

**THIS PAGE IS IN HONOR OF DR. JOSEF WARKANY**  
Wladimir Wertelecki, M.D.



*"A child suffering from congenital malformations  
can no longer be dogmatically held as a portent of parental flaws  
nor can a fetus be considered immune from environmental assaults".*

**Mantras – Aphorisms – Dictums**

*"Unless we are interested in the prevention  
as well as the cure ... we have all of us failed ... "*

*"Treatment is not the main question – Prevention is."*

*"From a medical point of view no disease can  
be considered fully investigated and understood  
until it can be prevented and eliminated."*

*"Teratology ...  
investigations of etiologic factors can become "long affairs" ...  
Investigate prevention by indirect means –  
search for the weakest links of pathogenesis chains  
and investigate how to break them ..."*

*“... not all congenital anomalies and defects are hereditary,  
and not all hereditary anomalies are congenital ...  
why then the prejudice by calling an advisory clinic  
a “heredity or genetic counseling clinic?” ...  
“... measures and advice are not restricted to the genetic aspect  
... the fetus should be assured ... the protection of the mother  
from adverse environmental influences ...”*

## Published Articles

*“Of dreaming on solid grounds and silent triumphs of one man: a story about Joseph Warkany”*

[Of Dreaming on Solid Grounds and Silent Triumphs of One Man: A Story About Josef Warkany](#) (1989)

*“Josef Warkany’s gestation of the teratology society – with a video supplement”*

[Josef Warkany’s Gestation of the Teratology Society – Companion full video to 2020 article “Josef Warkany’s Gestation of Scientific Teratology”](#)

## Videos

- *“A Dogma Destroyed”* (07:10 min)  
Introduction to fuller versions

*“The Rise of Teratology”* (21:20 min)

Like David defied Goliath, Warkany caused the demise of Eugenics  
[Short video “David and Goliath” \(Warkany vs Eugenics\) – the Rise of Teratology](#)

*Companion Video to the article “Josef Warkany’s Gestation of the Teratology Society”* (01:52:24)

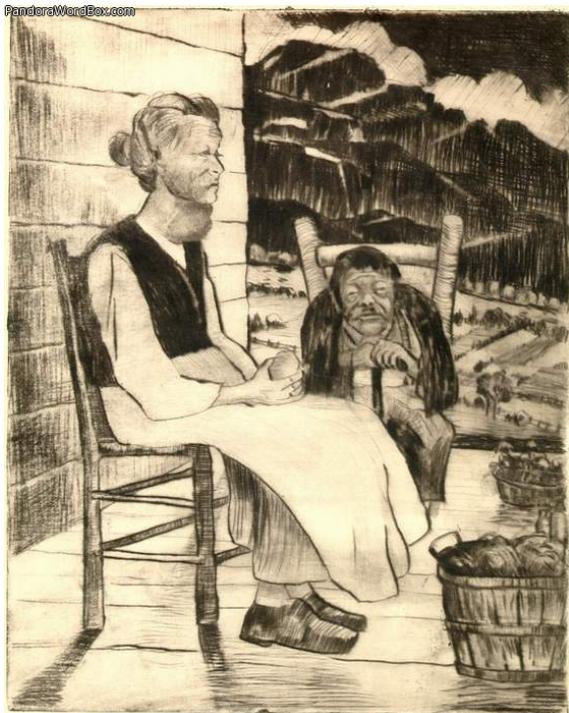
Included are snippets of Dr. Warkany’s accounts, in his own words, of his scientific, clinical, public health, social, and artistic contributions to Pediatrics, Clinical Genetics and Modern Scientific and Clinical Teratology. He also mentions the process of creation of the Teratology societies in the US, Europe and Japan, and his concern that the notions “birth defects” and “genetic counseling” are rather flawed.

[Companion full video to 2020 article “Josef Warkany’s Gestation of Scientific Teratology”](#)

## Etchings



"Patient's Point of View" – Warkany's perspective as a "horizontal doctor" undergoing treatment of tuberculosis. He noted the inhumanity of "vertical doctors toward horizontal ones".



The association of cretinism with environmental iodine deficiencies in mountainous regions was well known for decades. It took decades before public health prevention programs through iodine fortification were instituted.

Access to other etchings – by written requests.

## **Solo Video Snippets of Interviews of Dr. J. Warkany**

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