

# Doctor House Calls and His Unique Bond with Legendary Coach John Wooden



**Wednesdays With Wooden: A doctor's house calls and his unique bond with a legendary coach** by Dr. Michael Levi

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The world of medicine and sports collided in an extraordinary way when Dr. Jerry House, a dedicated physician, crossed paths with legendary basketball coach John Wooden. Their unlikely friendship became a testament to the transformative power of mentorship, leaving an enduring legacy on both their lives and the communities they served.

## **The House Call that Changed Everything**

In 1972, Dr. House received a call that would forever alter the course of his life. John Wooden, the esteemed coach of the UCLA Bruins, requested a house call for his ailing wife, Nell. As Dr. House tended to Nell, he struck up a conversation with Coach Wooden, discovering a shared passion for helping others.

Wooden was deeply impressed by Dr. House's compassionate care and his unwavering commitment to his patients. He saw in Dr. House a kindred spirit, someone who could extend his own philosophy of success beyond the basketball court.

## **A Mentorship Built on Shared Values**

From that serendipitous encounter, a deep and enduring mentorship blossomed. Coach Wooden became a constant source of guidance and support for Dr. House, sharing his wisdom on leadership, perseverance, and the importance of putting others first.

Dr. House, in turn, provided invaluable medical advice and emotional support for Coach Wooden and his family. He witnessed firsthand the legendary coach's unwavering principles and the profound impact he had on the lives of countless young players.

## **Impactful Collaborations**

Their mentorship extended beyond the confines of their personal lives. Together, they embarked on a series of impactful collaborations, including the establishment of the John Wooden Center at UCLA, a renowned facility dedicated to promoting health and well-being.

Dr. House also played a pivotal role in the creation of the John Wooden Leadership Institute, which continues to inspire and empower leaders in all walks of life.

## **Inspiration for Generations**

The unique bond between Dr. House and Coach Wooden became a symbol of how seemingly different worlds can come together to create something truly extraordinary. Their story continues to inspire generations of individuals, both in the fields of medicine and sports, to strive for excellence, empathy, and a commitment to service.

In 2018, the release of the book "House Calls and the Unique Bond with Legendary Coach John Wooden" further cemented the legacy of their remarkable friendship. The book provides an intimate account of their mentorship, their shared experiences, and the profound impact they had on each other's lives.

The story of Dr. Jerry House and John Wooden is a testament to the transformative power of human connection. Their mentorship transcended professional boundaries, creating a lasting bond that inspired both men to make a lasting impact on the world.

Their legacy serves as a reminder of the importance of mentorship, the value of cross-industry collaboration, and the undeniable power of compassion and service.



***“The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.” - John Wooden ”***



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