

Dr. Zebra's

Unique
Gifts

Click Here

The perfect
holiday gift!

The Physical Lincoln

"One of the best Lincoln books of 2009" – American Heritage



Doctor Zebra > Presidential Health > John Kennedy

Health and Medical History of President

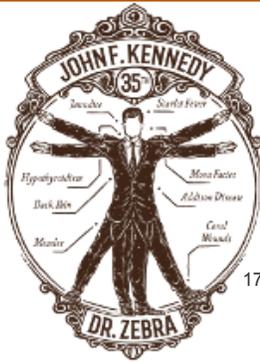
John Kennedy

President #35: 1961-1963

Lived 1917-1963

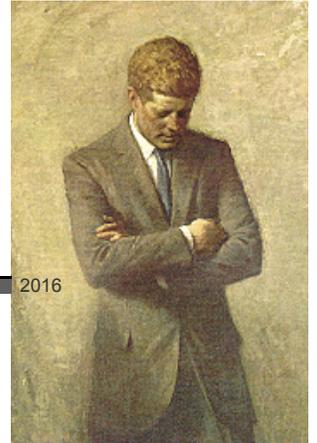
1776

2016



Buy da shirt!

"When Kennedy ran for and won the presidency, he was essentially gambling that his health problems would not prevent him from handling the job. By hiding the extent of his ailments he denied voters the chance to decide whether they wanted to share this gamble. It is hard to believe that he could have been nominated, much less elected, if the public had known what we now know about his health." [1a](#)



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Maladies & Conditions · a mess · scarlet fever · measles · jaundice · sports injuries · minor childhood ills · sickly child · reading glasses in youth · colitis · height and weight · blood type AB+ (?) · pernicious anemia (?) · hypothyroidism · gonadal function · steroid complications · ?sexually transmitted disease · back · coral wound · malaria? and green skin · cigars · campaign exhaustion · fatigue or hypersomnolence · Addison disease · moon facies · year-round tan · celiac disease? · libido · invasion diarrhea and UTI · post-invasion depression · psycho-active poly-pharmacy · head movement · resuscitated? · three last rites

Odds & Ends · **Doctors** · **Resources** · **Cited Sources**

Maladies and Conditions

This style... ... means the event occurred while President.

?
a mess

From a medical standpoint, Kennedy was a mess. For example, there is the simple fact that Kennedy was hospitalized more than three dozen times in his life **MORE** and given the last rites three times (see below).

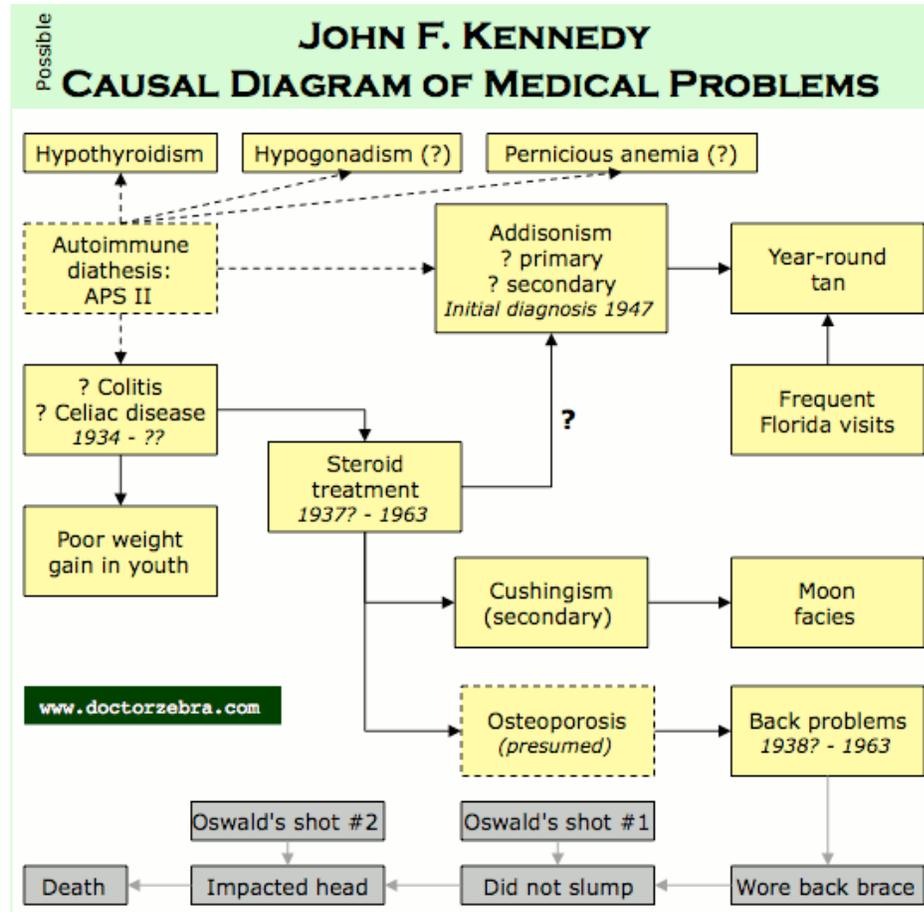
Bumgarner provides an excellent short recap of Kennedy's medical history [2a](#), although the new medical sources pioneered by Dallek [1](#) [3](#) are leaving it behind.

Dr. [Lee Mandel](#) [4](#) has recently offered a unifying medical diagnosis for Kennedy: auto-immune polyendocrine syndrome type II (APS II).

Dr. Mandel notes that Kennedy had signs of adrenal failure as early as 1940, and that his autopsy almost certainly indicates this was auto-immune in origin. Kennedy was diagnosed with hypothyroidism in 1955 and was under treatment for years (see below). [4](#)

Comment: [Technical] APS II is a polygenic disorder defined as: (a) auto-immune adrenocortical failure plus (b) evidence of adrenal inflammation plus (c) either auto-immune thyroid disease or type 1 diabetes mellitus. The peak age of onset is 30. (JFK was 30 when his adrenal insufficiency was diagnosed.) Other associated autoimmune disorders include: atrophic gastritis (with or without pernicious anemia), hypergonadotrophic hypogonadism, and celiac disease.

The diagram below summarizes the *possible* interplay between Kennedy's medical problems. The rest of this page has details.



 scarlet fever

Contracted scarlet fever in Feb. 1920 (age 2 years, 9 months) and almost died [2b](#).

 measles

He also contracted measles while 2 years old, as well as whooping cough and chicken pox. As a child he was susceptible to frequent upper respiratory infections [2c](#) and bronchitis [3a](#).

 jaundice

He suffered at least one episode of jaundice as a youth [2d](#). Jaundice in 1935 has been interpreted as Addisonian hyperpigmentation, but Dr. Zebra rather doubts the two conditions are easily confused [5a](#).

 sports injuries

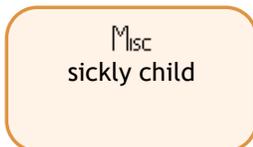
As a child Kennedy sustained "many injuries and bruises [while participating] in sports where his physique was inadequate." For example, when he had a bicycle collision with his brother Joe, Joe walked away unhurt, but Jack (JFK) needed 28 stitches [2d](#) [3b](#).



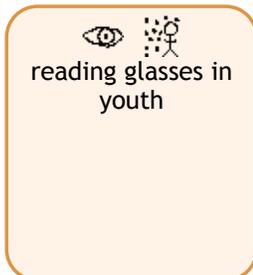
Kennedy's mother kept a card file on the medical problem of her children [2d](#) [3c](#). The entries for John (more commonly known as Jack) included [2e](#):

- Between 1920 and 1928 a Dr. Reardon "took care of ear."
- 1928: German measles
- June 15, 1930: "Examined by Lahey Clinic, tonsils and adenoids OK"
- Aug. 31, 1933: "Tonsils and adenoids out -- Dr. Kahill, St. Margaret's Hospital"

Kennedy also had German measles and whooping cough [3a](#).



JFK's mother remembered him as "a very, very sick little boy" (probably in connection with the scarlet fever) and "bed-ridden and elfin-like" [2d](#).



Another entry in the Kennedy card file says "March 21, 1931: Glasses prescribed for reading by Dr. John Wheeler" [2e](#). If the glasses were really for reading, this would be an indication that Kennedy had presbyopia (far-sightedness) at age 13 -- a distinctly unusual occurrence. Diphtheria is one of the few reasons a young person needs reading glasses. (See [Harry Truman](#).) Kennedy underwent a Schick test for diphtheria in 1928 [2e](#), so there was at least a suspicion that he had it.

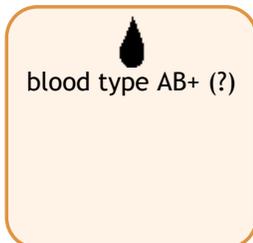


Kennedy had digestive troubles as early as 1934 (age 17) [3d](#). Years later, when he joined the Navy, these were described as "severe spastic colitis" [3e](#). Dallek believes steroid treatment of Kennedy's colitis began in 1937 [3d](#) and ascribes several later medical problems to complications of steroids (see below).

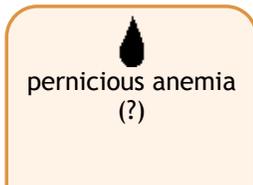


During his freshman year in college, Kennedy was six feet tall and weighed 149 pounds. He consumed "massive amounts" of ice cream and otherwise worked hard at gaining weight, but failed to add bulk all through college [5b](#).

From age 20 to age 43, available data show that Kennedy's weight was more or less constant -- about 155-160 pounds [4](#), (corresponding to a body mass index of about 21-22 kg/m/m). Between July 1960 and January 1961, however, he gained 15-20 pounds, causing his mother to remark to her diary on Nov. 3, 1960: "Jack looks unusually well. His cheeks have filled out amazingly since I saw him in June. He has lost that lean Lincolnesque look which I secretly like better" [4](#).



During its coverage of JFK's assassination, NBC news announced (at about 2:30 pm) that B+ blood was prepared for him at Parkland Memorial Hospital. [One reader brought to my attention a published statement that JFK had type AB blood. The printed source is too embarrassing to cite. Note, however, that a person having AB+ blood can classically receive B+ blood safely.]



In 1966 Dr. Janet Travell recalled: "When I first saw him [May 26, 1955 [6a](#)] he was extremely anemic. He had impaired vibration sense which is indicative of peripheral neuritis... characteristic of a vitamin B1 deficiency" [4](#). (Note: Deficiency of vitamin B1 does not cause anemia, but deficiency of vitamin B12 causes anemia and impaired vibration

sense.) She further recalled: "Senator Kennedy was put on a course of vitamin B12, vitamin B1, and B-complex injections. His blood count -- his hemoglobin and red cells -- did respond" [4](#).

The problem with Travell's recollection is that Kennedy was hospitalized the same day she met him, and the hospital records neither say Kennedy was anemic nor list anemia as a diagnosis [4](#). Thus, Travell's memory may be inaccurate. **Comment:** It would not be surprising if Kennedy had pernicious anemia, as it may be part of the APS II syndrome.



hypothyroidism

One of JFK's physicians, Dr. Janet Travell, reported that Kennedy was diagnosed with a sub-normally functioning thyroid gland in May 1955 and underwent iodine treatment. Hospital records show that Kennedy's thyroid function was only mildly subnormal (a "basal metabolic rate of -15"). He took iodine throughout his Presidency (liothyronine, 25 mcg twice daily). [4](#)

In both 1935 and 1939, Kennedy's basal metabolic rate was -11, which Dr. Walter Alvarez regarded as "well within normal limits" [4](#).



gonadal function

Kennedy took daily testosterone pills throughout his Presidency [4](#).

The reason(s) he took this medication are unknown. Certainly, his body was not completely devoid of testosterone, as he fathered four children from 1956 to 1960. It is possible that his testosterone level was reduced by the cortico-steroids he chronically took, or as a consequence of APS II (see above) [4](#). It has been written that Kennedy took testosterone to keep his weight up [4a](#). This may be true, as he gained 15-20 pounds between July 1960 and January 1961 [4](#).

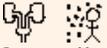


steroid complications

Dallek believes steroid treatment of Kennedy's colitis began in 1937 [3d](#). Steroid therapy often comes at a cost, because of its propensity to cause adverse health effects. This was especially true in Kennedy's case, as steroid therapy was still new to medicine in the 1930s. The consequences of steroid excess, now known as "Cushing syndrome," were not described by Cushing until 19__.

Dallek believes steroids were the "principal contributor" to Kennedy's duodenal ulcer (see above) and back problems (see below) [3d](#). (Steroids cause thinning of bones.) Steroids also altered the shape of Kennedy's face (see below) and, perhaps, body.

Another complication of steroid use is suppression of adrenal gland function. Kennedy was diagnosed with underactive adrenal glands in 1947, a condition known as Addison disease (see below). If Dallek is correct, Kennedy had by then been on steroids for 10 years, although not continuously [3](#). This makes it extremely difficult to know if Kennedy's Addison disease was the result of chronic steroid use, or whether it was the result of some other process (e.g. auto-immunity).



?sexually transmitted disease

Kennedy had "occasional burning when urinating, which was the result of a nonspecific urethritis dating from 1940 and a possible sexual encounter in college." This was left untreated and became a chronic condition by 1946 [3f](#). At some point the illness was described as "a mild, chronic, non-specific prostatitis." Sulfa drugs were able to suppress the symptoms. [3f](#). As late as May 1955 he still had "prostatitis marked by pain when urinating and ejaculating, as well as urinary tract infections" [3g](#).

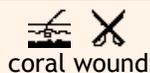
In January 1956 he underwent cystoscopy under anesthesia [3h](#). **Comment:** Was this a sexually transmitted disease? (1) The response to sulfa suggests it was infectious. (2) Kennedy had a large number of sexual contacts before he was even out of college, and (3) it seems unlikely he practiced safe sex [3i](#). As one female acquaintance remarked, "He was not much for planning ahead" [3j](#).



back

Back problems started in 1938. From 1941 they were "a constant source of difficulty" [3d](#). [There is much history here, yet to come.] Dallek has suggested that steroid treatments, "which apparently began in 1937," may have been causative [3d](#).

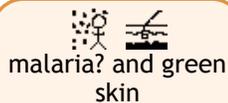
He wore a back brace. For example, on the day he was shot, he wore a brace that consisted of a canvas brace with metal stays, together with an Ace bandage with extra padding [7a](#). Some people think this back brace killed him. (See below.)



coral wound

In August 1943, JFK's PT-109 was sunk by a Japanese destroyer in the South Pacific. Kennedy and the other survivors swam to an island three miles away, where they were rescued several days later. Afterwards, JFK wrote to a friend: "I went in to see the Doc about some coral infections I got. He asked me how I got them -- I said `swimming!' He then burst out with, `Kennedy, you know swimming is forbidden in this area, stay out of the goddamned water!'" [8a](#)

Kennedy took 10 days to recover from "symptoms of fatigue and many deep abrasions and lacerations of the entire body, especially the feet" [3k](#).



malaria? and green skin

Kennedy may have contracted malaria while stationed in the Pacific. He had an illness with high fever in 1945 that was treated with atabrine (a.k.a. quinacrine). Atabrine can cause yellowish discoloration of the skin. Kennedy was well-known by Washington newspaper correspondents to have a "greenish complexion" after the war [5c](#). Whether the green hue was caused by atabrine, Addisonism, or something else is unclear.



cigars

Kennedy liked to smoke cigars, but did not like to be photographed doing it. He feared it made him look like a stereotypical "old Irish pol, which he didn't want to be sees as" [9](#).



campaign exhaustion

Kennedy was exhausted by the 1960 Presidential campaign. At a press conference the day after the election, "his hands, although out of camera range, trembled" [3l](#). Even two weeks later he had not fully recovered: advisor Ted Sorenson found JFK's mind neither "keen" nor "clear" and the President elect "tired" and reluctant to tackle work [3m](#).



fatigue or hypersomnolence

Kennedy was not especially concerned with the Department of Agriculture. While interviewing a candidate for ?secretary, Kennedy fell asleep [3n](#). **Comment:** Dallek sees this incident as indicating Kennedy's boredom with the man and the discussion, as well as evidence that Kennedy intended to rely little on his cabinet. Most sleep physicians, however, view falling asleep in a conversation as a cardinal sign of hypersomnolence. It would be interesting to know more of the interview setting, i.e. whether it was a one-on-one interview or a group effort. Falling asleep in a one-on-one conversation would be remarkable indeed.



Addison disease

Kennedy's Addisonism was diagnosed in 1947 by a physician in London. Kennedy had probably been suffering (literally) from the disease for years, if not decades. After the diagnosis, he was given less than a year to live. He was so ill during the sea voyage home from England, in October 1947, that he was given the last rites [2f](#). Yet, during the 1960 presidential race, the JFK campaign flatly denied that JFK had Addison disease. The Kennedy campaign used a very narrow definition of Addison disease, namely, insufficiency of the adrenal glands caused by tuberculosis. This was deliberate, calculated, and grossly misleading. Bumgarner calls it "undoubtedly one of the most cleverly laid smoke screens ever put down around a politician" [MORE](#) [2g](#). Adrenal insufficiency, no matter how caused, is a serious matter. [MORE](#)

Dallek reports that "Doctors who treated Jack's Addison's or read closely about his condition have concluded that he had a secondary form of the disease, or a 'slow atrophy of the adrenal glands,' rather than a rapid primary destruction" [30](#). Dallek is hinting that Kennedy's Addisonism was due to chronic use of steroids, but he does not take a stand.

While a U.S. Senator, Kennedy underwent major surgery on his back even though the effects of Addison disease on the tolerance of surgery was largely unknown at the time. [10](#). In fact, JFK's case was published in the medical literature in 1955, although this was not publicly realized until 1967 [7b](#). Post-operatively, he developed a urinary tract infection and had a transfusion reaction, characterized by "mild angioneurotic edema." He also had a repeat operation four months later [10](#).



moon facies

Kennedy worried about the effects on his appearance of the steroids he took as treatment for Addison disease. The steroids made his face look puffy and made him look overweight. Four days before his inauguration Kennedy caught sight of himself in a mirror and declared "My God, look at that fat face, if I don't lose five pounds this week we might have to call off the Inauguration." Kennedy's secretary heard this and could barely contain her laughter. [3p](#)

Comment: Steroids classically cause a facial appearance known as "moon facies." This refers to the round shape the face assumes. Dr. Zebra always checks for moon facies by looking at the outer corner of the eye sockets. If there is facial tissue behind the eyes that projects laterally from the bony outer border of the orbit, then some degree of moon facies are present. Several photographs of Kennedy have this appearance.



year-round tan

It is sometimes mentioned that Kennedy had a tan year-round. In most of North America, this is unusual, and raises the question of disease. Addison disease, for example, causes bronzing of the skin that is often mistaken for a tan. (An Addisonian tan would suggest that, despite the use of steroids, Kennedy's Addisonism was under-treated.)

To be sure, Addisonism may not be the whole story. Even in youth, Kennedy liked having a tan, saying "It gives me confidence. ... It makes me feel strong, healthy, attractive" [3q](#).



celiac disease?

There is speculation that Kennedy's gastrointestinal ills were due to celiac disease. Of note, there is an association between celiac disease and Addison disease [11](#).



libido

In 1963 JFK confided to Britain's Prime Minister Macmillan that he got a headache if he went too long without a woman [12a](#). Kennedy's close friend, Senator George Smathers,

once remarked "He has the most active libido of any man I have ever known," and a fellow congressman observed that "traveling with him was like traveling with a bull" [12b](#).

Kennedy was taking testosterone in 1963 [4](#), and this could have had an (enhancing) effect on his libido. It is not clear when Smathers' statement was made and whether Kennedy was then taking testosterone.



invasion diarrhea and UTI

Immediately before and after the failed invasion at the Bay of Pigs in Cuba (April 17-18, 1961), Kennedy had "constant," "acute diarrhea." He simultaneously had a urinary tract infection. The treatment included increased anti-spasmodic medication, a puree diet, and penicillin. He was also scheduled for a sigmoidoscopy. [3r](#)



post-invasion depression

Though composed and philosophical in public, in private Kennedy was deeply depressed after the Bay of Pigs invasion fiasco. On April 19, 1961 his wife Jackie remarked that the only time she had seen him more depressed was in connection with surgery. The same day Pierre Salinger found him weeping in his bedroom. Shortly after Kennedy appeared at a meeting with Senator Albert Gore (the father), his hair unruly and his tie askew [3s](#). At a Cabinet meeting on April 20 he looked "quote shattered" and would talk to himself. Even weeks after the invasion he could not sleep [3f](#).



psycho-active poly-pharmacy

During the first six months of his presidency, Kennedy's physicians "administered large doses of so many drugs that [[Dr.](#) Janet] Travell kept a "Medicine Administration Record" [1b](#). Many of the drugs Kennedy received affect thinking:

cortisone	[injected] Cortisol has profound psychological effects. At one extreme, "steroid psychosis" can result. At the other, a profound sensation of well-being can occur. In between, the effects are more difficult to characterize.
cortisone	[oral]
lomotil	For diarrhea. Contains anti-cholinergic compounds, which, in toxic doses, can make someone "mad as a hatter."
paregoric	For diarrhea. Contains opium. Mentation is probably unaffected if used in reasonable doses, but Kennedy was taking at least 3 medications for diarrhea, suggesting that doses were high.
phenobarbital	A classic "downer"
testosterone	Was Kennedy's "bull-like" libido a side effect of testosterone? Was his cholesterol level of 410?
trasentine	An anti-diarrhea medication. There is very little published about this drug. Side effects include giddiness and euphoria.
Tuinal	A mixture of secobarbital and amobarbital Kennedy used to help him sleep. Amobarbital is better known as Amytal, one of the more common "truth serum" drugs.
amphetamines	Post and Robins, writing in 1993, thought it was "highly suggestive" that Kennedy took amphetamines while President, but considered it unproven 13a . The recent <i>Atlantic</i> article states definitively that Kennedy received injections of amphetamines and painkillers from " Dr. Feelgood," a.k.a. Max Jacobson 1b .

Kennedy dismissed concerns about the injections, saying, "I don't care if it's horse piss. It works." Jacobson's medical license was revoked in 1975. Previously, in 1969, all controlled substances in his possession were confiscated by the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs [13a]. It is thought that Kennedy was under the influence of amphetamines when he made his "Ich bin ein Berliner" speech [13a].

To put things in a different light, if an officer in the U.S. Air Force were taking any **one** of these medications, he or she would not even be allowed to **talk** on the radio to aircraft as supervisor of flying. Kennedy, as commander-in-chief, was supervisor for the entire Air Force.

Question: Did the Bay of Pigs result from Kennedy talking, or was it the testosterone talking? [MORE](#)



head movement

Massive sympathetic discharge is postulated to cause his head to move toward the bullet's approach path [14].

Some think that Kennedy's back brace killed him [7a] [1]. It kept him erect after Oswald's first bullet went through his neck. Had he been able to fall forward after this first bullet hit, the second, fatal bullet may have missed him.



resuscitated?

There is a legend that Kennedy's heartbeat was resuscitated in the Parkland ER. But now what are you going to do with a President whose brain has flowed out onto the stretcher?



three last rites

Kennedy received the last rites three times:

1. On the ocean liner *Queen Mary* in September 1947, bringing him home from London where he had received the diagnosis of Addison disease and been hospitalized [3t].
2. When a post-operative urinary tract infection in October 1954 put Kennedy into a coma [3u].
3. Before he was officially pronounced dead on Nov. 22, 1963 -- administered by a Fr. Huber. [15].

Odds and Ends

- JFK had scarlet fever, diphtheria, and whooping cough as a child. At age 14 he weighed 95 pounds. [16a]
- JFK had allergies, poor hearing, a sensitive stomach, and an old knee injury that occasionally caused him to limp. [16b]
- On school entrance exams in 1931, Kennedy scored 119 on an IQ test [3v].
- Commenting on Kennedy's temperament, a White House speechwriter observed: "there was an inner hardness, often volatile anger, beneath the outwardly amiable, thoughtful, carefully controlled demeanor of John Kennedy" [3w]. Kennedy described himself as "always on the edge of irritability" as President. [3x].
- JFK's sister, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, had Addison disease [3y] [16c]. His son, John F. Kennedy Jr., had Graves disease [4].

- Another sister, Rosemary, was retarded from the time of her birth during the 1918 influenza pandemic [3z](#). However, the cause of her condition was (and remains) unknown. At age 21 she became violent and underwent a pre-frontal lobotomy that "proved to be a disaster." She spent the rest of her life in an institution [3aa](#).
- McKusick cites Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis as exemplar of telecanthus (increased separation of the medial canthi without abnormal separation of the orbits). [OMIM 187350](#)
- JFK's history number at Parkland was 24740. Governor John Connally was #24743. [17a](#)
- The first physician to see Kennedy at Parkland had delivered Oswald's baby one month before. [17a](#)
- Kennedy's mother was the product of a consanguineous union between second cousins. This clearly did not affect her longevity! [3ab](#)
- Where are his adrenals now? NIH?

Doctors

Before Presidency

- Sara Jordan
- Walter C. Alvarez
- ? Hensen
- Frank Howard Lahey
- Elmer C. Bartels
- Daniel Davis
- William P. Murphy
- Philip D. Wilson
- Ephraim Shorr
- Eugene Cohen

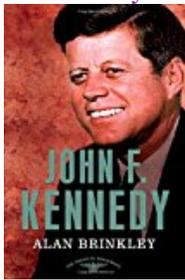
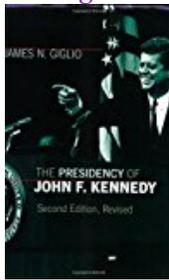
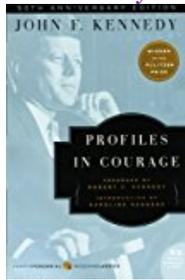
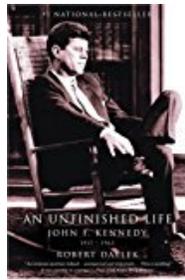
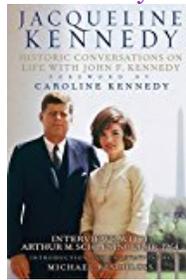
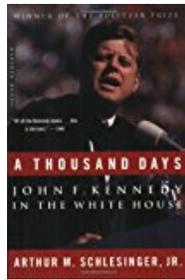
During Presidency

- Max "Feel Good" Jacobson
- Janet Graeme Travell
- George Gregory Burkley
- James M. Young
- Robert Grossman
- Kemp Clark

Post-mortem

- J. Thornton Boswell
- James J. Humes
- Pierre Finck
- John H. Ebersole

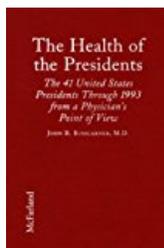
Resources

<p>Ampres Series</p> <p>Brinkley</p>  <p>★★★★★ 25 reviews</p>	<p>Kansas Series</p> <p>Giglio</p>  <p>★★★★★ 6 reviews</p>	<p>Kennedy</p>  <p>★★★★★ 269 reviews</p>	<p>Dallek</p>  <p>★★★★★ 217 reviews</p>	<p>Kennedy</p>  <p>★★★★★ 345 reviews</p>	<p>Jr.</p>  <p>★★★★★ 44 reviews</p>
--	---	---	--	---	--

Cited Sources

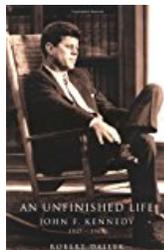
1. Dallek, Robert. The medical ordeals of JFK. *Atlantic Monthly*. 2002 (Dec);290(5):49-61.
[a](#) p.61 [b](#) p.60
2. Bumgarner, John R. *The Health of the Presidents: The 41 United States Presidents Through 1993 from a Physician's Point of View*. Jefferson, NC: MacFarland & Company, 1994.
[a](#) pp.234-249 [b](#) p.234, 235 [c](#) pp.234, 235 [d](#) p.234 [e](#) p.235 [f](#) pp.240-241 [g](#) p.243

 ★★★★★ 3 reviews



Comment: Devotes one chapter to each President, through Clinton. Written for the layperson, well-referenced, with areas of speculation clearly identified, Dr. Zebra depends heavily on this book. Dr. Bumgarner survived the Bataan Death March and has written an unforgettable book casting a physician's eye on that experience.

3. Dallek, Robert. *An Unfinished Life: John F. Kennedy 1917-1963*. Boston: Little, Brown, 2003.



a p.27 b p.28 c p.71 - this practice was recommended by a prominent pediatrician of the day d p.103 e p.102 f p.123 g pp.195, 212 h p.212 i p.46 - worried about fathering a child j p.150 k p.99-100 l p.299 m pp.299-300 n p.320 o pp.105 p p.322 q p.37 r p.367 s p.366 t p.153 u p.196 v p.33 w p.370 x p.372 y p.105 z pp.22, 71 aa p.72 ab p.11

amazon ★★★★★ 218 reviews

4. Mandel LR. Endocrine and autoimmune aspects of the health history of John F. Kennedy. *Annals of Internal Medicine*. 2009; 151: 350-354.

a citing Dallek and Kelleman

Comment: Available on the web at: <http://annals.org/cgi/content/full/151/5/350>

5. Marion, Robert. *Was George Washington Really the Father of our Country?*. Reading, MA: Addison-Wesley, 1994.



a p.174 b p.175 c pp.177-178

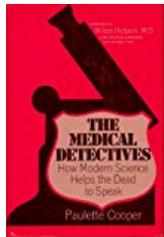
amazon ★★★★★ 3 reviews

6. Travell, Janet. *Office Hours: Day and Night*. Cleveland, OH: New American Library, 1968.

a p.5

Comment: Travell was one of Kennedy's physicians during his Presidency. Although all autobiographies are inherently narcissistic, the level in this one is tough to stomach -- almost as bad as Jerry Linenger's, in fact.

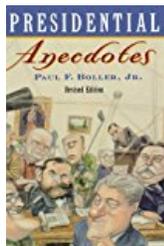
7. Cooper, Pauline. *The Medical Detectives*. New York: David McKay, 1973.



a p.198 b p.209

amazon ★★★★★ 2 reviews

8. Boller, Paul F. Jr. *Presidential Anecdotes*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1981.



a p.300

amazon ★★★★★ 14 reviews

9. Beschloss, Michael. [Interview]. *PBS NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*. KQED-TV, San Francisco, 21 January 2005. The interview was about an exhibition at the National Archives of photographs of Presidents in casual situations..

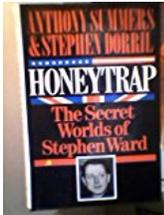
Comment: Web site for the interview, including a picture:
http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/media/jan-june05/exhibit_01-21.html

10. Nicholas JA, Burstein CL, Umberger CJ, Wilson PD. Management of adrenocortical insufficiency during surgery. *Archives of Surgery*. 1955;71:737-742.

Comment: JFK is case 3

11. O'Leary C, Walsh CH, Wieneke P, O'Regan P, Buckley B, O'Halloran DJ, Ferriss JB, Quigley EM, Annis P, Shanahan F, Cronin CC. Coeliac disease and autoimmune Addison's disease: a clinical pitfall. *QJM*. 2002 Feb;95(2):79-82.

12. Summers, Anthony; Dorril, Stephen. *Honeytrap: The Secret Worlds of Stephen Ward*. London: Weidenfeld & Nicolson (91 Clapham High St. SW4 7TA), 1987.

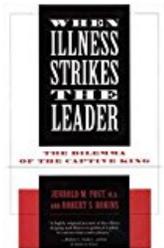


[a](#) (plate caption) [b](#) p.69

amazon ★★★★★ 2 reviews

Comment: Much sensationalism and drivel has been written about JFK. Thus, it is very hard for anyone devoting less than full time to Kennedy studies to discern what is credible and what is not. This book strikes me as containing a mixture of credible, verifiable statements and statements best treated with skepticism.

13. Post, Jerrold M. and Robins, Robert S. *When Illness Strikes the Leader: The Dilemma of the Captive King*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 1993.



[a](#) pp.69-70

amazon ★★★★★ 2 reviews

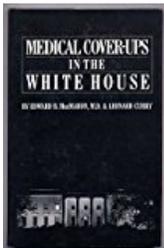
Comment: At one time Post worked for the CIA, profiling foreign leaders.

14. Lattimer JK, et al. An experimental study of the backward movement of President Kennedy's head. *Surg Gynecol Obstet*. 1976 Feb;142(2):246-54.

15. Cronkite, Walter. [Broadcasting the death of President Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963].
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2K8Q3cqGs7I>

Comment: Sarah Burgess wrote me about this on 2010-05-02, but when I checked on 2016-10-11, the video had been taken down. The disclosure was reportedly made at the 3 minute, 16 second mark in the video.

16. MacMahon, Edward B. and Curry, Leonard. *Medical Cover-Ups in the White House*. Washington, DC: Farragut, 1987.



[a](#) p.121 [b](#) p.120 [c](#) p.133

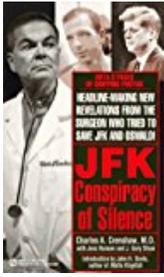
amazon ★★★★★ 2 reviews

17. Crenshaw, Charles A.; Hansen, Jens; Shaw, J. Gray. *JFK: Conspiracy of Silence*. New York: Signet, 1992.

[a](#) p.74

amazon ★★★★★ 34 reviews

Comment: This book has been roundly criticized by other physicians involved in the Kennedy case.



Other Sources

PubMed Search

(89 matches when checked in March 2013)

George Washington · John Adams · Thomas Jefferson · James Madison · James Monroe · John Q. Adams · Andrew Jackson · Martin van Buren · William Harrison · John Tyler · James Polk · Zachary Taylor · Millard Fillmore · Franklin Pierce · James Buchanan · Abraham Lincoln · Andrew Johnson · Ulysses Grant · Rutherford Hayes · James Garfield · Chester Arthur · Grover Cleveland · Benjamin Harrison · William McKinley · Theodore Roosevelt · William Taft · Woodrow Wilson · Warren Harding · Calvin Coolidge · Herbert Hoover · Franklin Roosevelt · Harry Truman · Dwight Eisenhower · John Kennedy · Lyndon Johnson · Richard Nixon · Gerald Ford · James Carter · Ronald Reagan · George Bush · William Clinton · George W. Bush · Barack Obama