

Dr. David C. Martz

Dr. David Martz is a board certified physician who practiced Internal Medicine-Hematology-Oncology for 30 years (1970-2000). He trained in Internal Medicine and Hematology at Washington University and Stanford University after getting his MD at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center (UCHSC) in 1965.

He has been an assistant professor of clinical medicine at UCHSC for over 20 years and a member of the admissions committee for over 10 years. He is a Past President of the Colorado Medical Society (CMS) in 1994-5, and served several years as a Board member of CMS, the El Paso County Medical Society, Rocky Mountain HMO, and the Colorado Physicians Network.

As a Coloradoan, his Lyme disease experience was quite limited until April, 2003, when he acquired ALS-Motor Neuron Disease (MND), which was accompanied by Lyme-like systemic symptoms (acute arthritis and muscle inflammation, total body pain, and profound fatigue). His subsequent diagnosis, treatment, and remarkable response is detailed in a 2006 *Acta Neurologica Scandinavica* publication.

He devoted the next 2 1/2 years to clinical study and outcome monitoring of extended antibiotic treatment for ALS-Motor Neuron Disease (90+ patients) as well as "Chronic Lyme Patients" (about 800 more), with excellent response and minimal side effects. Objective improvement in at least 15-20% of the ALS patients treated with extended Lyme-based antibiotic therapy was documented. Publication preparation is in progress.

On a personal level, he is active in his church, and enjoys trumpet playing, photography, Avalanche games, and family activities. Prior to his illness, he was a recreational skier and SCUBA diver, involved in community and medical leadership roles, and had participated in numerous orchestras and musical groups. Currently his primary focus is preparation of clinical research articles for publication based on RMCDS experience, and developing protocol templates for further studies in collaboration with academic associates.