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"... a dramatic expose of the FDA and its incestuous relationship with Big Pharma as it seeks to first discredit, then co-opt Burzynski's discovery."

*- Variety, June 3, 2010 -*

**"Burzynski** is a really terrifying documentary."

"This documentary should be shown at every medical school in the country..."

*- Dr. Joy Browne, June 4, 2010 -*

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"a stoic victim of patent fraud, government harassment and scientific sabotage."

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SYNOPSIS - LOGLINE & SHORT

## Logline:

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Dr. Burzynski resides and practices medicine in Houston, Texas. He was able to initially produce and administer his discovery without federal FDA-approval from 1977-1995 because the state of Texas at this time did not require that Texas physicians be required to adhere to Federal law in this situation. This law has since been changed.

As with anything that changes current-day paradigms, Burzynski's ability to successfully treat incurable cancer with such consistency has baffled the industry. However this fact has prompted numerous investigations by the Texas Medical Board, who relentlessly took Dr. Burzynski as high as the state supreme court in their failed attempt to halt his practices.

Likewise, the Food and Drug Administration engaged in four Federal Grand Juries spanning over a decade attempting to indict Dr. Burzynski, all of which ended in no finding of fault on his behalf. Finally, Dr. Burzynski was indicted in their 5th Grand Jury in 1995, resulting in two federal trials and two sets of jurors finding him not guilty of any wrongdoing. If convicted, Dr. Burzynski would have faced a maximum of 290 years in a federal prison and \$18.5 million in fines.

However, what was revealed a few years after Dr. Burzynski won his freedom, helps to paint a more coherent picture regarding the true motivation of the U.S. government's relentless prosecution of Stanislaw Burzynski, M.D., Ph.D.

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ABOUT THE PRODUCTION

This documentary film is the product of three years of relentless research and travel.

When director and producer Eric Merola set out to make this film, his initial intention was to explore for himself the remarkable stories of countless patients who have claimed to have been cured of what was once a terminal cancer diagnosis. Particularly since most of these patients had never undergone any “traditional” treatments before starting Dr. Burzynski’s treatment, Mr. Merola felt it was a story that is both topical and of invaluable importance.

Eric spent months traveling the United States interviewing various cancer survivors who were treated by Dr. Burzynski. After obtaining these on-camera interviews, Eric was granted permission from both the patients and the Burzynski Clinic to publish all original medical records confirming diagnosis and recovery of these survivors. Eric Merola was granted written permission to publicly exhibit these medical records in the film and supporting website.

Initially, it was somewhat of a challenge to gain the full trust of Dr. Burzynski in the making of this production. Once he felt confident with Mr. Merola’s intentions, he began to disclose, and provide proof for, other events that Mr. Merola found equally as profound. These events include the intentional misrepresentation of treatment regimes given to nine cancer patients by the National Cancer Institute when engaging in clinical trials of his medicine, Antineoplastons. Secondly, and probably the most dramatic, was the collusion of the National Cancer Institute along with the FDA and a major pharmaceutical company in the attempted hijacking of his discovery—which occurred at the same time of the sabotaged NCI trials.

Merola’s initial reaction to these claims was sheer disbelief. However, Mr. Merola relentlessly acquired any and all documentation required to prove that everything Dr. Burzynski had shared was indeed the truth. The evidence that supports this truth is one of the highest of forensic standards and hard documentation. Some of this documentation is internal documentation that was never intended to wind up in the hands of Dr. Burzynski, much less the general public, and especially not a whistle-blowing film such as this.

As the production process unfolded, and this new information continued to be confirmed, Eric Merola gathered any and all personal financial resources he could muster to tell this story and make sure the general public understands the truth behind the story of Dr. Burzynski.

It is the opinion of director and producer Eric Merola, that the story contained in his documentary **Burzynski**—makes the “Watergate scandal” look like a kindergarten pottery class in comparison.

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the movie DIRECTOR'S BIO - ERIC MEROLA

## ERIC MEROLA

Director, Editor, Producer, Art Director, Cinematographer, Writer

Eric Merola began his career working as a freelance art director for many of the top Madison Avenue advertising agencies in New York City. By the late 1990's he followed his true love for the motion picture and worked his way out of advertising to become an independent writer, producer, and director.

He then launched Merola Productions LLC, with commercial clients including: Rolling Stone's Matt Taibbi, Volkswagen, Campbell's Soup Company, WE Network, Fuel TV, and the Speed Channel. Mr. Merola also worked as animation director for Flickerlab in New York City, where he directed an animated series for Hooked On Phonics and designed and directed various animated spots for MoveOn.org, Comedy Central, and A&E.

Mr. Merola spent a year in development with Cartoon Network for an original children's program he created called "Dynamite Salad". Most recently Eric co-designed and co-directed a one minute animated sequence for Michael Moore's new feature documentary, "Capitalism: A Love Story".

After spending over a decade immersed in all aspects of the media world, Eric became aware of Dr. Stanislaw Burzynski and realized his was a story that must be told. Having always been heavily influenced by the power of documentary films, he set out to direct and produce the story of Dr. Burzynski and his patients.

## **Primary on-camera appearances in the film:**

**Dr. Stanislaw Burzynski, MD, PhD:** Discoverer of Antineoplastons; Founder of the Burzynski Clinic; Founder of The Burzynski Research Institute, Inc. – (Houston, TX)  
[www.burzynskiclinic.com](http://www.burzynskiclinic.com)

**Julian Whitaker, MD:** Founder of the Whitaker Wellness Institute (Newport Beach, CA)  
[www.whitakerwellness.com](http://www.whitakerwellness.com)

**Judge Earl Corbitt:** Emeritas Texas State Judge who ruled in Burzynski's favor in 1993.

**Li-Chuan Chen, Ph.D:** National Cancer Institute Scientist (1991-1997)

**David Kessler, MD:** Commissioner of the Food & Drug Administration (former)

**Michael Freidman, MD:** Associate Director, Cancer Therapy Evaluation Program for the National Cancer Institute; Deputy Commissioner of Operations for the Food & Drug Administration; Chairman and CEO, City of Hope Cancer Hospital Los Angeles

**Congressmen Joe Barton:** Republican Congressman, 6th District of Texas

**Richard Jaffe, Esq.:** Dr. Burzynski's primary defense attorney

**Jodi Fenton:** Anaplastic Astrocytoma brain cancer survivor (Los Angeles, CA)

**Jessica Ressel (and family):** Inoperable brainstem glioma survivor (Springfield, MO)

**Kelsey Hill (and family):** Adrenal, lung, and liver cancer survivor (Houston, TX)

**Sergeant Ric Schiff:** father of Crytin Schiff (former patient of Dr. Burzynski's)

**Dustin Kunnari (with parents Mariann and Jack Kunnari):** medulloblastoma brain cancer survivor

**Cancer survivors from "CBS This Morning" clips:** **Neal Dublinsky** – non-Hodgkin's lymphoma survivor; **Mary Jo Siegel** – non-Hodgkin's lymphoma survivor; **Pamela Winningham** – brain cancer survivor

*Additional on-camera appearances by politicians, news anchors, and cancer survivors: too many to list.*

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**Cancer survivors interviewed for the film, but were not included due to running time (all of these patients will be included on the film's website as well as the final 2-DVD set upon the DVD release of this documentary):**

**Lieutenant Colonel James Treadwell, USMC (retired):** Glioblastoma Multiforme Grade IV survivor (and wife Victoria)

**Susan Hale (and father Gerald Dyer):** Glioblastoma Multiforme Grade IV survivor

**Linda Makris (and husband Victor):** Breast Cancer Survivor

**Ruth Bennefield:** head, neck and bone cancer survivor

**Schad Kolar:** Liver cancer survivor

**Walter Ciborowsky:** Lung cancer survivor

**Neal Dublinsky:** non-Hodgkin's lymphoma survivor

**Arize Onuekwusi:** Colon cancer survivor (Houston, TX)

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Stock video and illustrations: istockphoto.com

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**Written, directed, edited, and produced by Eric Merola**

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FILM STILLS

Twenty high-resolution film stills are available for download at [www.burzynskimovie.com](http://www.burzynskimovie.com) (Film Stills)

