta 650-591-9465

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mainly to inform and educate.

I find something interesting. The ANMA that Thiel claims to have been science editor of has some skeletons in their closet. Is this why Thiel never provided a link? Hmmm...

A headline on a link says, "Teen's death hastened by practitioner who had bogus diplomas" where we read: "David and Laura Flanagan of suburban Denver believed they found that, and more, in the office of Dr. Brian O'Connell. O'Connell assured the Flanagans he could not only relieve 18-year-old Sean's suffering from late-stage bone cancer, he could cure Sean as he had others.

One of the framed certificates on O'Connell's wall was from the **American Naturopathic Medical Association (ANMA)**. Impressive-sounding, to be sure — but it comes from a Las Vegas post-office box. The businessman who founded the organization in 1981 has feuded for years with **AANP** and the mainstream, state-licensed naturopathic community.

Donald Hayhurst, 71, is the godfather of mail-order health-care credentials. He has issued thousands of credentials to practitioners, and he accredits some schools.

Hayhurst has doled out 4,000 ANMA memberships, at a cost of \$350 apiece. Each year, its members attend a convention in Las Vegas that includes speakers, training and products. More than 1,000 people attended this year's convention at the Riviera Hotel & Casino, where vendors aggressively pitched dozens of energy devices, lasers and herbal concoctions."

...The teen's father, meanwhile, pleads with government officials to do something to protect other desperate families from being victimized by fake medical professionals. He wants all states to pass laws to license the practice of naturopathy."



Let's look at the various claims made by Robert that he has received various awards for his work.

Who heads up the Food Research?

Food Research International Ltd. was initially headed up by Clyde Skeete, of Barbados. Financial affairs handled by Canadian Barbara Gibbs.

The research group at Food Research consists of a variety of independent research scientists.

One researcher is Robert Thiel, Naturopath who also holds a Ph.D. in nutrition science. He has conducted, and had published, many scientific health studies.

1# Thiel received the *Leadership Award* from the Orthomolecular Health Medicine Society.

2# Thiel has been named *Research Scientist of the Year*, *Physician of the Year*, and *Disability Researcher of the Year* by the largest American naturopathic association.

3# Doc. Thiel has had the **only comprehensive paper published in a medical peer-reviewed journal (*Medical Hypotheses*) on the advantages of natural food vitamins over synthetic 'nutrients'**. He also specializes in nutritional interventions for fatigue, sports performance, and various genetic and non-genetic disabilities.

- A statement of completion or meeting a standard.
- Voluntary.
- Does not involve the police power of the state.
- Presumes that working the field is a right.
- Certification may be withdrawn at any time by the issuing agency. However, this does not stop one from working.
- Preserves and enhances the power of the individual consumer to decide upon the practitioner of his choice.
- The purpose is

#1 claim: *Thiel received the Leadership Award from the Orthomolecular Health Medicine Society.*

I searched *Orthomolecular Health Medicine Society* and came up with this:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/Orthomolecular-Health-Medicine-Society-OHM-287323798750/posts/>

On this page we see that they have a website: <http://www.ohmsociety.org>

When I went to the website I received a 404 error page. The website is down. Next step, the Internet archives where we can find earlier pages of the website:

<https://web.archive.org/web/20180812082504/http://www.ohmsociety.org/>

Nothing there of any substance and no mention that I could find of any Bob Thiel.

#2 claim: *Thiel has been named Research Scientist of the Year, Physician of the Year, and Disability Researcher of the Year by the largest American naturopathic association.*

The next question is, who are these organizations Thiel claims to have received awards from?

I searched for the *largest American naturopathic association* and came up with 2 possibilities.

#1. <https://www.anma.org> and **#2.** <https://naturopathic.org/>.

On this website **#1**, <https://www.anma.org>, under the **information tab** we read:

Licensing Vs. Certification

LICENSING

A license is a permission to do something that otherwise is forbidden. In most cases, a license is required or mandatory for engaging in that activity. For instance, a drivers license is considered mandatory to drive a car on the public roads. An exception is that a house may be built by someone who is not a licensed contractor.

CERTIFICATION

Certification is a statement or declaration that one has completed a course of study, passed an examination, or otherwise met specified criteria for certification.

Certification is not a permission to act, but rather a statement of completion or qualification.

Certification is a private matter, issued by a private organization.

Read down to the bottom of the page and you will see that this is a private certification organization like so many others. What we have here is not a licensing authority that allows you to legally practice medicine, but a volunteer certification program with no legal weight or authority whatsoever outside the organization.

HERE is another example, from another organization that calls itself “**American Naturopathic Medical Certification Board**”:

WHAT IS BOARD CERTIFICATION?

ANMCB Board Certification is a trusted and valuable credential that is important and relevant to the natural health profession. Board Certification is a *voluntary process* that a graduate of a Natural Health Care program can choose to make.

LICENSING VS. CERTIFICATION

Professional competence of an individual can be assessed by two recognized mechanisms: licensing or certification.

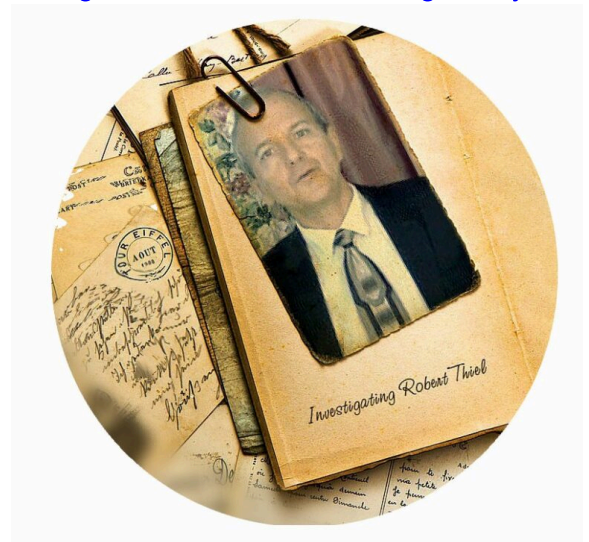
*Licensing by definition is a mandatory requirement and is usually administered and controlled by State Government entities. States that license Naturopaths are currently issued only to those that have graduated from a four year residential program. **We do not support these laws** and have opposed them in several states.*

(Editor: My question is, why would you oppose someone achieving a higher education that will have the balance of human lives in their control. Even a veterinarian must go to school for years before being licensed. I can tell you by experience that certification doesn't mean anything as far as competence goes. Some of the people I have had the disservice of working with were certified by some obscure organization, and absolutely, inescapably incompetent. State mandated licenses are backed by a considerable higher standard of education.)

On to website #2, <https://naturopathic.org/>:

There are many different organization that claim they have the legit credentials for licensing in any state. In fact there are quite a few websites boasting the same claim. Its like the ACOG's and their 'only true church' mantra. Of course just because they say so don't make it true. It is not true. No ACOG group is legit as far as having anything to do with God. Time has shown that integrity does not exist within these organizations.

Anyway, a email from California state verified that **The American Association of Naturopathic Physicians is the one and only legitimate authority as to licensing accredited naturopaths.** A email to this organization confirms this when I asked:



Can you tell me if this organization is legit? There are so many with the same claim it seems.

<http://www.anmcb.org/certification.html>

James

Reply:

I am sure that they believe that they are a "legitimate organization". However, none of the regulatory agencies who license naturopathic doctors recognizes their organization or their belief that licensure is not needed.

Hope this helps.

Kind regards,

(Name deleted)

Naturopathic Medicine Committee

1300 National Drive, Suite 150

Sacramento, CA 95834-1991

Their primary objective the Naturopathic Medicine Committee is higher education:

Link



State Licensure

Goals of **AANP**, **The American Association of Naturopathic Physicians**:

https://cdn.ymaws.com/naturopathic.org/resource/resmgr/AANP_Strategic_Plan_2025_Ado.pdf

On the **ABOUT US** link we read:

"Founded in 1985, the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians (AANP) is the national professional society representing licensed naturopathic doctors, naturopathic medicine students, and other healthcare professionals allied with the naturopathic profession."

The AANP's physician members are graduates of naturopathic medical schools accredited by the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education. CNME is recognized by the US Department of Education as the national accrediting agency for programs leading to the Doctorate of Naturopathic Medicine (ND or NMD) or Doctor of Naturopathy (ND) degree."

Let's look at the **FAQ** page under the heading **ND Education Training & Licensure**:

How are naturopathic doctors trained, educated, and licensed?

*Accredited Naturopathic Medical Schools are **four-year, in-residence, hands-on** medical programs consisting of a minimum of 4,100 hours of class and clinical training. During naturopathic medical school, students are educated in the biomedical sciences as well as the latest advances in science in combination with natural approaches to therapy. They also study disease prevention and clinical techniques...*

What are Prerequisites for admission to a naturopathic medical school?

Prior to admission into an accredited naturopathic medical school, the typical entering student has completed three years of pre-medical training and earned a bachelor of science degree. Students are

expected to have completed courses in English and the humanities as well as math, physics, and psychology, with a strong emphasis on chemistry and biology. In addition to prerequisite course work, prospective students must demonstrate appropriate...

What is the difference between a licensed naturopathic doctor and an unlicensed naturopath?

In some states with laws regulating naturopathic doctors, the use of the term “naturopath” or “naturopathic physician” by anyone other than a licensed naturopathic doctor is prohibited. However, not all states regulate naturopathic doctors and not all states that do protect the term “naturopath.” Unlicensed naturopaths can have varied levels of education and experience, often from a purely online or correspondence format. Such education is not accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and does not qualify students to take the NPLEX examination or apply for licensure in any regulated jurisdiction in North America. **Be aware...**

With the qualifications out of the way, let us see if we can find a Bob Thiel listed here as a certified doctor and not a pseudo doctor.

<https://naturopathic.org/search/newsearch.asp> landing on page 37 where Thiel's name should have been listed within alphabetical order, I found nothing.

You would have thought that a man who was named “Research Scientist of the Year, Physician of the Year, and Disability Researcher of the Year” would be listed on either or both websites. Not so. I can find no evidence of Thiel's claims to fame.

Lets look at a third claim.

#3 claim: Doc. Thiel has had the only comprehensive paper published in a medical peer-reviewed journal (Medical Hypotheses) on the advantages of natural food vitamins over synthetic ‘nutrients’.

Ok Bob, where is the link? Oh, here it is. He actually did put out a paper you can find [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).

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ones

I give Bob credit for this that he deserves. I actually agree with the premise of using natural over synthetics as I too have knowledge of the field.

It seems that Bob has some rather obscure claims as to his expertise without the evidence to back it up.

Some years ago Gavin Rumney did some similar investigating of his own from which we learned that Thiel's education came from a unaccredited organization known as Trinity Theology. <https://hwarmstrong.com/images/bob-thiels-diploma.png>

partment, Doctors' Research Inc. Califor
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l, Accepted 16 November 1999, Available

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Now it is time to look few other website of Bob's:

We start with <http://healthresearch.com>.

On this website in which the database seems to be broken, we see that Bob offers not only research on alternative medicine, naturopathy, and holistic health, but some videos as well. Thankfully these videos are not as horrific as his CCOg videos! You can find them here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeJsDne4VDb6WaEfP3Foe0w>

At the bottom of this page at <http://healthresearch.com> we read this disclaimer:

“None of the statements at this web site have been approved by the US FDA or any similar organization.”

Then at the bottom of another page is this disclaimer:

“For additional information check out <http://www.healthresearch.com>. This research is for doctors and other health care professionals. Thiel is not a medical doctor. None of this research is medical advice, nor should it be construed as medical advice; nor is any of this information specific for any individual.”

The last website of Bob's we will look at:

<https://doctorsresearch.com/> which is about food supplements that Bob has to sell. Nothing wrong about good old fashion capitalism in motion. Let's see if anything has changed on the about page.

Under the heading “Robert Thiel, Ph.D., Naturopath and Scientist”

we read: “Dr. Thiel has been registered as a naturopath by the Federal District of Columbia. He is licensed as a **naturopathic scientist by the State of Alabama**. He is **licensed as a naturopath by the State of North Carolina**. He **holds a license as a naturopathic physician from Bingham County, Idaho**. The State of California (which does not have licensing for traditional naturopaths, scientists, or nutritionists) awarded him an Instructor Credential in Naturopathic Medicine. Dr. Thiel **was nationally**

board certified as a naturopathic physician by the American Naturopathic Medical Certification and Accreditation Board. He is also past president of the **California State Naturopathic Medical Association.** Dr. Thiel was chairman of the Committee on the Development of ANMCAB's Certification Examination and was a member of the Council on Immunology/Oncology/Hematology/Vitamins of the American College of Nutrition."

Dr. Thiel runs a clinic in Grover Beach, County of San Luis Obispo, California.

The research group at Doctors' Research is directed by Robert Thiel, who holds a Ph.D. in nutrition science. He is licensed as a naturopath by the State of North Carolina, registered as a naturopath by the District of Columbia, and is licensed as a naturopathic physician within Idaho. He maintains a natural health clinic in Grover Beach, California.

Dr. Thiel conducts lectures for health care professionals on a
From Sept 2021 a snapshot

Well let's look at the claim that Bob was past president of the **California State Naturopathic Medical Association**. We start here Naturopathic Medicine Committee – California

Let's see if California has such an official bureau. We will click on over to the California Boards & Bureau webpage and see if there is an official California medical association listed. https://www.dca.ca.gov/about_us/entities.shtml

There are only 3 possibilities here, as remote as they are:

Medical Board of California or Naturopathic Medicine Committee

We first go to this page <https://www.naturopathic.ca.gov/consumers/index.shtml> and click on 'File a complaint against a naturopathic doctor' and land up here: <https://search.dca.ca.gov/results> where we do a license search. What do we find? There are many Robert Thiel's listed. However there is not one for a naturopathic medicine license. Here are the results for the top three...

One for a baton permit. One as a security guard. And another for a firearm permit. Unless Bob is a CHULA VISTA resident? Anyone?



THIEL, ROBERT
LICENSE NUMBER: 1545764 LICENSE TYPE: BATON PERMIT
LICENSE STATUS: SUSPENDED NO QUALIFIER EXPIRATION DATE: MAY 31, 2025
SECONDARY STATUS: N/A
CITY: CHULA VISTA STATE: CALIFORNIA COUNTY: SAN DIEGO ZIP: 91911

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THIEL, ROBERT
LICENSE NUMBER: 1818901 LICENSE TYPE: SECURITY GUARD
LICENSE STATUS: CANCELLED EXPIRATION DATE: JUNE 30, 2021
SECONDARY STATUS: N/A
CITY: CHULA VISTA STATE: CALIFORNIA COUNTY: SAN DIEGO ZIP: 91911

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THIEL, ROBERT
LICENSE NUMBER: 349029 LICENSE TYPE: FIREARM PERMIT
LICENSE STATUS: CANCELLED EXPIRATION DATE: JUNE 30, 2019
SECONDARY STATUS: N/A
CITY: CHULA VISTA STATE: CALIFORNIA COUNTY: SAN DIEGO ZIP: 91911

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So I start investigating the first link posted on this blog post, *foodresearch*, although the claim listed is found on the *doctorsresearch* website, so we email naturopathic.ca the Department of Consumer Affairs and ask them the following:

*I am investigating possible fraudulent claims by one Bob or Robert Thiel of Arroyo Grande, California. Mr Thiel claims to be a California **certified doctor of naturopathic medicine**, and also claims to have a **diploma from the International College of Naturopathy** (a California **State approved** institution) as he says.*

*Is this institution really California state approved and are his claims valid as to being a **certified doctor**?*

<http://www.foodresearch.info/aboutdrthiel.html>

James

The reply is as follows:

Dear James:

Thank you for your email regarding Mr. Robert Thiel.

Mr. Thiel is not a licensed naturopathic doctor. He can only refer to himself as a naturopath. He cannot diagnose or treat patients in California. The only thing he is allowed to do is offer nutritional and diet education. There is no true certification for naturopathic medicine. Additionally, Mr. Thiel is required by law to advise to his clients that he is providing unlicensed healing arts to all of his clients and must be signed by

<Naturopathic@dca.ca.gov>
athic@dca

Sing Mr. Robert Thiel.

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the client, acknowledging the unlicensed practice. Since he did not do this on his website, we will open an enforcement case for this violation.

Unfortunately, California allows Mr. Thiel to refer to himself as a naturopathic practitioner although **he is not a naturopathic doctor**. It is very confusing to the consumers and we are trying to get this law changed.

Licensed naturopathic doctors (NDs) use both natural healing along with conventional medicine to treat their patients. NDs are allowed to diagnose and treat in the same manner as a medical doctor (MD).

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

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(Name deleted for privacy concerns)

-(Difference Between a Naturopath and Naturopathic Doctor)

So there it is, there is no legit naturopathy organization in the state of California.

So what about Bob's claim that he was past president of the **California State Naturopath Medical Association?** Is this true? Ok, take a look at <http://healthresearch.com/csnma.htm> where it gives a address at the bottom of the page:

CSNMA, supporting true naturopathy!
California State Naturopathic Medical Association,
1036 W. Grand Avenue, Grover Beach, CA 93433

Who does this address belong to? Why, Bob Thiel! He is past president of a organization that he himself created. Tell me, bragging that you were past president of a naturopath "medical association" of your own creation, does that qualify you to practice any type of medicine? Let's call it what it is. Deception.

Further, Thiel goes way over the top with the first sentence on the page: *The California State Naturopathic Medical Association is the unifying organization of naturopaths who work in the State of California. The California State Naturopathic Medical Association is, by far, the largest association of naturopaths in California.*

All this boasting by a guy who has no legitimate medical degree that would allow him to practice medicine within his own state.

Bingham County, Idaho

"Abstain from all appearances of evil"

1 Thessalonians 5:22

The Idaho Chapter of The American Association of Naturopathic Physicians website states "The Idaho Chapter of the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians (IDAANP) is the leading professional naturopathic medical organization in Idaho. The AANP (www.naturopathic.org) is the national organization for licensed naturopathic physicians who are graduates from 4-year doctoral programs from federally (or USDE) accredited schools and who have passed a national licensing examination."

On the Idaho Board of Medicine website we read : "Starting on **July 1, 2020** naturopathic medical doctors will be licensed by the Idaho Board of Medicine. The new NMD licensure will allow naturopathic medical doctors to practice primary healthcare."

Just in case there is any confusion on the matter I checked back with the Wayback Machine to see when his grandiose comments first appeared on his previous mentioned websites as to his qualifications. Here is what I found 2016-2020: <http://web.archive.org/web/20160110230840/http://foodresearch.info/aboutdrthiel.html>

Yes sir, way back in 2016 he said he was licensed as a 'naturopathic physician' in Idaho 4 years before licenses were ever issued! Remember what I pasted from the official Idaho government website? "**Starting on July 1, 2020** naturopathic medical doctors will be licensed by the Idaho Board of Medicine. The new NMD licensure will allow naturopathic medical doctors to practice primary healthcare."

We have some rules/qualifications/regulations for Idaho:

The Naturopathic Medical Board is an advisory body to the Idaho Board of Medicine. The Naturopathic Medical Board is responsible for making recommendations to the Board of Medicine concerning the qualification of applicants for licensure of naturopathic medical doctors, along with regulation of existing licensees through application of the statute and rules pertaining to the practice of naturopathic medicine.

Naturopathic medical doctors in Idaho may:

- Use physical and laboratory examinations consistent with naturopathic medical education and training for diagnostic purposes.
- Order and perform diagnostic and imaging tests consistent with naturopathic medical education and training. All diagnostic and imaging tests not consistent with naturopathic medical education and training must be referred to an appropriately licensed health care professional for treatment and interpretation.
- Dispense, administer, and prescribe prescription drugs and medical devices as authorized by the naturopathic medical formulary as set forth in rule.
- Perform minor office procedures
- Perform therapies for which they are trained and educated, consistent with the provisions in the Scope of Practice.
- Admit patients to a hospital at which they are credentialed and privileged to do so.
- The practice of naturopathic medicine does not include the practice of obstetrics.

By saying he, Bob Thiel, is licensed to practice in Idaho, that he has the qualifications to “dispense, administer, and prescribe prescription drugs, perform diagnostic and imaging tests, or admit patients to a hospital? Is that what he is saying?

I think not.

Let's check this website and see if we can find a find a Naturopathic Physician in Idaho

: <https://www.idaanp.org/team>

Nope no Bob Thiel.

I wrote to the Bingham County and asked if Bob Thiel has had or does currently hold a license in Idaho to practice as a naturopath:

I would like to verify if someone that goes by the name of Bob Thiel or Robert Thiel from Arroyo Grande, or Grover Beach, CA is or has ever been a licensed naturopathic physician within Idaho. And yes, I have checked on this page: <https://www.idaanp.org/find-a-naturopathic-doctor-in-idaho/> A prompt reply would be appreciated.

James

Reply:

Idaho was previously licensed from 2005-2007. Any license that was given at that time is now null and void. I did find some information about him and that he “has a license from Bingham County, Idaho”. ***There was a person in that county in the early 2000s who took it upon himself to give out licenses from the County but independent of the state.*** Any of those licenses would not hold any authority in Idaho or any other state.

Idaho is now licensed again as of July 1, 2020 and no one by that name has a current Idaho license. From what I found about him he would not qualify for a license in any licensed state.

Let me know if you have any other questions.

(Name deleted for privacy concerns)

(2) Someone masquerading as a licensed naturopathic physician within Idaho?

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Let me know if you have any other questions.

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On Sun, Aug 23, 2020 at 12:57 PM The Plaintiff Team <plaintiffteam@berkeley.com> wrote:
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James

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So Thiel's license came from a man, who's name I later learned was Harold, who worked for Bingham county in Idaho, who issued licenses without the qualifications or authority to do so. Further research found in the County minutes of 2015 stated that the 2005 legislation repealed the Bingham County licenses. Harold could no longer issue licenses independent of the county or state. Whether this was a pay to play operation I can only speculate at this time. Further contact with the county did not reveal whether this guy Harold was prosecuted for his misbehavior in issuing

licenses he had no authority to do so.

Next stop was the “**Idaho Bureau of Occupational Licensing**” to see if Bob has a currently license in the state of Idaho, to practice as a naturopath or naturopathic.

https://edopl.idaho.gov/OnlineServices/_/#3

Nothing on Thiel.

Off to Alabama:

What is the law in Alabama? From the wayback machine I found this:

<https://web.archive.org/web/20200225174337/https://www.albme.org/Documents/Opinions/1-0605.pdf> we read:

This letter is issued in response to your inquiry concerning the requirements for licensure for the practice of acupuncture and/or naturopathy in the state of Alabama. Any person practicing naturopathy in the state of Alabama who does not hold a certificate of qualification conferred by the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners and a license to practice medicine or osteopathy conferred by the Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama is practicing medicine in violation of state law.

So there you have it. Surely Thiel has a license there. Why, because he said so! But just in case let us investigate further. Let's try to find Bob's claimed license in Alabama.

Into the search bar goes Bob's name. We find:

https://abme.igovsolution.net/online/Lookups/Individual_Lookup.aspx Nothing found. Let us try another website: <https://www.healthprofs.com/us/naturopaths/alabama> Nothing there. The searches turned out nothing on a Robert or Bob Thiel. Perhaps he is just 'practicing' in a unregulated state?

Look at this map: **American Association of Naturopathic Physicians**

So why is it that Thiel states on both his websites: "*licensed as a naturopath/scientist in Alabama.*" ?

How do you get licensed if there is no license requirement within the state of Alabama for a naturopath? Here are the actual initials one can use after their name if they are a:

- Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine (NMD)
- Doctor of Naturopathy (ND)

Ok, is there a Thiel listed here? No choice for a NMD or ND-

<https://www.stateregstoday.com/business/naturopathic-doctor-license-in-alabama>

How about licensed scientist? How do you become a licensed scientist? So I typed in the search engine 'become a licensed scientist in Alabama' and presto, nothing!

Then there is this capture:

Washington D.C.

Robert makes the claim: '...registered as a naturopath in Washington D.C.', so I check this statement for its truthfulness. I wrote the *DC Association of Naturopathic Physicians* asking if there is any Bob or Robert Thiel registered within the district.

Here is what they wrote back to me:

Hi James,

Thank you for your inquiry.

In order to determine if a person is licensed in Washington DC as an ND to practice Naturopathic Medicine is to check on the DC Department of Health website:

<https://app.hpla.doh.dc.gov/Weblookup/>

For field Profession – leave it "All".

For field License Type – select "Naturopath Physician".

For field Status – select "Active".

I did the search for you and Robert (Bob) Thiel name did not show up as Active license holder for Naturopathic Physician.

Hope this is helpful.

I'm cc'ng couple of my colleagues here in case they have heard about him or know anything, that I'm not aware of.

So I check the above website for a Robert Thiel and there he is.

In all fairness, Bob told a truth somewhat, but let's question the extent of that truthfulness. First of all, the issue date was in 1996 and this license expired February, 2010. That was over 10 years ago. I checked at <https://www.webconfs.com/web-tools/domain-age-tool/> to see how old doctorsresearch website is.

According to this website, it is 21 years and 7 months old as of this writing in (2019). The wayback machine shows that the "about" page where Thiel boasts of his qualifications has only existed since 2019.

Investigating this, I see the page was added in early 2019. Either way, Bob decided to extend his qualifications after the expiration date. Is that a honest or open approach dealing with the health of the public? Does this behavior show honesty and integrity?

So what does it take to become licensed in the District of Columbia? Well, here are the qualifications.

State of North Carolina

"*He is licensed as a naturopath by the State of North Carolina.*" -Bob Thiel

<https://www.naturopathicdiaries.com/naturopathic-medicine-alabama-2/>

Naturopathic Medicine in Alabama

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Action alert

None

Scope of practice

It may be **illegal** for any person to practice naturopathy in the state of Alabama without a license to practice medicine or osteopathy issued by the Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama. A **letter** from Patricia E. Shaner, General Counsel for the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners, specifies that based on the ruling in *Williams v. State* and Alabama Code §§ 34-24-50 and 34-24-51,

the practice of naturopathic medicine in Alabama by someone who holds only a degree from a school of naturopathic medicine is the practice of medicine without a license.

History

1984 court case *Williams v. State* ex rel. med. licensure, 453 So.2d 1051 (Ala.Civ.App. 1984)

The court ruled that naturopathy is not a distinct medical discipline whose practitioners are entitled to separate licensing requirements different from those of physicians. This ruling made the practice of naturopathy without a medical license illegal in Alabama.

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DOH Home Services Health Professionals Infants, Children and Teens HIV/AIDS Resources Vital Records

Licensee Details
Data current as of: August 27, 2020

Name/Phone ROBERT J THIEL 654897185	Business Address 1248 E GRANDE AVENUE SUITE A1 ARROYO GRANDE CA 93420
Number: NAT130	Profession: NATUROPATHY
From State/Prov:	Issue Date: 5/17/1996
	Expiration Date: 2/28/2010
	Temp. Issue Date:
	Temp. Expire Date:
Obtained By Method: Unknown	
Status: Expired	
Specialty Information (as reported by Licensee) None	
Discipline Information from 1996 to Present - Please click item(s) below to view public orders. NONE	

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From the Carolinas Natural Health Center we read:

*The Six accredited **Naturopathic Medical Schools** are listed in the **2007 Princeton Review "Best 168 Medical Schools"** alongside: Harvard Medical School, John Hopkins School of Medicine, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, Dartmouth Medical School, UNC-Chapel Hill, and others.*

Area Contacts:

North Carolina Association of Naturopathic

Physicians: www.ncanp.com

Members of the NCANP are license-eligible doctors and graduates of **4-year accredited naturopathic medical schools**. Most members are already currently licensed in other states.

A complete list of the accredited **Naturopathic Medical Schools** can be found at the Association of Accredited Naturopathic Medical Colleges (www.AANMC.org).

Why License NDs?

Regulation of naturopathic medicine is needed in North Carolina because:

- Inadequately trained persons who profess to be naturopathic physicians, such as persons with degrees from correspondence schools, can place the public's health and safety at risk.
- Public safety will be ensured by requiring N.D.'s to meet rigorous educational standards and successfully pass the Naturopathic Physician Licensing Exam (NPLEX); this is a national competency-based exam that is a requirement in all states that license naturopathic physicians.
- Consumers deserve government-regulated means for assessing the preparation and qualifications of persons seeking to provide diagnosis and treatment through the use of complementary and alternative means.
- A licensing law will define educational standards, scope of practice and provide for professional oversight.
- Licensing can provide a process by which citizens may more confidently find and rely upon information pertaining to the level of skill, education, and competency possessed by providers, and will have much better ways to assess the extent to which their therapies and remedies are safe and effective.
- Licensable naturopathic physicians are trained in differential diagnosis and they are able and willing to make referrals to appropriate medical specialist for further care when needed.
- Increasingly large numbers of consumers utilize forms of natural health services; many do so to complement conventional medical care and do not inform their MDs. Licensed naturopathic physicians do not support withholding such information from treating MDs.

We checked the North Carolina (<https://ncanp.org/find-an-nd/>) for a Bob or Robert Thiel, sadly but predictably to say, we came up empty. So why did Bob Thiel write on his website: *He is licensed as a naturopath by the State of North Carolina?*

Seems Bob has a credibility problem. <https://www.naturopathicdiaries.com/naturopathic-medicine-north-carolina/>

Protect yourselves and learn more [HERE](#) and [HERE](#)

Bullshitter Bob, can you ever trust him again?



Learn more: The Remarkable Story of The Mysterious ThD and Subtle Deceptions of Bob Thiel

<https://armstrongismlibrary.blogspot.com/2014/04/bob-thiels-african-representative.html>

Bob Thiel Accuser of the Brethren

We welcome a response from Mr. Thiel.

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