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He conducted numerous clinical trials investigating conventional as well as complementary therapies in patients with HIV including therapeutic touch, Traditional Chinese Medicine interventions, medicinal mushrooms, medical marijuana and distant healing. His interest in botanical therapies led him to pursue the two-year Fellowship in Integrative Medicine at the University of Arizona which he completed in December 2004. His particular passion in the field involves nutrition and cancer. Since completing his Fellowship, Dr. Abrams has been providing Integrative Medicine consultation and group medical visits to people living with and beyond cancer at the UCSF Osher Center for Integrative Health He retired from UCSF in 2020 but is now recalled Emeritus status to continue his clinical work in integrative oncology at the Osher Center.

He co-edited the Oxford University Press textbook in Integrative Oncology with Andrew Weil, M.D. Dr. Abrams was President of the Society for Integrative Oncology in 2010.