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Dr. Howard Donner's unique medical practice has taken him to the farthest reaches of the globe. He began his career working 8 years as a professional river and mountain guide. Now specializing in high altitude and expedition medicine, he has advised mountaineers, rescuers, Olympic athletes and aerospace personnel throughout his career.

He is a co-author of "The Field Guide to Wilderness medicine" (the 4th edition just published). He has been featured in two successful NOVA documentaries including; "Deadly Ascent" which chronicles mountain medicine and research on 20,320 ft Denali (Mount McKinley). Denali is North Americas highest peak, where Dr. Donner spent 3 climbing seasons as a rescue doctor for the National Park Service at the 14,000 foot medical/rescue station. He has worked on numerous medical projects in the Himalayas including two seasons as a staff physician for the Himalayan Rescue Association. He served as expedition doctor on the 1998 NOVA Everest expedition, popularized by the critically acclaimed film: "Everest: The Death Zone". He was the physician on the first American ascent of Kanchenjunga, the worlds third highest peak.

He served for 5 years as a medical operations consultant for NASA, where he was involved in the design of the Shuttle and International Space Station medical systems.

He moved to Truckee, California from Telluride Colorado. In Telluride Dr. Donner worked as an Emergency Physician at the Telluride Medical Center and as medical advisor and active member on Telluride's Search and Rescue team . He also worked in Telluride as a commercial pilot. He is a Certified Flight Instructor and is currently the director of Adventure Training for "The Finer Points of Flying", an aviation company providing international pilot education and training. He is the former host of 'Doc Talk' a popular Telluride talk show heard on public radio. He continues to consult, guide and teach wilderness and rescue medicine, worldwide.

Dr. Donner is currently producing a new media project, "MedWild", focusing on high level, Web based Wilderness Medicine education and training

His initial training and degree was in film production. He has directed a number of short Documentary films including the award winning "French Fries to Go" a crowd pleasing film about Bio-diesel.

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