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Dr. Niemtow is a graduate of the Faculte de Medecine, Universite de Montpellier, France 1976 and completed a residency in radiation oncology at the University of Texas Medical Branch Galveston, Texas 1980. Graduate of the UCLA /Helms Medical Acupuncture Course in 1995. He has been practicing medicine for over 41 years. Currently the Director of the Air Force Acupuncture and Integrative Medicine Center, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland, USA.

Dr. Niemtow is considered the father of medical acupuncture in the Armed Forces. He started the acupuncture movement and clinics in the Army, Navy and Air Force. He is responsible for initiating the first fulltime acupuncture clinic in the Armed Forces that today is the Air Force Acupuncture and Integrative Medicine Center at Joint Base Andrews.

Editor in Chief of the journal Medical Acupuncture for over 25 years and Senior Military Editor of the Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine for over 12 years. Former President of the American Academy of Medical Acupuncture and the Maryland Medical Acupuncture Society.

Military Service: Retired from the United States Air Force in April 2010 obtaining the rank of Colonel after almost 30 years of active-duty service. Numerous military command positions. First full-time medical acupuncturist in the Armed Forces. Currently is the Consultant for Integrative Medicine for the United States Air Force Surgeon General. He was the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs' representative to the National Institutes of Health, National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health Advisory Council from 2004 to 2017. Organizer of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sino-American Military Acupuncture Meeting (Beijing 2012 - USU 2014 - Beijing 2015 – Hawaii 2016). Senior Subject Matter Expert (SME) for the 2018 Sino-American Military Acupuncture Symposium-endorsed by President Obama and Chairman Xi Jinping. Represented the United States Air Force as a NATO committee member on Integrative Medicine. Assistant Professor at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. Numerous publications, lectures and research activities. Was the "Point of Contact," Moderator and Co-Author of a \$5.4 million Army, Navy, Air Force and Veterans Administration Joint Incentive Fund to teach Battlefield Acupuncture (Niemtzow). This project finished August 2016. Currently the Air Force Surgeon General will expand Battlefield Acupuncture into all Air Force Medical Facilities (73) and introduce Integrative Medicine. Dr. Niemtow is the SME and consultant for this expansion. Dr. Niemtow is the designer of many acupuncture techniques such as Battlefield Acupuncture, dry mouth resolution in cancer head and neck patients, a concussion headache protocol and acupuncture for degenerative retinal disease (phase 3 study). His acupuncture techniques are used internationally. Currently has an acupuncture PTSD clinical trial at 4 performance sites.