## Wational Examiner 8/22/00 Miracle healing powers of

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In the study, therapists hold a woman with brain damage while she's being healed by dolphins

OR thousands of years, people have marveled at how dolphins seem to appear out of nowhere to rescue seafarers in trouble and, more recently, how they help those with psychological disorders.

Now, researchers say the highly intelligent mammals can even detect and heal disease!

Dr. Russell Bourne, a psychologist at the prestigious Upledger Institute in Palm Beach, Fla., and his colleagues carried out a scientific study on 21 seriously ill patients using dolphin therapy in conjunction with regular physical therapy.

"The results were dramatic," says Bourne. "One child with muscular dystrophy developed such strength in his legs that he was able to paddle a boat around."

Of the 21 patients, 19 showed dramatic improvement, reporting reduction of pain, increased mobility and more restful sleep.

Bourne believes the miracle healing power of dolphins comes from their unique sonar system.

"A dolphin not only picks up sound waves, it

sends out its own," he explains. "We think their sonar helps detect illnesses.

"We've seen them pinpoint kidney stones, brain tumors and simple bone fractures. They detect a difference in the sonar pattern of the person they're studying and, being curious mammals, investigate further.

"Then they send out their own ultrasonic signals that can actually alter human tissue.

"The dolphin's sonar is so accurate it can detect a dime from a nickel buried deep in sand. And we're only scratching the surface of its amazing healing powers."

Dr. Kim Jobst, a senior researcher at the Home-

opathic Hospital in Glasgow, Scotland, swam with dolphins for days and was stunned by the way the mammals circled one woman in his group who had cancer.

"They made their own decision to go to the one seriously ill person," he recalls

Bourne and his team are now in the Bahamas to learn more about dolphin power.

"We've brought a bunch of healthcare professionals to practice dolphin therapy on each other." he says "Hopefully, we'll learn how to best tap into the amazing healing power of these beautrul mammais.

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