

## Tiger Woods Received Treatment From HGH Guru

A recently released book has revealed that [Tiger Woods](#) paid almost \$200,000 to Canadian human growth hormone guru Anthony Galea and an associate for 63 visits to his home between September of 2008 and October of 2009.

The American professional golfer who is among the most successful golfers of all time has been one of the highest-paid athletes in the world for several years. He spent 264 weeks from August 1999 to September 2004 and 281 weeks from June 2005 to October 2010 as world number one to become the dominant force in golf.

The book, "*Blood Sport*" by Tim Elfrink and Gus Garcia-Roberts, disclosed that the HGH guru received more than \$76,000 for visiting the four-time [Masters champion](#) 14 times while Tiger Woods recovered from knee surgery between January and August of 2009. The book also cited an investigation by the Florida Department of Health that found Mark Lindsay, Galea's associate, charged Tiger Woods more than \$118,000 for 49 visits. The doctors also treated Alex Rodriguez, the American professional baseball third baseman for the New York Yankees of Major League Baseball. Rodriguez is presently serving a suspension of 162 games for his involvement in the Biogenesis scandal.

The book by Tim Elfrink and Gus Garcia-Roberts also maintained that Alex Rodriguez and Tiger Woods discussed their simultaneous treatments by the two physicians. The book suggests that the relationship of Woods with Galea was far more extensive than previously known. In 2010, the *New York Times* reported Woods received treatment from Galea at least four times, but the book indicates that Galea and Lindsay had met dozens of times with Tiger Woods. The *New York Times* had previously reported that Mark Lindsay, Galea's associate, had deep ties to BALCO, the San Francisco-area lab that offered designer steroids to athletes. In 2009, BALCO founder Victor Conte told the *Daily News* that Lindsay was part of a group called "Project World Record" for making Olympic track star Tim Montgomery the fastest man in the world. Lindsay also worked with BALCO-linked athletes Marion Jones and Bill Romanowski.

The book quotes Hank Haney, Woods' former swing coach, saying he was unaware of the specifics of meetings of Galea with Woods and added he never saw anything illegal occur during the visits of the doctors to Woods' Florida home. Haney remarked he was there three or four of the times Anthony Galea was there, and he didn't see anything. Woods' former swing coach added he never saw Tiger do anything like that and went on to add that Tiger Woods is bigger and stronger from all the working out he does, but he's not faster or longer because of it and it is not like he is avoiding injuries.

In 2011, Galea pleaded guilty in a Buffalo federal courtroom to a felony charge of bringing misbranded and unapproved drugs, including [performance enhancing drugs](#), into the United States.

Meanwhile, Galea and Woods have maintained that Woods was never treated with performance enhancing drugs but with platelet-rich plasma injections that are legal to promote healing.