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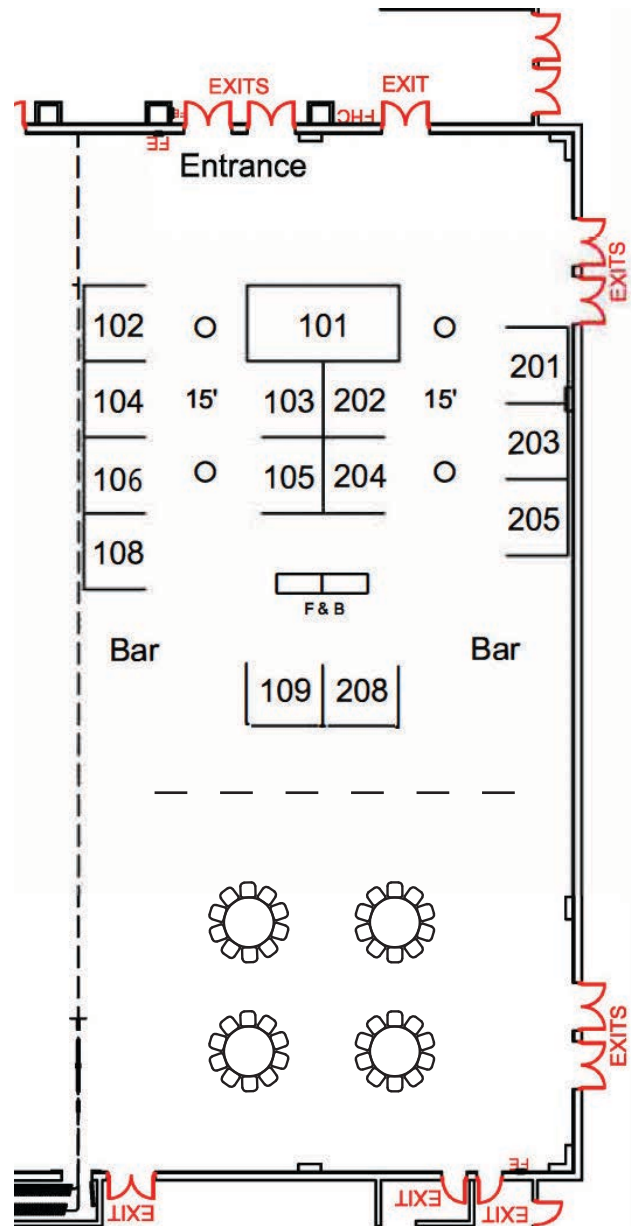
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Welcome Reception:	5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Saturday, June 1, 2024

Continental Breakfast:	7:15 am - 8:00 am
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Lunch:	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Refreshment Break:	3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Reception:	5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Sunday, June 2, 2024

Continental Breakfast:	7:45 am - 8:30 am
Refreshment Break:	10:00 am - 10:30 am
Exhibitor Breakdown:	10:30 am - 12:30 pm



Agenda

Friday, May 31, 2024

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2:00 pm - 6:30 pm Registration Open (Executive Ballroom Foyer)

2:00 pm - 4:30 pm Exhibitor Setup (Executive Ballroom I)

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm **Pre-Conference Workshop:** (Executive Ballroom H)
**An Introduction to the Endocannabinoid
System and Medical Cannabis Microbiology**

Moderator: **Dr. William Troutt, NMD**, Lead Medical Director, Trulieve

Medical Cannabis: Fundamentals
(0.5 CMEs)

Dr. William Troutt, NMD, Lead Medical Director, Trulieve

***Exploration of the Endocannabinoid System (ECS):
Dive into the ECS Receptors and the Interactions of
Phytocannabinoids for a Comprehensive Understanding***
(0.5 CMEs)

Dr. Terel Newton, MD, Florida Medical Director, Trulieve,
Medical Director, Total Pain Relief, LLC and Interventional Pain
Consultant

***Advancing Cannabis Microbiology: Exploring Culture and
Molecular Methods for Analysis***
(0.5 CMEs)

Anthony Repay, M.S. Laboratory Director, Method Testing Labs

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm Networking Welcome Reception: Exhibit Hall (Executive Ballroom I)

Saturday, June 1, 2024
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7:15 am - 7:00 pm	Registration Open	(Executive Ballroom Foyer)
7:15 am - 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast: Exhibit Hall	(Executive Ballroom I)
8:00 am - 10:00 am	FMCCE 2024 Opening Session	(Executive Ballroom H)

Welcome: **Eugene Jones**, Executive Director, Can-Ed, Inc.

Moderator: **Eric Stevens**, Executive Director, Senior Advisor,
Florida for Care

Florida Medical Cannabis Legislative Update
(0.5 CMEs)

Ron Watson, President, Watson Strategies and Director of Government Relations and Northwest Area Sales Representative, MÜV by Verano

Adult Use Cannabis In Florida
(0.5 CMEs)

Lauren Niehaus, Executive Director of Government Relations, Trulieve
Dr. William Troutt, NMD, Lead Medical Director, Trulieve

The Evolving Cannabis Space: From Medicinal Research & Education, to Decriminalization and Regulations
(0.5 CMEs)

Dr. Jeffrey Block, MD, Founder and President, Nurturing Nature®

Moderated Panel Discussion:
(0.5 CMEs)

Ron Watson, President, Watson Strategies and Director of Government Relations and Northwest Area Sales Representative, MÜV by Verano
Lauren Niehaus, Executive Director of Government Relations, Trulieve
Dr. William Troutt, NMD, Lead Medical Director, Trulieve
Dr. Jeffrey Block, MD, Founder and President, Nurturing Nature®
Aaron Bloom, Esq., Chief Executive Officer, DocMJ
Jodi James, Executive Director, Florida Cannabis Action Network (FLCAN)

Saturday, June 1, 2024 - Continued

10:00 am - 10:30 am	Refreshment Break: Exhibit Hall	(Executive Ballroom I)
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Session I: A Review of Qualifying Conditions Case Studies and Emerging Concerns	(Executive Ballroom H)
	Moderator: Dr. Barry Gordon, MD , President & Chief Medical Officer, Compassionate Cannabis Clinic of Venice	
	<i>Chronic Pain Management: Case Studies in Medical Cannabis Therapy</i> <i>(0.75 CMEs)</i>	
	Dr. Terel Newton, MD, Florida Medical Director, Trulieve, Medical Director, Total Pain Relief, LLC and Interventional Pain Consultant	
	<i>Medical Cannabis: Inflammatory Bowel Disease</i> <i>(0.75 CMEs)</i>	
	Dr. William Troutt, NMD, Lead Medical Director, Trulieve	
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch Provided	(To Be Announced)
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Session II: Medical Cannabis Dosing and Public Health Issues	(Executive Ballroom H)
	Moderator: Dr. Robert R. Lazzara, MD , Medical Director, Triverde Health and Wellness	
	<i>In the Weeds: Managing Cannabis-Related Emergencies in Medical Practice</i> <i>(0.5 CMEs)</i>	
	Dr. Safiya K. Lyn-Lassiter, MD., Founder, Ask Doctor Lyn Medical Director, EDEN Florida, LLC Emergency Medicine Physician, HCA University Hospital	
	<i>Beyond the Legality of Medical Marijuana in the Sunshine State, Let's Talk About Dosing Considerations and Public Health Issues</i> <i>(0.5 CMEs)</i>	
	Dr. Jemima Douge, MD, MBA, Healthcare Education Specialist, Florida Poison Information Center - Tampa	

Saturday, June 1, 2024 - Continued

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Session II: (Executive Ballroom H) Medical Cannabis Dosing and Public Health Issues (Continued) <i>Exploring the Therapeutic Potential: Medical Benefits of Over-the-Counter “Phytocannabinoids”</i> (0.5 CMEs) Dr. Joseph Rosado, MD, President and CEO, International Medical Consultants, Inc. <i>Dosing and Route of Administration Considerations When Using Medical Cannabis in Pediatric and Adult Use</i> (0.5 CMEs) Dr. David Berger, MD, FAAP, Owner, Wholistic ReLeaf
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Refreshment Break: Exhibit Hall (Executive Ballroom I)
3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Session III: (Executive Ballroom H) Medical Cannabis Research Moderator: Dr. Vipul Kabaria, MD , Pain Management Specialist, Pain Management & Anesthesiology <i>Understanding the Science Behind the Medicine - An Overview of Safety Testing</i> (0.5 CMEs) Jini Glaros, M.S., Chief Science Officer, Modern Canna Labs <i>Evidence for the Cosmetic Skin and Hair Benefits of Cannabinoids</i> (0.5 CMEs) Dr. Gregory L. Smith, MD, NeX Therapeutics <i>Is it the Time to Pay More Attention to Flavonoids in Cannabis Products</i> (0.5 CMEs) Dr. Harry Behzadi, Ph.D., President and CEO, AccuScience Labs <i>Cannabis and Neurodegenerative Diseases: Emerging Evidence</i> (0.5 CMEs) Dr. Kyron C. Tamar, MD, FACS
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Reception: Exhibit Hall (Executive Ballroom I)
7:30 pm - 10:30 pm	VIP TopGolf Reception (By Invitation Only)

Sunday, June 2, 2024

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7:45 am - 12:30 pm Registration Open (Executive Ballroom Foyer)

7:45 am - 8:30 am Continental Breakfast: Exhibit Hall (Executive Ballroom I)

8:30 am - 10:00 am **Session IV:** (Executive Ballroom H)
**State of Florida Medical Cannabis Regulatory
and Program Update**

Moderator: **Charles Felix**, Owner/Publisher, Cannabis News Florida,
South Florida Hospital News & Healthcare Report, and
Executive Director, Florida Medical Cannabis Physicians Group

***Office of Medical Marijuana Use (OMMU) Update for the
Regulated Community***
(1.0 CMEs)

Todd Schimpf, Communications Manager, Office of Medical Marijuana
Use, Florida Department of Health
Carmen Dixon, Training and Education Liaison, Office of Medical
Marijuana Use, Florida Department of Health

***Medical Marijuana Education and Research Initiative (MMERI):
What You Should Know***
(0.5 CMEs)

GP Mendie, Executive Director, Medical Marijuana Education and
Research Initiative (MMERI), Florida A&M University

10:00 am - 10:30 am Break - Exhibit Hall (Executive Ballroom I)

10:30 am - 12:30 pm **Session V:** (Executive Ballroom H)
**The Business of Medical Cannabis:
How to Make Sure Your Practice is Successful**

Moderator: **Aaron Bloom, Esq.**, Chief Executive Officer, DocMJ

Tracking Outcomes Can Help Your Patients and Your Practice
(0.5 CMEs)

Dr. Barton Hershfield, MD, Medical Cannabis Physicians of SWFL

Medical Cannabis Employee Benefits
Stew Baskin, CEO, CannaPlan

Sunday, June 2, 2024 (Continued)

10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Session V:
The Business of Medical Cannabis:
How to Make Sure Your Practice is Successful
(Continued)

(Executive Ballroom H)

Closing the Medical Cannabis Gap

Brad Hunt, Pro Mal Insurance

Financial Health for Cannabis Physicians:
Avoiding Accounting Pitfalls
(0.5 CMEs)

Peggy Koller, CEO and Founder, GreenLeaf Accounting

12:30 pm

Adjourn



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WILLIAM TROUTT, NMD



Dr. William Troutt, NMD, Lead Medical Director, Trulieve

Bio:

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Since 2010, Dr. Troutt has worked exclusively in the cannabis industry. In that time, he has consulted with thousands of medical cannabis patients, top physicians, researchers, public servants, and industry leaders —sharing his extensive practical experience in safe and effective cannabis use. He has created educational materials and protocols for employees, customers, patients, and their caregivers in more than ten State Regulated Medical Cannabis Programs.

WILLIAM TROUTT, NMD



Presentation Title:

Medical Cannabis: Fundamentals

Dr. William Troutt, NMD, Lead Medical Director, Trulieve

Abstract:

The cannabis plant is a diverse species with an abundance of constituent profiles providing great therapeutic versatility. Robust spectrums of cannabinoids, terpenoids, flavonoids and more perform a synergy of pharmacological activity. As a result, there are many types of medical cannabis products with different indications and routes of administration. Knowledge and understanding of available cannabis medicines and their most appropriate use greatly improves patient responses. This presentation will overview cannabis constituents, medicine preparations, products, and potencies best indicated for patients and distinguish appropriate routes of administration based on relevant pharmacokinetics.

Learning Objectives:

- Briefly recount traditional use of cannabis medicine.
- Identify medicinal constituents of the cannabis plant.
- Discuss indications for different forms of cannabis medicines.
- Review relevant pharmacokinetics of different forms of administration.

Bio:

Dr. Troutt is an Arizona and Maryland licensed naturopathic doctor with over three decades experience studying and advocating for cannabis-based medicine. Dr. Troutt graduated magna cum laude from Arizona State University in 1999 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. In 2003, he graduated from Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine specializing in botanical and natural medicines.

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DR. TEREL NEWTON, MD



Presentation Title:

Exploration of the Endocannabinoid System (ECS): Dive into the ECS Receptors and the Interactions of Phytocannabinoids for a Comprehensive Understanding

Dr. Terel Newton, MD, Florida Medical Director, Trulieve, Medical Director, Total Pain Relief, LLC and Interventional Pain Consultant

Abstract:

The exploration of cannabinoids in clinical medicine has significantly expanded our understanding of their potential therapeutic applications. Among the vast array of compounds within the cannabis plant, five cannabinoids— Δ^9 -tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), cannabidiol (CBD), cannabigerol (CBG), cannabinol (CBN), and cannabichromene (CBC)—stand out for their clinical importance. Additionally, the acidic precursors of these cannabinoids, such as THC-A, CBD-A, and CBG-A, have garnered attention for their unique properties and potential health benefits. This abstract synthesizes current knowledge on these compounds, highlighting their therapeutic prospects and the emerging interest in acidic cannabinoids.

THC, the most well-known psychoactive component of cannabis, has been widely studied for its analgesic, anti-emetic, and appetite-stimulating properties, making it beneficial in the treatment of chronic pain, chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting, and appetite loss in conditions like HIV/AIDS (Grotenhermen & Müller-Vahl, 2012). CBD, a non-psychoactive cannabinoid, has shown promise in treating epilepsy, anxiety disorders, and schizophrenia due to its anticonvulsant, anxiolytic, and antipsychotic effects (Iffland & Grotenhermen, 2017). CBG, though less researched, exhibits potential anti-inflammatory, neuroprotective, and antibacterial properties, suggesting its utility in treating conditions such as inflammatory bowel disease and glaucoma (Nachnani et al., 2021). CBN and CBC have been identified for their sedative and anti-inflammatory effects, respectively, though further research is needed to fully understand their therapeutic potential.

The acidic precursors to these cannabinoids, particularly THC-A, CBD-A, and CBG-A, present an interesting area of study. THC-A and CBD-A, found in raw cannabis, have shown potential for anti-inflammatory and anti-nausea effects without the psychoactive outcomes associated with their decarboxylated forms (Russo, 2011). CBG-A, as the "stem cell" cannabinoid, holds promise for its role in the synthesis of other cannabinoids and its potential direct therapeutic effects.

The therapeutic landscape of cannabinoids is complex, with the interaction between cannabinoids and the endocannabinoid system playing a crucial role in their potential effects. The entourage effect, a theory suggesting that cannabinoids work better in concert than in isolation, further complicates the direct application of these compounds (Ben-Shabat et al., 1998). As research continues, the importance of understanding both the psychoactive and non-psychoactive components, as well as their acidic precursors, becomes evident. This includes recognizing the potential of these compounds to offer alternative treatments for chronic conditions, their side effects, and the regulatory challenges associated with their use.

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Bio:

Dr. Terel Newton is a dedicated medical director and physician in the cannabis industry, known for his unwavering passion. He is a summa cum laude graduate of East Carolina University in the Department of Biology, with a concentration of Anatomy, Cell Biology, and Genetics. He has completed extensive training at reputable institutions located in North Carolina, Vermont, Baltimore, Washington D.C, and Boston, in addition to attending cannabis conferences worldwide. Dr. Newton holds a board certification in Anesthesiology, is Fellowship-Trained in Interventional Pain procedures, and has earned certifications in Addiction Medicine, Medical Cannabis Recommending Physician, and Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Director.

Throughout his career, Dr. Newton has actively participated in over 100 events, including abstract submissions and reviews, continuing medical education courses, live and recorded conferences, webinars, TV interviews, dispensary tours, and clinic presentations. He is well-respected in the healthcare and medical cannabis industries as an advocate and educator for patients, providers, and support groups.

Currently, Dr. Newton serves as the Florida Medical Director for Trulieve, where he continues to advocate for the benefits of medical cannabis and promote awareness and education.

ANTHONY REPAY, M.S.



Presentation Title:

Advancing Cannabis Microbiology: Exploring Culture and Molecular Methods for Analysis

Anthony Repay, M.S. Laboratory Director, Method Testing Labs

Abstract:

In the rapidly evolving landscape of cannabis production and consumption, ensuring the safety and quality of cannabis products is of paramount importance. Microbial contaminants pose potential health risks to cannabis consumers, necessitating robust testing procedures. This presentation will first introduce the fundamental concepts of cannabis microbiology, emphasizing the significance of accurate and reliable testing methodologies. Secondly, we will break down traditional culture-based techniques utilizing specialized growth media to detect and quantify microbial contaminants while comparing molecular methods that include rapid detection and the ability to differentiate between viable and non-viable microorganisms.

Bio:

Anthony Repay has master's in biology with a focus in microbiology from Purdue University and is currently serving as Laboratory Director of Method Testing Laboratories, a cannabis compliance testing laboratory located in Brandon, Florida. Starting as an environmental and food microbiologist, Anthony has tried to innovate and push the cannabis microbiology community by publishing peer reviewed papers, assisting with proper quality control and reviewing method validation reports for the AOAC Research Institute (AOACRI). Anthony currently sits on the AOAC Cannabis Analytical Science Program's Expert Review Panel for microbiology and AOAC southern section board of directors

EUGENE (GENE) JONES

Eugene (Gene) Jones, Executive Director, Can-Ed, Inc.



Bio:

Gene Jones serves as CEO of Southern Waste Information Exchange (SWIX), a non-profit organization which has been operating since 1981 assisting businesses and municipalities with their waste management issues.

In addition, to his day-to-day roll at SWIX, Gene conducts a variety of conferences in the environmental industry sectors. He also formed the Florida Medical Cannabis Conference & Exhibition and the Florida Industrial Hemp Conference & Exhibition.

Gene is a serial entrepreneur and brings over 40 years of experience with waste management and recycling in senior executive level positions. Gene has successfully founded, built and sold several businesses including Environmental Management & Consulting Services, Inc., Advanced Derived Fuels, LLC, Hazardous Substance and Waste Management Research, Inc., Environmental Industry Conference Management, LLC, FieldClean of Florida, LLC, Lawncare Equipment Sales and Services, LLC, Environmental University, and his latest venture, Florida Industrial Hemp Company, LLC.

Gene is based in Florida and specializes in building strategic relationships with firms and has managed a vast network of associations in many different sectors from his work in organizing conferences such as; Conferences:

- the Agricultural Plastics Recycling Conference & Trade Show,
- the Waste Conversion Technology Conference & Trade Show,
- the Southeast Recycling Conference & Trade Show,
- the New Life for Closed Gas Stations Conference and Exhibition,
- the International Symposium on the Redevelopment of Manufactured Gas Plant Sites,
- the National Conference on Waste Exchange and Resource Reuse,
- PFAS Forum
- the Florida Industrial Hemp Conference & Exhibition, and
- the Florida Medical Cannabis Conference & Exhibition.

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- Florida BioFuels & BioEnergy Association, Inc.,
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- Florida Agricultural Plastic Recycling Cooperative, Inc.,
- Florida Environmental Assessors Association, Inc.,
- International Society of Technical & Environmental Professionals, Inc.,
- Florida Brownfields Association, Inc., and
- Keep Florida Beautiful, Inc.

Gene is a Martial Arts practitioner and has his 8th degree black belt in Shaolin GoJu and a 5th degree black belt in Nisei GoJu. Gene is also the Author of [Instant Self-Esteem: Empowering Self-Confidence](#) and [The Mindful Sensei](#).

Gene is also the inventor of the [Soap Bag Saver](#), which he designed for the reuse of leftover soap bars.

ERIC STEVENS



Eric Stevens, Executive Director, Senior Advisor, Florida for Care

Bio:

Eric Stevens helped launch Florida's Medical Marijuana Yes on 2 campaign with United for Care in 2013 with John Morgan and Ben Pollara. He served in every role of campaign strategy, but settled in as the Campaign's Finance Director from 2014-2016. The 2016 multi-million dollar statewide campaign effort passed with the highest margin of any medical marijuana question in any state ever at 71%. He also founded and served as the Managing Director of Florida for Care, a non-profit C(4) membership based social advocacy organization made up of the majority of those involved in the campaign from 2016 and has managed multiple contract teams and staff.

Florida for Care, focuses on informing the public and officials. He continues to work on smart ideas for policies for Florida's medical marijuana system for patients, doctors, and state operations based on best practices. He has spoken at hundreds of events across the country and was appointed to Florida Dept of Agriculture's Medical Cannabis Advisory Committee in 2019.

He has been recognized by the U Clinton Global Initiative and as Cannabis Business Awards Advocate of the year. He helped start Florida's first Cannabis LAB (Law, Accounting, and Business) Industry Networking Group in Miami as well and used to lead business development/rulemaking/industry interaction for the cannabis testing lab and technology company Kaycha Group. He has spoken at hundreds of Cannabis conferences since 2013.

Before this, in addition to various other work experience, Eric worked in his home state of Massachusetts with the Mass Patient Advocacy Alliance to help pass Question #3 for Medical Marijuana in November 2012. While residing in Miami Beach Eric helped push Miami Beach to become the first city in the state to decriminalize possession and Miami Dade as well become the first county. He also has been involved in many local discussions regarding ordinances, zoning and land use regulations related to this topic. Eric attended the University of Miami School of Business in Coral Gables, where he received an endowment for this policy work and helped found the University's chapter of Student's for Sensible Drug Policy Chapter.

Outside of this he helped found an electric transportation company The Freebee and has served as a brand manager for Red Bull, and on the sidelines for D1 Collegiate and Professional Teams. He still works on field every year for the Super Bowl and other large productions. He is experienced in a variety of administrative roles with a demonstrated history success on difficult issues, political messaging, finance, and campaigns. He enjoys Sports, Outdoor Activities & Family time.

RON WATSON



Presentation Title:

Florida Medical Cannabis Update

Ron Watson, President, Watson Strategies and Director of Government Relations and Northwest Area Sales Representative, MÜV by Verano

Abstract:

How we got to where we stand now. A review of the Florida journey through laws and rules.

Bio:

Ron Watson, has over 29 years of experience in Florida political, regulatory and lobbying endeavors with government and major healthcare associations.

During this time, he has developed excellent relationships with executive, legislative and regulatory leadership throughout Florida government. Ron has a comprehensive knowledge of laws, rules, budgets and regulations concerning medical, dental, pharmaceutical, tort reform and insurance issues. He also has extensive political involvement with patient advocacy and grassroots organizations, as well as organizing and managing political action committees.

LAUREN NIEHAUS



Presentation Title:

Adult Use Cannabis In Florida

Lauren Niehaus, Executive Director of Government Relations, Trulieve

Abstract:

- Define Recreation
- Observations and reports of recreational cannabis consumers
- Examination of States with adult use cannabis programs
- Status of adult use ballot initiative
- Recap of 2024 legislative session
- Opportunities for continued medical growth ahead of 2025 legislative session

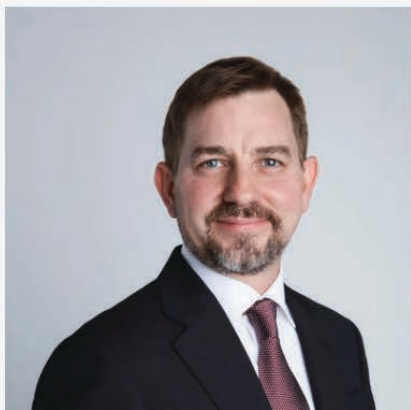
Bio:

Lauren Niehaus is the Executive Director of Government Relations for Trulieve Cannabis Corp. where she focuses her efforts collaborating with government officials at all levels to ensure the company's operational goals are carried out throughout the country. Niehaus is responsible for lobbying local, state and federal government agencies, and providing internal strategic guidance related to the implementation of policies and procedures in alignment with the passage of new administrative rules, legislation, and ballot initiatives.

Lauren comes to Trulieve after having served as the Director of Government Relations for Harvest Health & Recreation, which was acquired by Trulieve in October 2021. Prior to joining the Harvest team, Niehaus spent a decade with the Conference of Western Attorneys General, most recently serving as the Deputy Director of the organization. In her role as Deputy Director, Niehaus served in a Chief of Staff capacity with duties including managing priority projects, leading strategic and policy initiatives, streamlining workflows and operational procedures and creating cross-functional partnerships.

Niehaus completed her undergraduate work in communications and Spanish language at Arizona State University, holds a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Colorado, Denver and completed her Juris Doctor degree from Concord Law School at Purdue University Global in 2017.

WILLIAM TROUTT, NMD



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DR. JEFFREY S. BLOCK, MD



Presentation Title:

The Evolving Cannabis Space: From Medicinal Research and Education, to Decriminalization and Regulations

Dr. Jeffrey Block, MD, Founder and President, Nurturing Nature®

Abstract:

This lecture will cover a wide range of topics surrounding marijuana that balance the knowledgeable healer's safe practice goals, against society's public health consequences. "Should a physician offer compassionate access to Cannabis for use as a medicine while it remains under Federal prohibition?" is the core bioethical dilemma significantly impacting physicians' patient care. The upcoming four-year election cycle promises to be a pivotal time for Cannabis... not only in Florida, but when its reclassification is completed by the US DEA... throughout the entire Country.

This talk will cover recent advances in research & development; the growing number of academic institutions studying it, and increased opportunities for evidence-based data-driven physician education. As the decriminalization of marijuana continues to differentially evolve; both State to State, and Country to Country rules and regulations for legal access are sure to follow.

Bio:

Dr. Jeff Block is a Florida licensed allopathic physician, Board-certified anesthesiologist, and accomplished botanist. "DocBlock" is Fellowship-trained in both pain management & addiction medicine.

In 2014, Dr. Block authored Florida's first mandated physician education published by the Dept. of Health; and in 2015 Block was Florida's only physician selected by the Department to determine the rules supporting Florida's Cannabis laws.

At the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine's Department of Anesthesiology, Professor Block teaches cannabinoid medicine to physicians completing their subspecialty Fellowship training in pain management. Since 2020 he has authored four textbook chapters concerning endocannabinoid receptors and medical Cannabis.

As a highly awarded horticulturist and Florida Master Gardener for Miami-Dade County's Agricultural Extension Offices, DocBlock additionally educates on behalf of the University of Florida's Institute of Food & Agricultural Sciences program and advises their research on hemp. He is the Founder of "Nurturing Nature®" Group - an independent, interdisciplinary consultancy using integrative medicine and translational science to advance the safe and effective clinical use of cannabinoids.

DR. BARRY GORDON, MD



Dr. Barry Gordon, MD, President & Chief Medical Officer, Compassionate Cannabis Clinic of Venice

Bio:

For more than three decades, Barry Gordon M.D. built a career working on the front lines of the American health care system.

After years of seeing the same faces and resurrecting the same addicts daily in Ohio emergency rooms, he thought there had to be a better way.

Today, Florida is just one of 30 states that recognize the medicinal value of marijuana for the relief of symptoms associated everything from neurological illness to chemotherapy.

Dr. Barry, as he is affectionately known, is at the forefront of the medical cannabis movement.

A 1981 graduate of the Ohio State University College of Medicine and a founding fellow of the American Academy of Emergency Medicine, Gordon said it wasn't until decades into his medical career that he even began hearing the words "endocannabinoid system."

"It was my career in emergency medicine that drove me to find an alternative for my patients and research cannabis more," Dr. Barry explained. "I like to think of my background as a bit of a social scientist. I've seen the dangers of alcohol and tobacco. I like to tell my patients that you can't even compare the intoxication effects of alcohol to cannabis."

Opportunity came knocking when Dr. Barry took an early retirement from Alliance Community Hospital in 2015 and relocated to Florida with his wife Patty. He created Florida Vacation Telehealth P.A., which eventually gave birth to the Compassionate Cannabis Clinic.

No longer tethered to a large healthcare organization, Dr. Gordon made the decision upon overwhelming passage of the Florida Medical Marijuana Legalization Amendment on November 8, 2016, to begin seeing and treating patients with chronic illnesses using cannabis therapy.

"Just as the overwhelming majority of voters in Florida demonstrated their belief in the many benefits of cannabis therapy, I, as a healthcare professional, am deeply committed to providing patients with an option to compassionately ease their suffering," says Dr. Barry.

"My practical experience coupled with my own scientific research has enabled me to offer a unique approach in care to my patients. I feel a responsibility in both providing the appropriate education and allowing my patients to live a better quality of life without the harmful effects of conventional pharmaceutical prescriptions," he added.

Dr. Barry has utilized his undergraduate degree in communications from The Ohio State University to advocate for patients before becoming the owner of the largest medical marijuana practice in Florida. He provides an unique voice and an ability to break down complex medical terminology, whether answering common medical questions or facilitating discussions on complicated ailments.

"For a number of years, I saved lives with paddles in emergency rooms. Now I am looking beyond conventional medicine for answers," Dr. Barry explained. "I don't encourage people who have success with conventional medicine to change their strategy; however, alternative medical options, like medicinal cannabis, need to be available for those who want and need it for relief."

A rabid Cleveland sports fanatic, Dr. Barry will entertain almost any discussion about football, basketball, and his ultimate love – baseball. He spends his free time fishing and on the water.

Gordon, his wife Patty and dog, Tiva reside in Venice, Florida.

DR. TEREL NEWTON, MD



Presentation Title:

Chronic Pain Management: Case Studies in Medical Cannabis Therapy

Dr. Terel Newton, MD, Florida Medical Director, Trulieve, Medical Director, Total Pain Relief, LLC and Interventional Pain Consultant

Abstract:

Background: Chronic pain affects an estimated 20% of Americans, posing a significant challenge to healthcare providers and patients alike. The overreliance on opioids for pain management has led to a public health crisis, necessitating the exploration of alternative analgesic options. Among these, medical cannabis has gained attention for its potential in treating chronic pain without the adverse effects associated with opioids. This review aims to evaluate the efficacy and safety of medical cannabis in chronic pain management, supported by current data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Institutes of Health (NIH), and relevant case studies.

Methods: A comprehensive literature search was conducted using the database such as PubMed with the search terms "medical cannabis," "chronic pain," and "case studies." This search was aimed at identifying peer-reviewed articles and case studies published within the last decade that examine the role of medical cannabis in managing chronic pain. Special attention was given to studies that provide evidence of efficacy, safety, dosing, and patient outcomes, with a preference for those addressing the most common pain syndromes such as neuropathic pain, fibromyalgia, rheumatoid arthritis, and chronic back and neck pain. The review also includes guidelines from health authorities and institutions regarding the use of medical cannabis for pain management.

Results: The utilization of medical cannabis in chronic pain management has shown promise in reducing pain intensity, improving quality of life, and decreasing the reliance on opioid medications. Case studies highlighted in this review demonstrate significant pain relief and functional improvement in patients using cannabis-based treatments. These findings are supported by clinical trials that show the analgesic effects of cannabinoids, primarily tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and cannabidiol (CBD), through their interaction with the endocannabinoid system and modulation of pain perception pathways.

Conclusion: Medical cannabis represents a viable alternative for chronic pain management, with evidence supporting its efficacy and safety profile. By integrating cannabinoids into treatment plans, healthcare providers can offer patients effective pain relief while potentially reducing the risks associated with long-term opioid therapy. Further research and well-designed clinical trials are needed to establish standardized dosing guidelines and to fully understand the long-term implications of medical cannabis use in chronic pain management.

Keywords: Chronic pain, medical cannabis, cannabinoid therapy, opioid epidemic, case studies.

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Bio:

Dr. Terel Newton is a dedicated medical director and physician in the cannabis industry, known for his unwavering passion. He is a summa cum laude graduate of East Carolina University in the Department of Biology, with a concentration of Anatomy, Cell Biology, and Genetics. He has completed extensive training at reputable institutions located in North Carolina, Vermont, Baltimore, Washington D.C, and Boston, in addition to attending cannabis conferences worldwide. Dr. Newton holds a board certification in Anesthesiology, is Fellowship-Trained in Interventional Pain procedures, and has earned certifications in Addiction Medicine, Medical Cannabis Recommending Physician, and Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Director.

Throughout his career, Dr. Newton has actively participated in over 100 events, including abstract submissions and reviews, continuing medical education courses, live and recorded conferences, webinars, TV interviews, dispensary tours, and clinic presentations. He is well-respected in the healthcare and medical cannabis industries as an advocate and educator for patients, providers, and support groups.

Currently, Dr. Newton serves as the Florida Medical Director for Trulieve, where he continues to advocate for the benefits of medical cannabis and promote awareness and education.

WILLIAM TROUTT, NMD



Presentation Title:

Medical Cannabis: Inflammatory Bowel Disease

Dr. William Troutt, NMD, Lead Medical Director, Trulieve

Abstract:

Since the turn of the 21st century, Inflammatory Bowel Disease has become a globally recognized condition. The incidence significantly increases as societies become industrialized. The CDC estimated a 2015 incidence in the United States of approximately 1.3% of adults including 3.1 million with diagnosis of Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis. An abnormal immune response to gut microflora leads to flares of GI symptoms that significantly affect quality of life, morbidity, and often cause complications requiring hospitalization and surgery. Patients are increasingly seeking alternatives and adjunct treatments such as cannabis for symptom relief including pain reduction, increased appetite, relieving nausea and diarrhea, managing anxiety, and reducing the need for other medications. The endocannabinoid system has been identified as controlling GI functions including motility, inflammation and permeability, hunger signaling, and gut microflora dynamics that make it an ideal target for symptom management and support of GI health.

Learning Objectives:

- Discuss relevant pathology of Inflammatory Bowel Disease as a Qualifying Condition for the Florida Medical Cannabis Program.
- Review medical literature related to cannabis and Inflammatory Bowel Disease.
- Describe functions of the endocannabinoid system associated with the pathology of Inflammatory Bowel Disease and GI health.
- Identify Medical Cannabis Protocols for the relief of symptoms associated with Inflammatory Bowel Disease and improvement of patient quality of life.

Bio:

Dr. Troutt is an Arizona and Maryland licensed naturopathic doctor with over three decades experience studying and advocating for cannabis-based medicine. Dr. Troutt graduated magna cum laude from Arizona State University in 1999 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. In 2003, he graduated from Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine specializing in botanical and natural medicines.

Since 2010, Dr. Troutt has worked exclusively in the cannabis industry. In that time, he has consulted with thousands of medical cannabis patients, top physicians, researchers, public servants, and industry leaders—sharing his extensive practical experience in safe and effective cannabis use. He has created educational materials and protocols for employees, customers, patients, and their caregivers in more than ten State Regulated Medical Cannabis Programs.

DR. ROBERT R. LAZZARA, MD



Dr. Robert R. Lazzara, MD, Medical Director, Triverde Health and Wellness

Bio:

Robert Lazzara is Medical Director at Triverde Health, a cannabis directed health and wellness center. Following retirement from a career in cardiac surgery, he became interested in Cannabis and its effects on the Geriatric population.

DR. SAFIYA K. LYN-LASSITER, MD



Presentation Title:

In the Weeds: Managing Cannabis-Related Emergencies in Medical Practice

Dr. Safiya K. Lyn-Lassiter, MD., Founder, Ask Doctor Lyn

Medical Director, EDEN Florida, LLC

Emergency Medicine Physician, HCA University Hospital

Abstract:

As more states shift to legalize the use of cannabis products (medical and recreational), there has been an increase in medical harms witnessed in the emergency department (ED). Patients are increasingly seeking medical alternatives and adjunct therapy like cannabis for symptomatic relief of chronic pain, managing anxiety, increasing appetite, and mental wellness. Most patient adverse reactions are seen in children and the elderly. It is critically important for medical professionals and patients to understand the potency of cannabis products for safe and responsible consumption. Proper education for physicians and patients may avoid unnecessary emergency department evaluations. The goal of this presentation is to provide a comprehensive overview of the most common cannabis cases seen in the emergency department through the lens of the National Poison Control Center.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify trends in emergency department cannabis related cases in medical (38 states) vs recreational (24 states).
- Understand top seven cannabis complications that can present in the ED.
- Discuss strategies to avoid emergency room visit for cannabis related side effects.
- Recognize the Federal Health and Human Services Department responsibility to educate the community about the effects of cannabis.

Bio:

Dr. Safiya Lyn-Lassiter is an Integrative Medical Cannabis and Emergency Medicine physician and has earned certifications in Medical Cannabis Recommending Physician and Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Director.

In 2016, Dr. Lyn joined the growing debate over medicinal marijuana (MMJ) use among Florida residents. She quickly identified an information gap - the community needed to broaden its understanding of cannabis' medicinal properties. As a result, she created the company *Ask Doctor Lyn* and its user-friendly website to identify, evaluate and recommend MMJ to qualifying patients. Her medical knowledge, progressive approach to pain management and digital media presence distinguishes her as one of the national leading voices for medicinal cannabis policy reform.

In 2022, Dr. Lyn was a part of a distinguished team that applied for the coveted Pigford Medical Cannabis Treatment Center License in Florida. This license was awarded in early 2024 and she now serves as the Medical Director for Eden Florida Cannabis (formally Willard Meeks). Her goal is to continue to advocate for the benefits of medical cannabis and promote awareness and education in the community by overseeing clean manufacturing, production and distribution of cannabis compliant with Florida's stringent regulatory requirements.

DR. JEMIMA DOUGE, MD, MBA



Presentation Title:

Beyond the Legality of Medical Marijuana in the Sunshine State, Let's Talk About Dosing Considerations and Public Health Issues

Dr. Jemima Douge, MD, MBA, Healthcare Education Specialist, Florida Poison Information Center - Tampa

Abstract:

Since August 2020, the number of active Medical Cannabis Patients in the state of Florida continue to grow. As Medical Cannabis use is becoming more and more prevalent in the Sunshine state, are you concerned that not all Medical Cannabis products are created equal? There is a plethora of Cannabis-based products with varied potency, are there potential dosing issues with Medical Cannabis? Are current clinical and safety measures sufficient to prevent public health issues? In this session we'll discuss Medical Cannabis dosing, adherence/reconciliation, adverse health effects, and other associated public health issues. Join me to learn more and pick up free resources for your team and patients.

Bio:

Jemima D. Desir Dougé, MD, MBA serves as the Healthcare Education Specialist at the Florida Poison Control Center-Tampa covering Central and southwest Florida. Dr. Dougé's work is to inform, develop, and evaluate strategies to reduce poisoning incidents as well as promoting effective post exposure management. Dr. Dougé is dedicated to reducing poisonings in the population served. In that regard, she has initiated several poison prevention projects targeting emerging drugs of abuse, overdose prevention, vaping, medication safety, as well as seasonal poisoning risks for people of all ages. Dr. Dougé currently teaches Clinical Toxicology to practicing healthcare professionals and serves as the preceptor for BSN, MPH and PHD students at 2 universities. She continuously fosters collaborative partnerships with other organizations and is an active member of several committees at the State, Regional and National level. She is the Chair of the Research committee of the Educator Advisory Council of Americas' Poison Centers. She is fluent in English, French and Haitian Creole. Jemima is an avid reader and loves spending time with her family. She is passionate about nature and enjoys interior decorating.

DR. JOSEPH ROSADO, MD



Presentation Title:

Exploring the Therapeutic Potential: Medical Benefits of Over-the-Counter "Phytocannabinoids"

Dr. Joseph Rosado, MD, MBA, President and CEO, International Medical Consultants, Inc.

Abstract:

In recent years, the landscape of over-the-counter (OTC) health and wellness products has expanded to include phytocannabinoids "derived" from the hemp plant. These naturally and unnaturally occurring compounds, have garnered significant attention for their purported medical benefits. This presentation will provide an overview of the existing research on the medical potential of OTC phytocannabinoids, highlighting their impact on various physiological systems. From their interaction with the endocannabinoid system to potential applications in pain management, anxiety, and inflammation. The presentation also touches upon the challenges and considerations associated with their use, emphasizing the need for further clinical research to elucidate their efficacy, safety profiles, and optimal dosages. As OTC phytocannabinoids continue to gain popularity, a comprehensive examination of their medical benefits becomes imperative for both healthcare professionals and consumers seeking alternative and accessible wellness solutions.

Bio:

Dr. Rosado is one of the Florida DocMJ providers, the president and CEO of International Medical Consultants, the medical director for Minorities 4 Medical Marijuana and scientific director for Medical Extractos in Medellin, Colombia. As an advocate, he was and is on the bureau of speakers for political campaigns. As a clinician he has worked with toddlers, children, adolescents, adults and geriatric patients for the recommendation of and management with medical cannabis. As a speaker/educator, he's spoken throughout the United States and Canada, Mexico, Colombia, Costa Rica, Japan, Malaysia, Fiji, Thailand and Italy. As an author he has published multiple articles in refereed medical journals, written the bestselling book "Hope and Healing-A Case for Cannabis", as well as Medical Cannabis: Unlocking the Potential for Top Conditions Book 1: Chronic Pain Management, Book 2: Epilepsy & Seizure Disorders, Book 3: Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Book 4: Anxiety & Mental Health Disorders, Book 5: Cancer-Related Symptoms & Supportive Care and Book 6: Medical Cannabis: Unlocking the Potential for Top Conditions (compilation volume). In December of 2019, he was named one of 65 Outstanding Black & Hispanic Men Leading in Cannabis by The WeedHead and in June of 2020, he was named one of 20 outstanding Black and Latinx men Leading Change in Cannabis.

DR. DAVID S. BERGER, MD, FAAP



Presentation Title:

Dosing and Route of Administration Considerations When Using Medical Cannabis in Pediatric and Adult Use

Dr. David Berger, MD, FAAP, Owner, Wholistic ReLeaf

Abstract:

There is no research available to guide physicians on appropriate medical cannabis dosing, especially in the pediatric population. Board Certified Pediatrician David Berger will present on the treatment protocols he has developed and modified since becoming a medical cannabis certifying physician in 2016. While controversy remains around the pediatric use of medical cannabis, ongoing studies are documenting the benefits of cannabis use in treating different medical conditions, including autism and cancer. Dr Berger will review the medical literature as it relates to medical cannabis use in minors; explain routes of administration that may be particularly helpful for children; and explain his dosing protocol for young children, older children, and also adults. He will explain how certain strains and terpenes blends may be more helpful for various symptoms.

Bio:

Dr. David Berger ("Dr. David"), a board-certified pediatrician with more than 25 years of clinician experience, has gained a national reputation for his expertise in holistic pediatric primary care, with specialties in the areas of nutritional and detoxification therapies for autism, ADHD, and related disorders; and immune dysregulation such as allergies, asthma, and autoimmune disorders. Dr. David also treats adults with these medical conditions. Additionally, Dr. David offers preconception and prenatal counseling, testing, and treatment to optimize the health of both women and infants.

Dr. David goes above and beyond to ensure each of his patients knows he genuinely cares about their well-being. His philosophy is grounded in an individualized approach to medicine that honors each individual's unique life circumstances.

Born and raised in South Florida, Dr. David chose his career path at age four. Many years later, he graduated from The Medical College of Pennsylvania before completing his Pediatric Residency at the University of South Florida/Tampa General Hospital, where he began use of holistic therapies.

Dr. David has been in private practice since 1997 and is an advanced practitioner of biomedical therapies, advocating for the Autism Research Institute philosophy since 1999. In 2005, Dr. David opened [Wholistic Pediatrics & Family Care](#), his medical practice in Tampa, Florida. In 2010, he was appointed assistant professor at the University of South Florida College of Nursing. Two years later, he helped develop and lead the Preconception to Infancy (P2i) Portland Think Tank, from which the international P2i initiative was developed.

Dr. David launched his [Wholistic ReLeaf](#) clinic in 2016 to help qualified Florida patients use medical cannabis as a treatment option. Today, he is one of only a few pediatricians in Florida qualified to evaluate and certify medical marijuana for patients under the age of 18.

During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. David was invited three times to share his expertise with the FDA vaccine approval committee as they considered the Emergency Use Authorization applications for COVID-19 vaccines.

After recognizing the need for heartfelt education that could extend beyond his medical practices, and reach non-patients and colleagues worldwide, in 2021 Dr. David launched his health education company, [Dr. David MD](#), with his YouTube video series, [Your Health, Your Choice](#), focusing on issues related to health, education, and medical choice.

DR. VIPUL KABARIA, MD



Dr. Vipul Kabaria, MD, Pain Management Specialist, Pain Management & Anesthesiology

Bio:

Dr. Vipul Kabaria is an Interventional Pain Management Anesthesiologist in Tampa, Florida. He received his medical degree from Baroda Medical College, India, Anesthesiology training from New York Medical College, Valhalla, NY and fellowship training from USF, Tampa, FL. He has been in practicing of Multimodality Pain Management for more than 25 years in Tampa Bay Area. He is board certified in Anesthesiology and Pain Management.

JINI GLAROS, M.S.



Presentation Title:

Understanding the Science Behind the Medicine - An Overview of Safety Testing

Jini Glaros, M.S., Chief Science Officer, Modern Canna Labs

Abstract:

All medical marijuana that is being sold to cannabis patients in Florida must be tested and certified as safe prior to hitting the shelves. However, many do not understand this process or what goes into ensuring that the products on the market are safe. In this presentation, we will briefly review the testing regulations that certified marijuana testing laboratories (CMTLs) must adhere to, before discussing the specific testing parameters that are followed and why these are important for patient safety. Attendees can expect to leave the presentation with a more comprehensive understanding of the magic behind the medicine and how Florida regulations are helping to ensure medical marijuana patients have access to safe medicine.

Bio:

Jini Glaros is the Chief Scientific Officer (CSO) at Modern Canna Labs in Lakeland, FL. She received her bachelor's degree with honors in Biochemistry from the University of West Florida. In May of 2022, Jini earned a master's degree in Medical Cannabis Science and Therapeutics from the University of Maryland, Baltimore. Before entering the cannabis industry, Jini gained valuable research experience at several well-respected institutes, including Emory University, the National Institute of Aging, and the University of Florida. She became the laboratory director of Modern Canna in January of 2018 and was promoted to CSO in August of 2022. Jini is extremely involved in the cannabis industry and currently serves on the Scientific Advisory Board for Analytical Cannabis and CloudLIMS, is a member of the CASP Proficiency Testing Advisory Task Force with AOAC International, is a member of the Cannabis Working Group (D37) with ASTM International, and is a member of the CannMed Advisory Board.

DR. GREGORY L. SMITH, MD



Presentation Title:

Evidence for the Cosmetic Skin and Hair Benefits of Cannabinoids

Dr. Gregory L. Smith, MD, NeX Therapeutics

Abstract:

Cannabinoids derived from hemp, known as phytocannabinoids, are a group of approximately 120 bioactive compounds found in the Cannabis sativa plant. They have gained increasing attention in recent years, emerging as promising ingredients in the cosmetics industry due to their proven therapeutic and cosmetic benefits for skin and hair. It is worth noting that they do not produce psychoactive effects associated with tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). This paper summarizes the available published in vitro, in vivo and human studies on cosmetic benefits of cannabinoids for hair and skin. Several of the mechanisms of action of cannabinoids are novel and entirely different from all other cosmetic ingredients because they interact with specific receptors in the hair and skin cells to turn "on" or "off" cellular processes. In addition, there are issues related to the formulation, legal requirements and regulatory considerations associated with incorporating cannabinoids into cosmetics formulations as discussed.

Bio:

Dr. Gregory Smith earned his medical degree from Rush Medical School and his Master's of Public Health from Harvard. He is board-certified in Preventive Medicine through Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Dr. Smith has been in practice in California, Georgia and Florida for the past 30 years, initially training on the use of medical cannabis in California in 2000. Since then, he has conducted extensive research in the field of cannabinoid medications, publishing multiple textbooks including Medical Cannabis: Basic Science and Clinical Applications, Fast Facts about Medical Cannabis and Opioids through Springer press, and his most recent, "Cannabinoids", available on Amazon. Dr. Gregory Smith earned his medical degree from Rush Medical School in Chicago, and a Masters of Public Health from Harvard University. He completed residency training in Preventive Medicine at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Since retiring from the US Army as a Major, Dr. Smith has been in practice in California, Florida, and Georgia for 30 years, initially training on the use of medical cannabis in California in 2000. Since then, he has had extensive experience and education in the field of cannabinoid medications. Dr. Smith is an avid writer, having published over a dozen peer reviewed medical publications, two medical textbooks, and a novel called "Final Review." His book Medical Cannabis: Basic Science and Clinical Applications through Aylesbury Press, is a scientifically-based textbook directed at educating medical students and medical professionals on the science and applications of cannabinoid medications. His book on CBD for patients and caregivers is called CBD: What You Need to Know. He is also the author of THCV (tetrahydrocannabivarin) : Weight Loss, Blood Sugar and Blood Lipid Control. He contributed a chapter in the prestigious CRC Press textbook, Antioxidant Nutraceuticals – Preventive and Healthcare Applications. Most recently, he co-wrote FAST FACTS: Using Medical Cannabis for Opioid Weaning and Sparing with his brother, Dr. Kevin Smith, published through Springer press. Dr. Smith is currently Medical Advisor to Callitas Therapeutics, Sanctuary Medicinals, (US) and Green Mountain Health Alliance (Canada).

DR. HARRY BEHZADI, PH.D.



Presentation Title:

Is it the Time to Pay More Attention to Flavonoids in Cannabis Products

Dr. Harry Behzadi, Ph.D., President and CEO, AccuScience Labs

Abstract:

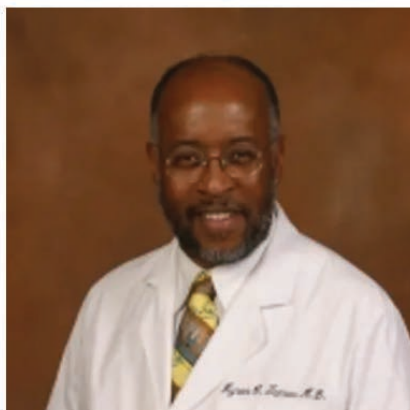
It is perceived that cannabinoids and terpenes are the only important compounds produced by cannabis, however flavonoids are account for roughly 10% of the compounds found in cannabis. The flavors and aromas of cannabis is attributed to terpenes. However, flavonoids also play an important role in providing the distinguishing qualities we use to differentiate between strain varieties. Both odor and flavor are possible in cannabis due to the synergistic qualities that terpenes and flavonoids share with one another.

In this presentation we are going to show the concentration different flavonoids in the various cannabis products whether they are flower, derivatives or edible. We also going to show if there is any relationship between the amount and type of terpenes and cannabinoids in these samples, would that make it a good candidate to study Synergistic effect these compounds for their health effects.

Bio:

Dr. Harry Behzadi is currently President and CEO of AccuScience Laboratories and Vice President of Emerging Technologies for RJ Lee Group, most recently he was Business Development for SGS-EHS North America. Prior to that he was the Vice President of Operations, for TestAmerica Inc Eastern and western regions. He also worked VP of operations, and Corporate Technical Director for Accutest Laboratories, Inc. Since 1994, Dr. Behzadi had spearheaded growth and expansion of Accutest Corporation in the Southeast and beyond to the West Coast. He started Southeast division in 1995 and developed the lab from a handful of employees to one of the largest environmental laboratories in the South with staff 90+ strong. He began his career over 30 years in pharmaceutical industry and since then he has been responsible for laboratory management, analytical method development, professional training and QA/QC in both the environmental and pharmaceutical industries. He has navigated multiple laboratories through certification and NELAP accreditation process, Dept. of Defense and Various Fortune 500 companies.

DR. KYRON TAMAR, MD, FACS



Presentation Title:

Cannabis and Neurodegenerative Diseases: Emerging Evidence

Dr. Kyron C. Tamar, MD, FACS

Abstract:

Because we are living longer, the incidence of Alzheimer's Disease "worldwide"...will triple from 55,000,000 to 139,000,000 people! In the United States, the incidence of Alzheimer's will double from 5-6,000,000 people presently...to 12 million in this country... and more people "worldwide" will be over 65yrs. old, then under 16yrs. of age. With this rising incidence, comes an increase in cost; estimating that 2.8 trillion will be spent annually on dementia care by the year 2030. Neurodegenerative disorders are part of the "four horsemen of the medical apocalypse." Cardiovascular disease, Diabetes, Cancer, and Alzheimer's. Primary dementia includes Alzheimer's disease, Dementia Lewy Body, (DLB), vascular, dementia, & frontotemporal dementia. Secondary dementia occurs as a result of a particular disease or biochemical process, e.g. nutritional deficiencies, heavy metal toxicity, thyroid dysfunction, and mental health disorders. In addition to the above, dementia can also present in conditions like Parkinson's disease, Werneke Korsakoff syndrome, Huntington's disease, HIV/AIDS, or normal pressure hydrocephalus. Unlike other primary dementia's, these are often thought to be reversible causes.

To confront this epidemic, we must focus on early recognition and intervention, as well as on prevention. Oxidative stress from inflammatory cytokines, interleukins 1-6, & tumor necrosis factor are the causes for all aging and all degenerative diseases. In Alzheimer's disease, amyloid plaques at the axon & dendrite synapses & the hyperphosphorolation of the Tau protein of the brain cells are the pathological processes causing Alzheimer's Disease (inflammation/oxidative stress). Cannabis Therapy acting as an antioxidant, and as an anti-inflammatory molecule...many of the symptoms & signs of Alzheimer's can be mitigated, reduced, & improved...resulting in a better quality of life (appetite, sleep, pain, spasms, anxiety, depression, agitation, etc.). Genetic and psychological testing, proper diet and exercise, counseling, managing stress, socialization, controlling weight, blood sugar, & blood pressure, getting health screenings, etc. are necessary to prolong life. There is an overwhelming amount of evidence that Cannabis can be of significant benefit in treating the signs and symptoms of Alzheimer's disease. However, treating all age related diseases require a multidisciplinary approach...which includes proper diet, adequate exercise, socialization, reducing stress, medication, testing, monitoring, and adequate support systems, including Community Sources.

Bio:

My father taught us to never be afraid to get our hands dirty, as long as it was honest work. My mother, the nurse, talked about the need for more compassion and empathy among doctors and nurses. As part of chores while growing up, my brother and I cleaned the floors and the walls of our home as children. MLK stated that..."If your job is to be a street sweeper, be the best street sweeper you can be." As a teenager, I cleaned tables at the Double Day Book company cafeteria, I worked at King Kullen supermarkets stocking the shelves, and I worked at Grumman aircraft corporation putting rivets in the fuselage of the F1-11 jet fighters. Because of these experiences, I knew what I didn't want to do for the rest of my life. That's why the idea of cleaning the floors and the walls of the operating room did not intimidate me. The rest is history. When I applied for the "summer" job at Long Island Jewish Hospital at age 19, in 1969, I didn't know what a scrub tech was. I had just finished my second year of college, at Lincoln University, Pa., the oldest HBCU in the country, and I wanted to be a biology teacher. The summer youth job recruiter stated that I would be washing the floors and the walls of the operating room. He didn't know what a scrub tech did. I took the job. However, I was taught to be an operating room scrub technician. After that summer, I decided I wanted to be a general surgeon, instead of a biology teacher. I worked as a scrub tech at Long Island Jewish Hospital every spring, summer, and winter break, until I finished college. The surgeons I worked with there, wrote recommendations for me. I was admitted to medical school upon graduating from college. Most young people today, that I share my story with, would not accept this type job as described to me. I respond by saying that if I had had that attitude, I wouldn't be where I am today This is the story I share with young people, hospital staffs, and others, everywhere I've been in my over 38yrs. of practice.

My passion for medicine began at age 19, while a college student in 1969. However, my parents from Grenada, fostered my interest in science. I was hired as an Operating Room Surgical Technician. It was On-The-Job Training that was unheard of then or now! I didn't see this coming! My Mother was a Nurse who spoke regularly about the need for more compassion and empathy among doctors and nurses. Living near a local pediatrician, me being an asthmatic, and my mom, were the exposures to a career in healthcare and that was enough. I practiced General & Vascular Surgery for over 38 years.

I began studying Cannabis in 2016 when Amendment I passed, and I have attended several Cannabis conferences since then. Monthly Zoom/Virtual conferences allow Cannabis Certifying Physicians to keep current with the latest science, laws, and developments in this Cannabis Science and Industry. When I learned of the Endocannabinoid System in 2018 at a Cannabis Conference it was a "Paradigm Shift" for me of immeasurable proportions! I continue to study the history, science, and the magnificence of this miracle plant-based medicine first documented by the Chinese 12,000 years ago. They described Cannabis as the "Ying" & "Yang" Medicine. How logical, analytical, and descriptive! As a Scientist and as an Assistant Professor of Surgery who has studied homeostasis since high school, I am in awe of the medical miracles that I witness daily. Cannabis Therapy improves the quality of life.

After completing a B.A. degree from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, I graduated from Medical School at SUNY Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn and completed his General Surgery training at Maimonides Medical Center and Coney Island Hospital in Brooklyn. I then completed a Vascular Surgery Fellowship with Dr. Michael DeBakey at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. I practiced for eleven years in Houston, for ten years in Corpus Christi, and was an Assistant Professor of Surgery, on the faculty of Texas Tech University Health Science Center in Odessa, for five years. I also traveled during my practice, as a "Locum Tenens" Surgeon, or "Acute Care Surgicalist for seventeen years, working in 40 hospitals in six states. I have also participated in Medical Missionary trips to Uganda & Nigeria and was blessed and privileged to have traveled and seen other countries and cultures. Which allowed me to appreciate more, the things we often take for granted in this country.

"The words that I hear from my patients are that this ancient medicine has been life changing and life altering! I've witnessed tears of joy, laughter, and moments of shocks. I hear testimonies of "not having slept like this in a decade" from patients in their 70's & 80's. I hear testimonies from patients of all ages who've stated that their "pain was still there but it didn't hurt!" Auto-immune diseases, all age-related diseases, and over 200 medical and neurological conditions can be treated with Cannabis. I have seen over 6,000 patients since I have been certifying patients for Medical Cannabis. When I started college, I wanted to be a biology teacher. I have now come full circle. I am a biology teacher like my distinguished colleagues. I am a forever learning and evolving "Cannabinologist!"

"The global shift towards legalization is long overdue and offers hope that we can yet reverse the absurd suppression, the violent defamation, and the desecration, that the sacred plant has suffered, in the last century." "The Endocannabinoid system validates a bio-psycho-socio-spiritual model of medicine, and that it provides the biological evidence of the ancient medical practices that model the same!" Dr. Rachel Knox - Cannabinologist.

CHARLES FELIX



Charles Felix, Owner/Publisher, Cannabis News Florida, South Florida Hospital News & Healthcare Report, and Executive Director, Florida Medical Cannabis Physicians Group

Bio:

Charles Felix is the owner and publisher of Cannabis News Florida and South Florida Hospital News & Healthcare Report. Founded in 2004, South Florida Hospital News, a 48-page monthly newspaper quickly established itself as the premiere chronicle of the healthcare industry in South Florida. It now represents the only monthly healthcare newspaper available in South Florida. When medical cannabis became legal in the state of Florida, Cannabis News Florida was incorporated into the original newspaper and now focuses on local, state and national news from leading authorities about medical and business developments in the medical cannabis, CBD and hemp industries.

A certified public accountant as well as certified in financial forensics, Mr. Felix earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, with a concentration in public accounting, from Bernard Baruch College in New York City. Mr. Felix's early career focused on commercial real estate management, specializing in multi-family construction and management in the Southeast.

Mr. Felix then moved into sports management and franchise development, leading a growing and changing multiple-entity enterprise whose key business interests included three professional ice hockey clubs and three arenafootball2 teams with combined annual revenues of more than \$8.2 million. During his tenure, Mr. Felix led the effort to bring the minor-league Atlanta Knights into the International Hockey League and, later, guided the franchise's move to Quebec City. He also helped create the Xtreme Football League, which later became arenafootball2.

Active within both his profession and community, Mr. Felix has participated in numerous organizations and activities, and is presently Treasurer of the South Florida Hospital and Healthcare Association, twice Past President of the South Florida Healthcare Executive Forum (now known as ACHE of South Florida), a division of the American College of Healthcare Executives, and is the Past President of the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale and currently a board member. Founder of the Florida Medical Cannabis Physicians Group.

OMMU UPDATE

Presentation Title:

Office of Medical Marijuana Use (OMMU) Update for the Regulated Community

Todd Schimpf, Communications Manager, Office of Medical Marijuana Use, Florida Department of Health
Carmen Dixon, Training and Education Liaison, Office of Medical Marijuana Use, Florida Department of Health

Abstract:

Mr. Schimpf and Ms. Dixon will provide an overview of Florida Medical Marijuana program and registry system.

TODD SCHIMPF



Todd Schimpf, Communications Manager, Office of Medical Marijuana Use, Florida Department of Health

Bio:

Todd is the Communications Manager for the Office of Medical Marijuana Use (OMMU). He oversees the OMMU's outreach and education team. Todd has worked with the Department of Health since 2020. Prior to joining the OMMU, Todd served as Communications Director for The Able Trust and the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Todd has more than 20 years of experience in the communications arena and has worked with both for profit and non-profit entities. Todd is a graduate of Florida State University and supports all things Garnet and Gold. Todd resides in Tallahassee with his wife and daughter and enjoys spending time with his family and watching both college football (go Noles) and the NFL (go Bengals).

CARMEN DIXON



Carmen Dixon, Training and Education Liaison, Office of Medical Marijuana Use, Florida Department of Health

Bio:

Carmen Dixon is the Nurse Consultant/Training and Education Liaison for the Office of Medical Marijuana Use. She is tasked with providing education and information about the Florida Medical Marijuana Program and conducting outreach efforts to inform doctors, nurses, patients, law enforcement and caregivers about the medical marijuana program. Carmen has worked with the Department of Health since 2017. Prior to that, she was an ICU/Trauma Nurse for 15 years. Carmen enjoys cheering for the 2x Superbowl Champions, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, watching college football, spending time with her family and her puppies and she loves all things Disney and Golden Girls.

GP MENDIE



Presentation Title:

Medical Marijuana Education and Research Initiative (MMERI): What You Should Know

GP Mendie, Executive Director, Medical Marijuana Education and Research Initiative (MMERI), Florida A&M University

Abstract:

Florida A&M University (FAMU) established the Medical Marijuana Education and Research Initiative (MMERI) to educate diverse and multicultural populations about marijuana for medical use and the impact of the unlawful use of marijuana on diverse and multicultural communities, according to Section 381.986 Florida Statutes. This presentation overviews how MMERI's Public Education Plan (education, community engagement, and communication) educates and engages individuals using education modules and curriculum, print and broadcast media, public service announcements, television, and E-Newsletters.

This presentation will provide an overview and update on the MMERI Public Education Plan and the ongoing assessment and evaluation of the statewide impact of its engagements, programs, course content, and activities. In July 2023, the Florida legislature authorized MMERI to conduct pedagogical research. FAMU MMERI is committed to providing education and conducting research on medical and unlawful marijuana use, with a focus on addressing the needs of Florida's diverse and multicultural population.

MMERI's Continued Impact:

- MMERI conducts numerous community outreach engagements and engages in educational events to increase awareness about medical and unlawful marijuana within Florida's diverse and multicultural communities.
- MMERI utilizes community forums, podcasts, videocasts, and informational materials to educate the public, healthcare professionals, and policymakers.
- MMERI prioritizes cultural competence in its educational and research initiatives, tailoring information to meet the needs of Floridians.

Bio:

Under the direction of the University's Vice-President for Research, the Executive Vice President/COO, the President, and the Board of Trustees, GP Mendie serves as Executive Director (Interim) of the Florida A&M University (FAMU) Medical Marijuana Education and Research Initiative (MMERI).

In this leadership role, GP collaborates with the incredibly talented MMERI Team and a broad spectrum of internal and external stakeholders and partners to successfully execute MMERI's statewide legislative mandate. GP is responsible for overseeing MMERI's mission to educate Florida's rural, urban and suburban populations about the medical and unlawful use of marijuana. In executing MMERI's mandate, GP brings extensive, richly diverse decades of experience in public health, education campaigns, strategic planning and administration, policy, and finance, among others, in government and the private sector. Knowing the immense power and importance of education, GP is proud of the unique and expanding leadership role Florida A&M University holds in the cannabis space, especially the privilege of educating Floridians on this crucial public health matter with a profound socioeconomic impact on our communities. Among other things, GP believes in FAMU's unique place and expertise in overseeing, implementing, and managing politically and culturally sensitive programs.

AARON BLOOM, ESQ.



Aaron Bloom, Esq., Chief Executive Officer, DocMJ

Bio:

Aaron Bloom serves as the CEO, overseeing the mission and growth of DocMJ. Aaron's passion for improving patient's lives comes from his background in health care. For more than 20 years Aaron owned, operated, and represented traditional health care organizations. This experience created a passion for finding improved ways to relieve suffering. His goal as CEO is to work hard every day to bring relief to all patients who seek better health and wellness through the medicinal benefits of medical cannabis and evidence based alternative medicines.

DR. BARTON HERSHFIELD, MD



Presentation Title:

Tracking Outcomes Can Help Your Patients and Your Practice

Dr. Barton Hershfield, MD, Medical Cannabis Physicians of SWFL

Abstract:

Medical cannabinoid physicians should do more than just issue patient certifications—they should also make product and dosing recommendations to help patients achieve maximum symptom reduction with minimum side effects. Tracking outcomes can help the physician decide if a revision in treatment recommendations is advisable, and, subsequently, if the change has helped their patients obtain better results. Outcomes that can easily be tracked include the severity of specific symptoms using a 10 point scale. The MME and LME doses of controlled medications being taken can also be tracked. This can be achieved by making an entry into the patient's medical record, and reviewing the outcome data from one visit to the next. Outcomes in a physician's practice can be determined by creating a simple spreadsheet to calculate the change in symptom severity, and in MME and LME dosage, by entering the data before/without MMJ, and also with MMJ. For example, patients in one practice have experienced an overall reduction in Insomnia of 87%, a reduction in Anxiety of 84%, and reduction in pain of 77%. Opioid use (measured in MME's) has been reduced by 57% and benzodiazepine use (measured in LME's) has been reduced by 64%. Additional data that can be tracked to help a physician know the demographics of their practice could include the patient's gender, age, whether they are a military veteran, whether cannabis was used for their symptoms before they were certified to use MMJ, why they chose the physician's practice, and anything else that is of interest to the physician.

Bio:

After graduating from the University of Maryland School of Medicine, Dr. Hershfield completed a residency there in Family Medicine, becoming board certified and recertifying 7 years later. However, he chose to practice Emergency Medicine, which he did for 25 years, in which he also became board certified, and recertified for 30 years. He subsequently worked as a cruise ship physician for 5 years, and then another 7 years practicing urgent care and medical pain management. After seeing the profound benefit that close relatives with severe chronic pain and PTSD obtained from medical cannabis, Dr. Hershfield opened a solo cannabinoid medicine practice, where he has been practicing since 2019. Like other members of the Florida Medical Cannabis Physicians Group of which he is an active member, he shares the core values of making the best possible cannabinoid medicine recommendations and of educating patients, and also shares their mission of trying to improve the medical cannabis climate in Florida through legislative and administrative advocacy.

STEW BASKIN



Presentation Title:

Medical Cannabis Employee Benefits

Stew Baskin, CEO, CannaPlan

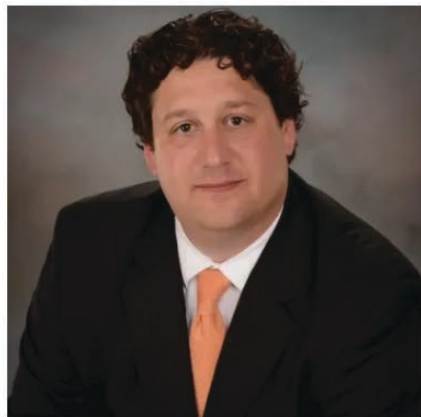
Abstract:

The CannaPlan employee benefit provides a unique platform that allows for the substitution of prescription medications with cannabis where appropriate. The potential rescheduling of cannabis to Schedule III directly influences this benefit, rendering it eligible for pre-tax medical benefits not typically covered by conventional health insurance plans. By empowering employees to choose between prescription drugs and cannabis, companies can realistically reduce healthcare premiums through the implementation of CannaPlan. The Prezi presentation slated for FMCEE is strategically crafted to enlighten employers, particularly physicians who own practices in this domain. The information presented is equally valuable to other employers in attendance, including those from dispensaries. The presentation aims to shed light on how insurance companies allocate healthcare premium costs for prescription drugs and will delve into specific cost-saving examples by comparing them to applicable prescriptions. Additionally, the presentation will provide insights into the CannaPlan program, featuring workshops designed to educate employees on cannabinoids. It will illustrate how prescription drugs can be replaced with cannabinoids for certain ailments, with a particular emphasis on pain medication, anxiety, and depression. The exorbitant cost of pharmaceuticals for these conditions significantly impacts a company's healthcare premiums, and the adoption of cannabis as an alternative can effectively mitigate these costs.

Bio:

Stew Baskin has always been a cannabis advocate. After 5 years engineering oil-and-gas sensor technologies, Stew found his way back to Florida and became part of the CannaPlan team. He loves meeting people and solving new problems, and is very excited to be on the forefront of this new and innovative medical cannabis employee benefit program.

BRAD HUNT



Presentation Title:

Closing the Medical Cannabis Gap

Brad Hunt, Pro Mal Insurance

Abstract:

There is a Medical Cannabis Gap in current Medical Malpractice policies due to FDA and Schedule 1 Restrictions. The Cannabis industry has changed a lot in the last decade with regard to potency and vehicle for use. Adult recreational use has increased by more than 25% while, Medical Education has not kept up. Pro Mal Insurance is leading on both counts, by partnering with Medical Associations and Medical Educators to offer education content created by health care professionals on Cannabis and other Schedule 1 non-FDA Approved, treatment options. Pro Mal Insurance and its supplemental policy covers the gap in your current policy and allows Providers and their patients to have honest conversations about new therapeutic options.

Bio:

Brad Hunt has more than 25 years of experience managing insurance systems which track and model all aspects of risk identification and claims management data. Using sophisticated analytical tools to identify and characterize emerging risk trends, Brad developed innovative solutions to address these risks, saving his clients millions of dollars in claims. Brad's work has focused on healthcare risks, primarily on workers' compensation and industrial healthcare. Brad received his undergraduate degree from Bucknell University and his MBA from Baldwin Wallace University.

PEGGY KOLLER



Presentation Title:

Financial Health for Cannabis Physicians: Avoiding Accounting Pitfalls

Peggy Koller, CEO and Founder, GreenLeaf Accounting

Abstract:

This presentation explores the financial intricacies faced by physicians leading medical cannabis practices. It emphasizes the challenges of managing a medical cannabis practice, delving into key financial considerations such as the distinction between profits and cash flow, the choice of accounting basis, and the establishment of internal controls. The role of experienced medical cannabis accounting firms is highlighted as crucial for compliance, strategic financial collaboration, and overall success in this evolving industry. The collaboration between physicians and accounting firms is portrayed as transformative, shaping the trajectory of practices in a dynamic and competitive medical cannabis landscape.

Bio:

Peggy Koller, a distinguished professional with extensive expertise, is a fractional CFO, forensic accountant, and fraud examiner. As the founder of GreenLeaf Accounting, LLC, based in Florida, she specializes in providing tailored accounting and CFO solutions for businesses in the cannabis space. Peggy also offers personalized fraud prevention consultation, forensic accounting, and litigation support. Starting her academic journey at the University of Central Florida, Peggy holds a bachelor's degree in Accounting, as well as a Master's degree in Forensic Accounting and Fraud Examination earned from West Virginia University. With over 35 years of experience in public, private, and governmental accounting, Peggy holds memberships in prestigious organizations, including AICPA, FICPA, ACFE, NACVA, and IAI. She actively contributes to her community as a Florida Supreme Court Certified Mediator, volunteering with the Alternative Dispute Resolution Program in Florida's Fifth Judicial Circuit.

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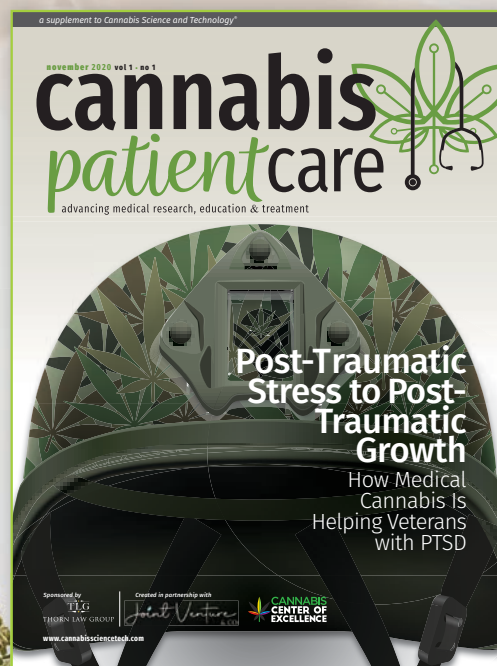
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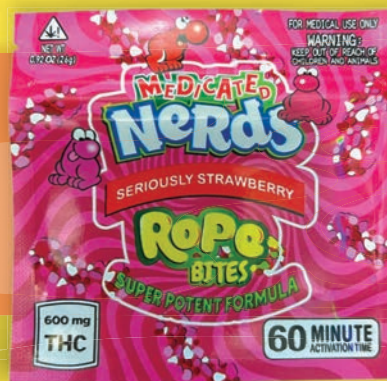
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2:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Registration Open	Executive Ballroom Foyer
2:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Exhibitor Setup	Executive Ballroom I
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Pre-Conference Workshop: An Introduction to the Endocannabinoid System and Medical Cannabis Microbiology	Executive Ballroom H
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Welcome Reception: Exhibit Hall	Executive Ballroom I

Saturday, June 1, 2024

7:15 am - 7:00 pm	Registration Open	Executive Ballroom Foyer
7:15 am - 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast: Exhibit Hall	Executive Ballroom I
8:00 am - 10:00 am	FMCCE 2024 Opening Session	Executive Ballroom H
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Refreshment Break: Exhibit Hall	Executive Ballroom I
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Session I: A Review of Qualifying Conditions Case Studies and Emerging Concerns	Executive Ballroom H
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch	To Be Announced
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Session II: Medical Cannabis Dosing and Public Health Issues	Executive Ballroom H
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Refreshment Break: Exhibit Hall	Executive Ballroom I
3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Session III: Medical Cannabis Research	Executive Ballroom H
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Reception: Exhibit Hall	Executive Ballroom I
7:30 pm - 10:30 pm	VIP TopGolf Reception (By Invitation Only)	TopGolf

Sunday, June 2, 2024

7:45 am - 12:30 pm	Registration Open	Executive Ballroom Foyer
7:45 am - 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast: Exhibit Hall	Executive Ballroom I
8:30 am - 10:00 am	Session IV: State of Florida Medical Cannabis Regulatory and Program Update	Executive Ballroom H
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Refreshment Break: Exhibit Hall	Executive Ballroom I
10:30 am - 12:30 pm	Session V: The Business of Medical Cannabis: How to Make Sure Your Practice is Successful	Executive Ballroom H
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