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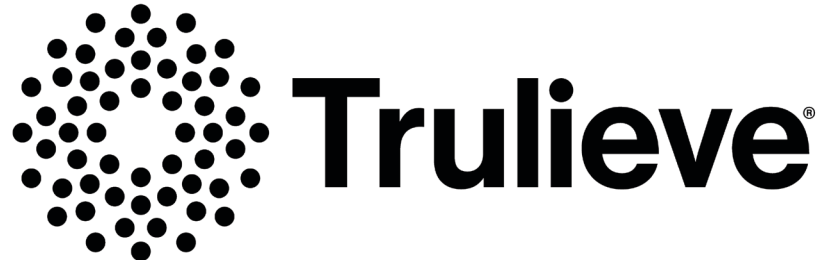
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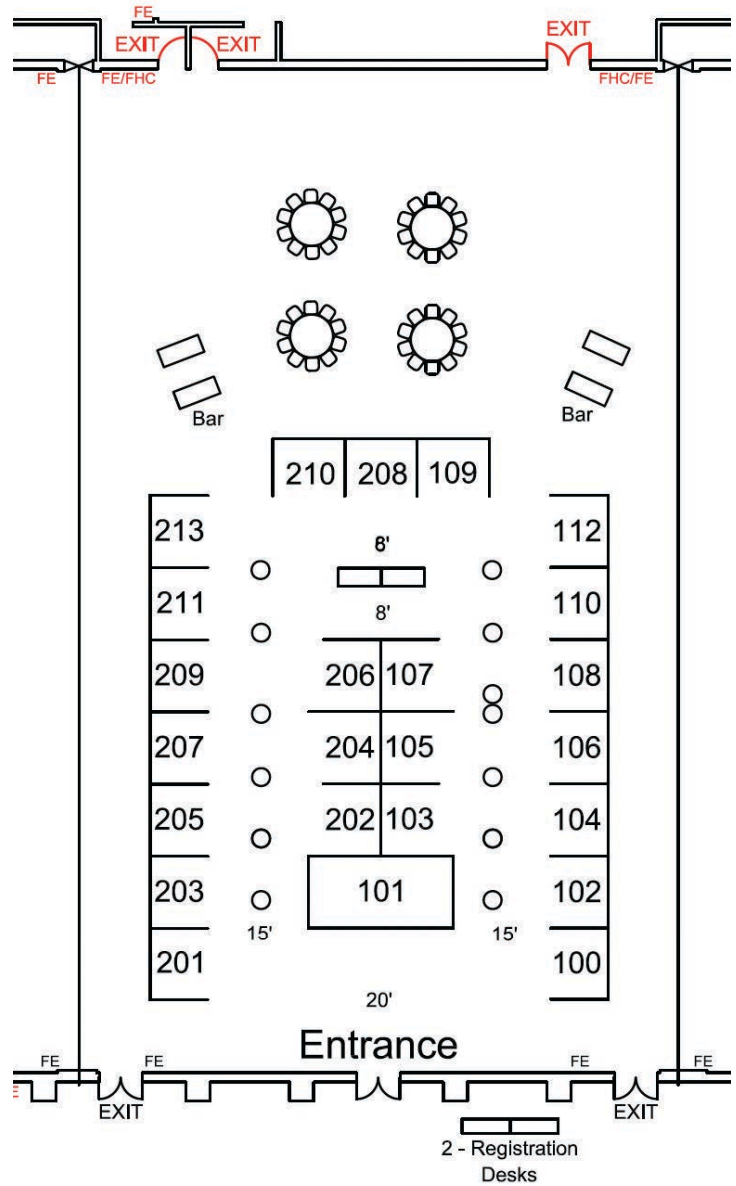


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### Saturday, May 30, 2026

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Refreshment Break:	10:00 am - 10:30 am
Lunch:	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Refreshment Break:	3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
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### Sunday, May 31, 2026

Continental Breakfast:	8:00 am - 8:30 am
Refreshment Break:	10:00 am - 10:30 am
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# Agenda

**Friday, May 29, 2026**  
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2:00 pm - 6:30 pm                      Registration Open    (Grand Ballroom Foyer)

2:00 pm - 4:30 pm                      Exhibitor Setup    (Grand Ballroom C)

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm                      **Pre-Conference Workshop:**    (Grand Ballroom D)  
**Clinical Risk Management and Quality  
Improvement in Medical Cannabis Practice**

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

***Navigating Cannabis Wrongful Acts: A Quality Assurance  
Approach for Medical Professionals***

Brad Hunt, Senior Risk Consultant, Acrisure, LLC

***Safeguarding Wealth: Asset Protection & Tax Strategies  
for Medical Cannabis Clinicians***

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Consultant, Veritas Consulting & Analytics

***From Recommendation to Payment: Bridging Medical  
Cannabis Care and Business Reality***

Jennifer Makris, MBA, Founder, Cannabis Cash Consultants

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm                      Networking Welcome Reception: Exhibit Hall                      (Grand Ballroom C)

**Saturday, May 30, 2026**

7:30 am - 6:30 pm Registration Open (Grand Ballroom Foyer)

7:30 am - 8:00 am Continental Breakfast: Exhibit Hall (Grand Ballroom C)

8:00 am - 10:00 am **FMCCE 2026 Opening Session:** (Grand Ballroom D)  
**Impact of Regulatory Changes on Clinical Decision-Making in Medical Cannabis Practice**

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

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

***Florida Medical Cannabis Legislative Update***

Ron Watson, President, Watson Strategies and Northwest Area Sales Representative, MÜV by Verano

***Minor Cannabinoids: Mechanisms and Emerging Clinical Potential***

Dr. Bonni Goldstein, MD, CEO & Co-founder, Goldstein Wellness

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10:30 am - 12:00 pm **Session I:** (Grand Ballroom D)  
**Advancing the Science of Medical Cannabis: Research from Real-World Data to Clinical Trials**

**Dr. Catalina Lopez-Quintero, MD (IMG), Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor, Department of Epidemiology, College of Public Health & Health Professions, and College of Medicine, University of Florida

**Dr. Juan Pérez-Carreno, MD (IMG), MS, MBE, Ph.D.** – PhD candidate, Department of Epidemiology, College of Public Health & Health Professions, and College of Medicine, University of Florida

**Dr. Md Mahmudul Hasan, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy, University of Florida

**Dr. Karina Villalba, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor, Department of Population Health Sciences, College of Medicine, University of Central FL

**Saturday, May 30, 2026 (Continued)**

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12:00 pm - 1:00 pm                      Lunch Provided    (To Be Announced)

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm                      **Session II:**    (Grand Ballroom D)  
**Precision Cannabis: Dosing, Safety, and  
Clinical Decision-Making in 2026**

Moderator: **Dr. Stephanie Johnson, DO**, Founder/Owner,  
Kaya Life Enterprise

***Cannabinoid Dosing Strategies: Precision, Personalization,  
and Patient-Centered Care***

Sabrina G. Fayaz, M.S., MCST, Director, Master of Science in Medical  
Cannabinoid Therapeutics (MCT) Program, LECOM

***Safety, Dosing, and Quality – From Device Toxicology to  
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for Florida Practitioners***

Dr. Joseph Rosado, MD, MBA, JOSEPH ROSADO, MD, LLC

***Deprescribing Patterns After Medical Cannabis Initiation  
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Dr. Lihi Bar-Lev Schleider, Ph.D., Research Department, Tikun Olam

***The Case for Cannabinoids as Multimodal Adjuncts in Chronic Pain***

Dr. Deondra Asike, MD, Board Certified in Anesthesiology and Pain  
Medicine, Founder, National Pain ReLEAF

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm                      Refreshment Break: Exhibit Hall    (Grand Ballroom C)

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm                      **Session III:**    (Grand Ballroom D)  
**Florida A&M University Medical Marijuana  
Education and Research Initiative (MMERI):  
Quality, Safety, and Public Awareness of Regulated  
and Unregulated Cannabis Products**

**GP Mendie**, Assistant Vice President for Research Florida A&M  
University (FAMU) and Executive Director, Medical Marijuana Education  
and Research Initiative (MMERI)

**Dr. Mandip S. Sachdeva**, Professor, Florida A&M University (FAMU),  
College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

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Saturday, May 30, 2026 (Continued)

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3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

**Session III: Continued**

(Grand Ballroom D)

**Dr. Jamal A. Brown, PharmD.**, Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice, Florida A&M University (FAMU), College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

**Michelle Wilson, MBA, FCCM**, Associate Director, Florida A&M University (FAMU), Medical Marijuana Education and Research Initiative (MMERI)

**Anthony Washington, CPM**, Statewide Program Outreach Coordinator, Florida A&M University (FAMU), Medical Marijuana Education and Research Initiative (MMERI)

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Reception: Exhibit Hall

(Grand Ballroom C)

### Raffle Proceeds to Benefit



**Sunday, May 31, 2026**

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8:00 am - 12:00 pm      Registration Open      (Grand Ballroom Foyer)

8:00 am - 8:30 am      Continental Breakfast: Exhibit Hall      (Grand Ballroom C)

8:30 am - 10:00 am      **Session IV:**      (Grand Ballroom D)  
**Office of Medical Marijuana Use (OMMU) Update  
for the Regulated Community**

**Todd Schimpf**, Communications Manager, Office of Medical Marijuana Use (OMMU), Florida Department of Health (Invited)

**Cassie Hurley**, IT Manager, Office of Medical Marijuana Use (OMMU), Florida Department of Health (Invited)

10:00 am - 10:30 am      Break - Exhibit Hall      (Grand Ballroom C)

10:30 am - 12:30 pm      **Session V:**      (Grand Ballroom D)  
**Optimizing Clinical Practice Models in Medical  
Cannabis to Improve Patient Outcomes**

Moderator: **Scheril Murray Powell, Esq.**, Executive Director, Patients Out of Time

***The Business of Medical Cannabis: How to Make Sure Your Practice is Successful***

Dr. Kelly King, MD, Founder, ReleafMD

***Engineering Compliance: A Modern Infrastructure for Medical Marijuana Practice***

Nick Garulay, CEO, The Doc App

***Education = Retention & Growth***

Emily R. Carew, COO, Tetra Horizon Corp.

***Beyond the Building: How Different Clinic Models Drive Performance***

Alex Johnson, Founder, Officinalis

***Smarter Benefits, Lower Costs: A Modern Approach***

Stew Baskin, Business Consultant, CanopyHR

12:30 pm      Adjourn



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# **Moderator and Speaker Profiles**

Note:

Moderator and Speaker Profiles appear in order as presented in agenda.

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## AARON BLOOM

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Aaron Bloom, 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.

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## BRAD HUNT

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### Presentation Title:

*Navigating Cannabis Wrongful Acts: A Quality Assurance Approach for Medical Professionals*

Brad Hunt, Director Risk Resources, Acrisure, LLC

### Abstract:

Medical cannabis offers therapeutic potential, but also introduces unique malpractice risks. This presentation will guide physicians and healthcare organizations in minimizing liability exposure by focusing on quality assurance and risk management best practices. We will explore 'Cannabis Wrongful Acts,' informed consent, patient needs, and essential strategies for ensuring quality outcomes. The presentation will provide actionable insights for comprehensive patient evaluation, informed decision-making, risk stratification, and thorough documentation. Attendees will learn how to compliantly and ethically navigate the complex legal landscape of medical cannabis, safeguarding both their practice and their patients.

### Bio:

Brad Hunt is a seasoned expert in healthcare risk consulting, with a particular focus on the medical cannabis industry. As a consultant with Acrisure, he specializes in Medical Trial insurance and Cannabis Wrongful Acts coverage. Brad has been instrumental in pioneering the Cannabis Wrongful Acts insurance market, educating healthcare professionals on emerging risks and developing specialized insurance solutions. He has cultivated strategic partnerships with key organizations such as the Florida Medical Cannabis Group and has been recognized as a thought leader in Cannabis Professional Liability. Brad's expertise extends to helping physicians develop risk management practices in their cannabis medicine practice by ensuring quality outcomes on a repeated basis, proper informed consent and patient waivers of liability and education on Cannabis Wrongful Acts. He has presented at the Florida Medical Cannabis Conference & Exposition in prior years. Brad's in-depth understanding of the cannabis industry and his commitment to minimizing professional liability exposure make him a valuable resource for medical professionals in this evolving field.

# JASON PORTER



## Presentation Title:

***Safeguarding Wealth: Asset Protection & Tax Strategies for Medical Cannabis Clinicians***

Jason Porter, Chief Real Estate Asset Strategist, Legally Mine

## Abstract:

### Description:

Learn how to structure your practice for lawsuit protection and prevention, how to protect your professional and personal assets from lawsuits, reduce your malpractice insurance costs, how to protect your retirement plans from judgements and seizures, and how to minimize vicarious liability for the acts of other professionals and staff.

### Topics:

- The Misleading Healthcare/Business Professional Financial Crisis
  - o Legal Entities Defined
  - o Statistics related to courts
- Sources of Lawsuits in Healthcare/Business Settings
  - o New cases holding business/practice owners liable
  - o Employee action (Vicarious liability)
  - o Joint Ownership Pitfalls
- Family Limited Partnership
  - o History
  - o Function of a limited partnership
  - o Structure
- Charging Order
  - o Concession that creditors seize no assets
  - o Distribution clauses
- LLC vs. FLP
  - o LLC modeled after FLP
  - o LLC effectiveness

### Objectives:

Upon completion of this presentation, the attendees will know how to:

1. Maintain the focus of their medical practice on improved patient care rather than malpractice defense.
2. Structure their practices for lawsuit protection and prevention, improving overall operations management of the practice.
3. Protect practice and professional assets from lawsuits through applied risk managements techniques.
4. Understand basic practice management tools that can help decrease unnecessary loss of revenue.

## Bio:

Mr. Porter began investing in real estate in 1992. His portfolio has included single family fix and flips, multi-family, raw land developments, mobile and modular home developments, and resort developments. As his portfolio grew, he became increasingly concerned about protecting himself and his companies from lawsuits. His search for an asset protection law firm led him to Legally Mine in 2008 where he became a client.

Mr. Porter hit it off with the founder and owner of Legally Mine, Dan McNeff, as they share many similar interests and experiences. Eventually Jason took a position as Chief Real Estate Asset Strategist and went from client to advocate. He brings his years of experience as a business owner, investor, and strategist... along with his unique and insightful speaking style, to an invaluable subject for all medical, dental, or real estate investing professionals.

## PEGGY KOLLER, MSFFE, CFE, MAFF



### Presentation Title:

#### ***One Complaint is Enough: How a Cannabis Practice Becomes a Forensic Case***

Peggy Koller, MSFFE, CFE, MAFF, Founder and Principal Consultant, Veritas Consulting & Analytics

### Abstract:

A former employee leaves your clinic. Three weeks later, the medical board receives a complaint alleging over-certification and improper documentation. You have done nothing intentionally wrong. What happens next? When a complaint is filed, what becomes visible is not intent — it's structure. Medical cannabis certification practices generate multiple data streams: clinical documentation, registry entries, scheduling patterns, and operational metrics. When viewed individually, each record may appear routine. When viewed collectively, patterns may emerge. Those patterns can influence regulatory perception. This 30-minute session (25 minutes of instruction and 5 minutes of discussion) provides physicians with a high-level overview of the statutory frameworks governing cannabis certification and professional licensure in Florida, followed by a focused examination of how documentation systems and workflow design intersect. The program distinguishes isolated documentation issues from broader structural patterns and examines how practice design may influence regulatory perception. Participants will leave with a practical structural self-assessment framework designed to evaluate documentation uniformity, certification patterns, and workflow design within their own practices. The emphasis throughout is operational clarity, documentation resilience, and thoughtful system design in the medical cannabis environment.

### Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Identify the primary Florida statutory frameworks governing medical cannabis certification and professional discipline.
- Describe how clinical documentation, registry entries, and operational data may be reviewed collectively when certification practices are evaluated.
- Assess their own practice structure for documentation uniformity and operational design features that could create regulatory vulnerability.

### Bio:

Peggy L. Koller, MSFFE, CFE, MAFF Peggy Koller, is a forensic accountant and fraud examiner specializing in financial investigation and litigation support. She is the Founder and Principal Consultant of Veritas Consulting & Analytics, where she applies forensic methodologies to analyze financial records and identify meaningful patterns in documentation and operations. She earned her Master of Science in Forensic and Fraud Examination from West Virginia University and holds a Bachelor of Science with Honors in Accounting. Ms. Koller is a Certified Fraud Examiner and a Master Analyst in Financial Forensics. Her professional background includes private industry finance leadership, public accounting, municipal accounting, and financial advisory services. She has authored technical papers on financial forensic analysis and investigative techniques and has presented at both national and state conferences, including prior engagements at FMCCE, where she addressed IRS investigative perspectives and internal fraud risks within cannabis medical practices. She is trusted for delivering clear, defensible financial analysis and for approaching complex matters with structure, objectivity, and investigative discipline.

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## JENNIFER MAKRIS, MBA

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### Presentation Title:

***From Recommendation to Payment: Bridging Medical Cannabis Care and Business Reality***

Jennifer Makris, MBA, Founder, Cannabis Cash Consultants

### Abstract:

As medical cannabis programs evolve, providers and operators face a growing tension between patient-centered care and the financial and regulatory infrastructure required to sustain compliant businesses. Physicians focus on outcomes. Operators focus on compliance, inventory, and survival. Financial institutions focus on risk. Rarely do these conversations happen in the same room. This panel brings together leaders from medical practice, dispensary operations, compliance, and financial infrastructure to examine how business systems directly impact patient access, affordability, and continuity of care. Moderated and anchored by the Cannabis Cash Queen—an expert in cash management, banking readiness, and retail financial systems—the discussion will explore how documentation standards, ERP integration, payment limitations, and regulatory constraints influence real-world medical access. Attendees will gain a clearer understanding of how disciplined financial systems support safe dispensing, protect providers, and ensure long-term program stability. The session reframes compliance and infrastructure not as administrative burdens—but as essential components of medical legitimacy.

### Bio:

Jennifer Makris, MBA, known as the Cannabis Cash Queen, is a respected industry leader with more than 20 years of experience in sales, logistics, and cash management. When cannabis was legalized in Florida in 2016, Jennifer quickly identified critical gaps between financial institutions willing to serve marijuana-related businesses, the availability of secure cash-in-transit solutions, and the lack of standardized education around on-site cash handling. Drawing on her background in high-risk, highly regulated, and cash-intensive industries, Jennifer became a trusted advisor to cannabis operators seeking to build secure, scalable financial operations. Her ability to translate complex challenges into practical, business-driven solutions has made her a go-to subject matter expert in cannabis cash, payments, and banking strategy. In 2022, she founded Cannabis Cash Consultants, where she advises license holders on optimizing cash handling, payments, and banking relationships to improve efficiency, reduce risk, and support sustainable growth. Her work spans both emerging operators and established multi-state businesses. She currently serves as President of the Cannabis Law, Accounting, and Business Association (CLAB) and Director of Strategic Partnerships for the Florida Cannabis Action Network (FLCAN), positioning her at the intersection of business leadership, advocacy, and industry advancement.

## 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.

### Associations/Organizations:

- Florida BioFuels & BioEnergy Association, Inc.,
- Recycle Florida Today, Inc.,
- Can-Ed, Inc.,
- 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.

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## WILLIAM TROUTT, NMD

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

### 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.

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## RON WATSON

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### Presentation Title:

#### *Florida Medical Cannabis Legislative Update*

Ron Watson, President, Watson Strategies and Northwest Area Sales Representative, MÜV by Verano

### Abstract:

Florida's medical cannabis program continues to evolve as lawmakers, regulators, and industry stakeholders debate the future of patient access, physician oversight, product regulation, and market structure. This presentation will provide a comprehensive update on the most recent actions taken by the Florida Legislature and state agencies affecting the medical cannabis program.

Attendees will gain insight into key legislation introduced and considered during the current legislative session, including proposals related to physician certification requirements, patient eligibility, product forms, dosing standards, vertical integration, and regulatory oversight by the Florida Department of Health and the Office of Medical Marijuana Use (OMMU). The presentation will also discuss how recent policy debates—including the outcome and implications of adult-use legalization efforts—may influence the direction of Florida's medical program.

Designed specifically for physicians and healthcare professionals, this session will translate legislative developments into practical implications for clinical practice, compliance, and patient care. Participants will leave with a clear understanding of the policy landscape and what changes may be on the horizon for Florida's medical cannabis system.

### Bio:

Ron Watson, has over 30 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.

# DR. BONNI GOLDSTEIN, MD



## Presentation Title:

### ***Minor Cannabinoids: Mechanisms and Emerging Clinical Potential***

Dr. Bonni Goldstein, MD, CEO & Co-founder, Goldstein Wellness

## Abstract:

While  $\Delta^9$ -tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and cannabidiol (CBD) have dominated both research and clinical discourse, the cannabis plant produces a diverse array of lesser-known “minor cannabinoids” with distinct pharmacologic profiles and emerging therapeutic potential. Compounds such as cannabigerol (CBG), cannabidivarin (CBDV), cannabidiolic acid (CBDA), and others are largely non-intoxicating and demonstrate meaningful biologic activity across multiple receptor systems beyond CB1 and CB2, including TRP channels, PPARs, and serotonergic pathways.

Preclinical data suggest these cannabinoids possess potent anti-inflammatory, neuroprotective, analgesic, and anticonvulsant properties. Early clinical observations and case-based reports further support their potential utility in conditions such as chronic pain, inflammatory disorders, neurodegenerative disease, and mood dysregulation.

This session will provide an overview of the mechanisms of action of key minor cannabinoids, review the current state of translational and clinical evidence, and discuss real-world clinical experiences. As research advances, minor cannabinoids are poised to play an increasingly significant role in precision cannabinoid therapeutics.

## Bio:

Bonni Goldstein, MD is the Medical Director of Canna-Centers Wellness & Education, a leading cannabis medicine specialty practice in Los Angeles, and the CEO of [GoldsteinWellness.com](https://www.GoldsteinWellness.com), an educational platform dedicated to helping licensed healthcare professionals incorporate medical cannabis and hemp into their practices. After years in the field of pediatric emergency medicine, in 2008 she became interested in the science of medical cannabis following the profound improvements she witnessed in a seriously ill friend using cannabis, and has since evaluated thousands of patients for medical cannabis treatment. She has co-authored numerous papers on the use of pharmacometabolomics to study the impact of medical cannabis on the behavioral symptoms associated with autism. Dr. Goldstein is the author of the book *Cannabis is Medicine: How Medical Cannabis and CBD are Healing Everything from Anxiety to Chronic Pain*. She is a medical advisor to numerous companies, including Cannformatics, Neurotech International LLC, and Weedmaps.

# SCHERIL MURRAY POWELL, ESQ. AND SHANETHA MARABLE-LEWIS, MS



## Presentation Title:

### *Patients Out of Time Presents Cannabis and Psychedelic Researchers Hall of Fame*

Scheril Murray Powell, Esq., Executive Director, Patients Out of Time and Shanetha Marable-Lewis, MS, Executive Director, Veterans Initiative 22

## Abstract:

Patients Out of Time Presents Cannabis and Psychedelic Researchers Hall of Fame celebrating the pioneering scientists, clinicians, and thought leaders whose work has advanced the understanding of cannabis and psychedelic medicine. This presentation will introduce the inaugural Hall of Fame honorees, recognizing dedicated research, advocacy, and clinical innovation that have shaped today's evolving therapeutic landscape. Attendees will gain insight into the historical milestones, scientific breakthroughs, and ongoing challenges in these fields, while honoring the individuals whose contributions continue to influence policy, patient care, and future research. This presentation offers both a tribute and an inspiration highlighting the critical role of evidence-based science in unlocking the full potential of plant-based and psychedelic therapies. Patients Out of Time is the longest serving advocacy organization giving CME's for Cannabis Education having just celebrated 30 years of operations under the leadership of Mary Lynn Mathre who is a Navy Veteran and nurse by profession.

## Bio:

Scheril Murray Powell, Esq., is a multifaceted legal professional renowned for her expertise in contracts, agricultural, cannabis, dietary supplement, regulatory, trade and more recently Immigration law. Currently practicing at Doumar, Allsworth, Laystrom, Voigt, Adair, and Dishowitz LLP, Scheril was elected as the International President and Local 12 President of The Ethiopian World Federation, Inc. and is the Founder of the Cannabis HR Council. She has recently been appointed as the Executive Director of Patients Out of Time, one of the longest serving Cannabis Advocacy Organizations. She sits on the ASTM International D37 Committee on Cannabis' Executive Committee as the Chair of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Subcommittee. She is regarded internationally for her work on policy related to Global Tribal Community Rights and the Sacramental Use of Cannabis. In February, 2025, she was appointed to The Global Cannabis and Psychedelic Research Collaboratory and the Intersectional Research in Stigmatized Communities (iRISE) Laboratory at the University of Miami Cannabis Nurse Task Force as and Advisory Board Member and is now serving on the Board of the Georgia Cannabis Chamber of Commerce. She is on the Board of Black Gotham in New York City.

In addition to her legal prowess, her vast experience includes serving as the Former Chief Operating Officer of the JUSTUS Foundation and Chair of the Broward County Medical Marijuana Advisory Board.

Recognized for her exceptional contributions, Scheril has been named one of the Top 12 Cannabis Attorneys in Florida by The Daily Business Review and honored in the High Times 100 and the Top 28 Most influential African Americans in the history of the United States with regards to Drug and Cannabis Policy by Honeysuckle Magazine. She is a Florida licensed Hemp Farmer and a Research Farmer for the University of Florida. In 2026 she was honored as the 100 Black People who built the Cannabis Industry.

Committed to advocacy and community service, Scheril serves on various boards and is the President of consulting firm Green Sustainable Strong, LLC. Her dedication extends to volunteering with the Winrock Foundation, delivering Marketing training to Farmers in Ghana, Africa.

Scheril's dynamic career trajectory, spanning legal practice, education, advocacy, and community service, reflects her unwavering commitment to excellence and social justice.

## SHANETHA MARABLE-LEWIS, MS



### Bio:

Shanetha Marable-Lewis is the Executive Director of Veterans Initiative 22, a non-profit organization whose mission is veteran suicide prevention with a focus on affordable access to medical cannabis for the veteran community. Shanetha is a decorated Army combat veteran who proudly served in both OEF and OIF, earning several awards for her exemplary service. She went onto attend WWU, where she earned her BA in International Studies graduating Magna Cum Laude. Shanetha began her career in cannabis as a patient consultant at a medical cannabis dispensary while stationed at JBLM in Tacoma, Washington. The time she spent working solely with medical cannabis patients catapulted her growing interest in cannabinoid therapeutics, science, neuropsychology, and pharmacology, which led her to the UMD School of Pharmacy when in 2022 she earned a Master of Science in Medical Cannabis Science and Therapeutics. During her time at UMD she served as the VP of Marketing for the Medical Cannabis Student Association and is active with the Alumni Association (unofficial). Shanetha has a personal passion for assisting Veterans suffering from PTSD, as well as helping patients struggling with the disease of addiction. She is an advocate for Veteran suicide prevention, and safe access for ALL cannabis consumers.



## Session I:

### Advancing the Science of Medical Cannabis: Research from Real-World Data to Clinical Trial

#### Panelists:

**Dr. Catalina Lopez-Quintero, MD (IMG), Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor, Department of Epidemiology, College of Public Health & Health Professions, and College of Medicine, University of Florida

**Dr. Juan Pérez-Carreno, MD (IMG), MS, MBE, Ph.D.** – PhD candidate, Department of Epidemiology, College of Public Health & Health Professions, and College of Medicine, University of Florida

**Dr. Md Mahmudul Hasan, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy, University of Florida

**Dr. Karina Villalba, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor, Department of Population Health Sciences, College of Medicine, University of Central Florida

#### Abstract:

This session will outline the main activities of the Consortium for Medical Marijuana Clinical Outcomes Research. We will first present the aims and methodology of the Medical Marijuana and Me (M3) study, which was launched to fill gaps in knowledge about the safety, efficacy, dosage, delivery routes, indications, and drug interactions of medical marijuana (MMJ). The study enrolled roughly 1,200 Florida medical-cannabis patients; 600 completed baseline, 3-month, and 9-month follow-ups, and a separate cross-sectional arm included 632 current MMJ users. The design provides a large, state-level dataset that permits examination of real-world outcomes for the most common therapeutic indications. The first talk will quantify real-world THC exposure across diverse cannabis products. Detailed self-reported data on frequency of use, route of administration, and product potency will be used to estimate daily THC intake (mg THC/day), adjusted for route-specific bioavailability. We will identify distinct profiles of cannabis use based on multidimensional behavioral patterns, evaluate demographic and health correlates of these profiles, and assess whether commonly used frequency categories adequately capture variation in cumulative THC exposure. The second talk will describe results for the three main conditions of use: chronic pain, anxiety, and sleep. For pain, we will summarize product preferences, dosage ranges, and symptom-reduction trajectories observed over nine months. We will then pivot to sleep, detailing changes in self-reported sleep quality and their correlation with specific cannabinoids and THC dosage. Finally, the presentation will cover longitudinal anxiety data, including changes in GAD-7 scores and the influence of individual characteristics such as age, sex, cannabinoid type, and THC dosage. The third talk will introduce attendees to the consortium's MEMORY database, a rich repository developed in partnership with the Florida Department of Health. Drawing on the Medical Marijuana Use Registry (MMUR), which captures certifications, product types, routes of administration, adverse events, and patient demographics, MEMORY is uniquely positioned for comprehensive studies. We will outline how linking MMUR data with Medicaid, Medicare, and state vital records enhances longitudinal outcome assessment. Illustrative findings from recent safety and effectiveness studies will be briefly presented. The final talk will describe the grants program and discuss the protocol for a recently funded study, as well as the resources available to investigators at the consortium for conducting clinical trials, including regulatory support. The WAVE Study is a pilot, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial testing water-soluble cannabidiol (CBD) as an early pharmacologic intervention for risky drinkers who do not yet meet criteria for Alcohol Use Disorder (AUD). Forty-five adults meeting NIAAA criteria for hazardous alcohol use will be enrolled and randomized to full-spectrum CBD, broad-spectrum CBD, or placebo for eight weeks (75 mg/day escalating to 150 mg/day),

with a one-month follow-up. Primary outcomes are feasibility (recruitment, retention, adherence, acceptability) and safety of daily water-soluble CBD. Secondary outcomes include preliminary effects on drinking days, heavy drinking days, and alcohol craving. Findings will inform larger trials and scalable early-intervention strategies for risky drinking. By offering a comprehensive view of the research activities conducted at the consortium, we will provide a brief overview of how conference participants can obtain access to the data via a data-use agreement, collaborate in strengthening the Medical Marijuana (MMJ) Contact Registry, or connect through the Connect and Advance Research for Medical Marijuana Analysis (CARMMA) database, thereby advancing cannabis science in Florida and nationally through alliances with other cannabis-research partners.

## DR. CATALINA LOPEZ-QUINTERO, MD (IMG), PH.D.



Dr. Catalina Lopez-Quintero, MD (IMG), Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Epidemiology, College of Public Health & Health Professions, and College of Medicine, University of Florida

### Bio:

Dr. Catalina Lopez-Quintero, Assistant Professor in the Department of Epidemiology at the University of Florida, leads a research program that bridges epidemiologic investigations and randomized clinical trials to advance evidence on cannabis and medical cannabis. Her scholarly focus lies at the intersection of drug use, neuropsychology, and socio-cultural determinants, with particular attention to populations that are often under-represented in cannabis research, including racial-ethnic minorities, older adults, pregnant women, and individuals with psychiatric disorders. Her clinical research evaluates the safety and efficacy of cannabidiol for moderate-to-severe anxiety and sleep disturbances. In epidemiologic studies, Dr. Lopez-Quintero has mapped patterns of use, motives, and correlates across these groups, elucidating how medical versus recreational use informs health outcomes such as pain, mood, and driving-under-the-influence risks. These dual-track investigations inform clinical guidance and policy, clarifying both the benefits and risks of cannabis therapies. Her work also informs regulatory frameworks and underscores the need for personalized dosing guidelines, ensuring safer and more effective therapeutic use of cannabis. Through rigorous data collection, robust analytic methods, and stakeholder engagement, including interviews with prescribers, Dr. Lopez-Quintero builds a reliable evidence base that supports optimization clinical medical cannabis interventions and public health strategies.

## DR. JUAN PÉREZ-CARRENO, MD (IMG), MS, MBE, PH.D.



**Dr. Juan Pérez-Carreno, MD (IMG), MS, MBE, Ph.D.** – PhD candidate, Department of Epidemiology, College of Public Health & Health Professions, and College of Medicine, University of Florida

### Bio:

Juan Guillermo Pérez, is a physician and PhD candidate in Epidemiology at the University of Florida. His research integrates epidemiologic methods and real-world data to better understand how cannabis use patterns influence cardiovascular outcomes. Dr. Pérez has over a decade of experience in clinical research and evidence synthesis, including work in clinical practice guidelines development and multicenter clinical trials.

## DR. MD MAHMUDUL HASAN, PH.D.



**Dr. Md Mahmudul Hasan, PhD.**, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy, University of Florida

### Bio:

Dr. Hasan is an assistant professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy with a joint appointment in the department of Information Systems and Operations Management at the University of Florida. He is also the Assistant Director and Faculty Lead of the Medical Marijuana Research Repository for the Florida state-funded Consortium for Medical Marijuana Clinical Outcomes Research. Dr. Hasan's research lies in the intersection of pharmaceutical outcomes and health service utilization with a focus on substance use and mental health disorder, opioid related adverse health outcomes, and chronic diseases. From a methodological standpoint, Dr. Hasan utilizes data science, in particular, cutting-edge AI/machine learning, statistical modeling, and management science techniques. His substance use research using AI has received significant media attention including National Public Radio's (NPR) AI Minute, The Main Street Daily News Gainesville, FL, Medical Press, Mirage, Futurity, and several news portals within the University of Florida.

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## DR. KARINA VILLALBA, PH.D.



**Dr. Karina Villalba, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor, Department of Population Health Sciences, College of Medicine, University of Central Florida

### Bio:

Dr. Karina Villalba is a tenure-track Assistant Professor in the Department of Population Health Sciences at the University of Central Florida College of Medicine, with a joint appointment in the Violence Against Women Faculty Cluster. She holds a Ph.D. in Public Health, and her research integrates clinical intervention and epidemiology to examine the therapeutic potential of cannabinoids in the treatment of mental health and substance use disorders. Dr. Villalba currently leads several investigations, including the WAVE study a randomized controlled trial evaluating water-soluble CBD for alcohol reduction, and the BEYOND study, an 18-month longitudinal study focusing on simultaneous alcohol and cannabis use among Bolivian young adults. She is also leading a national study on perceptions of CBD- and THC-infused beverages among Millennials and Gen Z in the context of recent federal regulatory changes. Her work further addresses the intersections of HIV, violence, and adverse childhood experiences supported by a collaborative research network across Latin America and Spain.

## DR. STEPHANIE JOHNSON, DO



Dr. Stephanie Johnson, DO, Founder/Owner, Kaya Life Enterprise

### Bio:

**Dr. Stephanie Johnson** is the Founder and CEO of Kaya Life and the visionary behind Kaya Life Enterprise, a multi-state healthcare platform built to scale physician-led care through a centralized, infrastructure-driven model. Since founding Kaya Life in 2016 following the passage of Florida Amendment 2, she has grown the business from a single clinic into a multi-location platform across Florida and Mississippi, serving a rapidly expanding patient base.

Dr. Johnson has architected Kaya Life around repeatable growth, operational discipline, and a data-driven approach where systems and infrastructure act as key levers for scale. The platform integrates physician enablement, patient acquisition, compliance, and technology into a unified model that drives consistency and visibility across locations. With a strong emphasis on patient retention and recurring revenue dynamics, she has established a durable foundation for expansion within a complex and highly regulated market.

Her leadership combines clinical expertise with strong business acumen and execution. She has navigated regulatory complexity while building a model designed to expand through partnerships, structured affiliations, and platform-level support. Central to her approach is a people-first philosophy—investing in employees and physician partners as a core driver of performance, culture, and long-term value creation. Through Kaya Life Enterprise, Dr. Johnson is focused on the next phase of growth: expanding into new markets, strengthening platform capabilities, and scaling a disciplined, infrastructure- and data-led model that positions the organization for sustained strategic growth.

Dr. Johnson is a Florida- and Georgia-licensed osteopathic physician who entered the Cannabis Industry in 2016. She has over 15 years of experience as a board-certified Emergency Medicine Physician, completed her residency at Michigan State University in 2009, earned her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2005 and her undergraduate degree from Gannon University in 2001.

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## SABRINA G. FAYAZ, M.S., MCST



### Presentation Title:

#### ***Cannabinoid Dosing Strategies: Precision, Personalization, and Patient-Centered Care***

Sabrina G. Fayaz, M.S., MCST, Director, Master of Science in Medical Cannabinoid Therapeutics (MCT) Program, LECOM

### Abstract:

The presentation will align with the video link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wxgzE-C-t44> and will be expanded upon by a practicing neurologist with over 15 years of experience consulting on cannabinoid dosing in Pennsylvania. Effective cannabinoid dosing requires a nuanced understanding of pharmacology, product variability, patient physiology, and formulation-specific considerations. This presentation provides a practical, evidence-informed framework for clinicians seeking to optimize therapeutic outcomes while minimizing adverse effects. Beginning with foundational principles of initial dosing for THC and CBD, the session explores inhaled cannabis dosing, including strain-specific calculations that translate potency and quantity into precise dosage amounts. Participants will then examine best practices for titrating oral, edible, and tincture formulations, with emphasis on patient-centered strategies that support safe initiation and individualized adjustment. The presentation highlights real-world application through a personalized product recommendation example and underscores the importance of structured monitoring, journaling, and follow-up intervals aligned with best medical practices. By integrating clinical reasoning with practical tools, this session equips learners with the confidence and competence to guide patients through cannabinoid therapy using a systematic, problem-solving approach.

### Bio:

Professor Sabrina Fayaz serves as the Director of the LECOM Master of Science in Medical Cannabinoid Therapeutics (MCT) program. She brings extensive experience to this role, having spent seven years in retail dispensary operations across medical and recreational cannabis markets in Nevada, Maryland, and Florida. This background provides her with a deep understanding of the complexities and evolving demands of the cannabis industry. Ms. Fayaz earned her Master's in Medical Cannabis Science and Therapeutics from the University of Maryland, Baltimore, and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Complementary and Alternative Healthcare from the University of Arizona. Her academic training emphasizes evidence-based therapeutics, systems integration, and cannabis policy, giving her a multidisciplinary perspective on cannabinoid medicine. She is active in public policy discussions, contributing through the MCST Student Association and the S3 Collective, and has provided public comments on federal cannabis scheduling proposals. Her insights into toxicology, abuse potential, and therapeutic applications reflect her commitment to advancing the field through science and advocacy. Passionate about reducing stigma and empowering future leaders, she is dedicated to education, patient-centered care, and expanding access to credible cannabinoid knowledge.

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## DR. JOSEPH ROSADO, MD, MBA



### Presentation Title:

*Safety, Dosing, and Quality – From Device Toxicology to Edible Pharmacokinetics A 2026 Clinical Framework for Florida Practitioners*

Dr. Joseph Rosado, MD, MBA, JOSEPH ROSADO, MD, LLC

### Abstract:

As Florida's medical cannabis program matures, clinical risk is increasingly driven not by access, but by product complexity, delivery devices, and dosing variability. This session provides Florida practitioners with a practical, evidence-based framework for evaluating the safety, dosing, and quality of inhaled and ingested cannabinoids in 2026. Using real-world Florida case studies, current toxicology data, and updated pharmacokinetic insights, the presentation examines device-related risks in vaporized products, delayed and fast-acting edible formulations, and the clinical significance of Certificates of Analysis (COAs). Attendees will learn how to distinguish product failure from therapeutic failure, counsel patients more effectively based on route of administration, and apply quality signals that meaningfully impact patient safety in a modern medical cannabis program.

### Bio:

Joseph Rosado, MD, MBA is a Florida-based physician with expertise in medical cannabis, clinical risk assessment, and patient-centered cannabinoid therapy. As a Medical Review Officer (MRO), he regularly educates clinicians on the toxicology, pharmacokinetics, and quality considerations associated with modern cannabis delivery systems, focusing on translating emerging science into practical clinical decision-making. Dr. Rosado is a frequent speaker at medical conferences and has been a guest on multiple podcasts focused on evidence-based cannabis medicine, policy, and patient safety.

## DR. LIHI BAR-LEV SCHLEIDER, PH.D.



### Presentation Title:

*Deprescribing Patterns After Medical Cannabis Initiation in Older Adults with Polypharmacy*

Dr. Lihi Bar-Lev Schleider, Ph.D., Research Department, Tikun Olam

### Abstract:

#### Introduction:

Medical cannabis use among older adults has increased substantially, particularly in medically complex patients with chronic symptoms and high medication burden. Polypharmacy in this population is associated with adverse clinical outcomes, yet real-world data describing medication utilization during medical cannabis treatment remain limited. This study evaluated changes in medication burden, pain intensity, quality of life (QOL), and safety among older adults with polypharmacy initiating medical cannabis.

#### Materials and Methods:

We conducted a prospective observational study with six-month follow-up including patients aged  $\geq 65$  years with polypharmacy ( $\geq 5$  medications) who initiated medical cannabis following individualized clinical assessment and product matching in a specialized clinic. Patients received standardized, quality-controlled medical cannabis products. Medication use, pain intensity (VAS), QOL, and adverse effects were assessed at baseline and follow-up. Medication dosages were recorded at both time points, and a predefined algorithm categorized changes per patient as increased, decreased, or unchanged.

#### Results:

A total of 724 patients completed follow-up. Baseline medication burden was high (median 8 medications, IQR 6–10). Over six months, 48.2% (95% CI 0.46–0.50) reduced medication count and/or dosages. Median medication count decreased from 8 (IQR 6–10) to 7 (IQR 5–9) ( $p < 0.001$ ). Pain intensity declined from median VAS 9 (8–10) to 4 (2–6) ( $p < 0.001$ ). QOL improved, with 51.0% reporting good or very good QOL at follow-up compared with 8.0% at baseline ( $p < 0.001$ ). Adverse effects were reported by 32.4% of patients and were predominantly mild, including dizziness (10.9%), dry mouth (5.4%), and sleepiness (2.9%). Baseline clinical characteristics did not differ between patients with and without medication reduction.

#### Conclusions:

In this prospective observational cohort of older adults with polypharmacy, initiation of medical cannabis was associated with reduced medication burden and significant improvements in patient-reported pain and quality of life. Medication reductions were observed across multiple drug classes, most frequently involving opioids, other analgesics, antiepileptics, sedative-hypnotics, and antidepressants. These findings support the need for controlled studies to further evaluate the role of medical cannabis in medication management among medically complex older patients.

### Bio:

**Dr. Lihi Bar-Lev Schleider** is a clinical researcher with over 18 years of experience in randomized placebo-controlled trials and real-world evidence studies in medical cannabis. She earned her PhD in Epidemiology at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev under the mentorship of **Prof. Raphael Mechoulam** and **Prof. Victor Novack**.

Dr. Bar-Lev Schleider has led clinical research across multiple indications, including cancer, dementia, cerebral palsy, Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, autism, fibromyalgia, and other complex chronic conditions. She established and directed **Israel's largest real-world medical cannabis data**

## DR. DEONDRA ASIKE, MD



### Presentation Title:

#### *The Case for Cannabinoids as Multimodal Adjuncts in Chronic Pain*

Dr. Deondra Asike, MD, Board Certified in Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine, Founder, National Pain ReLEAF

### Abstract:

Chronic pain remains one of the most prevalent yet persistently undertreated conditions in clinical practice, with conventional pharmacotherapies often offering incomplete relief and a substantial burden of adverse effects. While pain is among the most commonly reported indications for adult medical cannabis use, cannabinoids remain inconsistently integrated into routine care due to heterogeneous evidence, product variability, and ongoing clinical uncertainty.

This presentation synthesizes preclinical and clinical evidence on using cannabinoids for chronic pain management. By its conclusion, attendees will be prepared to critically appraise cannabinoid therapy as a multimodal adjunct and apply a clinically grounded approach to patient selection, goal setting, and ongoing monitoring to support its safe and effective integration into chronic pain care.

### Bio:

Dr. Deondra Asike, MD, is double board-certified in anesthesiology and pain medicine. She has been a Clinical Associate in the Department of Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine at Johns Hopkins since 2015. A veteran of the United States Air Force, she deployed to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, in 2013. Dr. Asike earned her medical degree at Georgetown University School of Medicine and completed her anesthesiology residency at the San Antonio Military Medical Center, followed by fellowship training in pain medicine at the University of Maryland.

Dr. Asike served two consecutive terms on the Maryland Prescription Drug Monitoring Advisory Board. Additionally, she chairs the Maryland Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council and The Maryland State Medical Society Cannabis Committee. She is a specialty expert and Maryland Spokesperson for Doctors For Drug Policy Reform, the nation's first physician organization dedicated to the legalization, taxation, and effective regulation of cannabis for adults. Dr. Asike is also an advisory board member for the Association of Cannabinoid Specialists. In October of 2024, Dr. Asike was awarded the Distinguished Chair Award for her outstanding leadership as Chair of The Maryland State Medical Society's Cannabis Committee. In 2025 she served as a board member of Americans for Safe Access (ASA) which is the largest national organization of patients, medical cannabis providers, medical professionals, scientists, and concerned citizens promoting safe and legal access to cannabis for therapeutic use and research.

She believes strongly in a holistic approach to chronic pain management that includes proper nutrition, physical therapy, behavioral therapy, and cannabis as medicine. Dr. Asike is a certifying provider with the Maryland Cannabis Administration.

In 2022, she founded National Pain ReLEAF, a consultation practice primarily focused on guiding both patients and members of their healthcare team through the safe and effective incorporation of cannabis into a comprehensive pain treatment plan. In her spare time, Dr. Asike enjoys taking cooking classes and engaging in playful activities with her two young boys, Ethan and Gabriel.

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# MMERI UPDATE

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## Session III:

### **Florida A&M University Medical Marijuana Education and Research Initiative (MMERI): Quality, Safety, and Public Awareness of Regulated and Unregulated Cannabis Products**

#### **Panelists:**

**GP Mendie**, Assistant Vice President for Research Florida A&M University (FAMU) and Executive Director, Medical Marijuana Education and Research Initiative (MMERI)

**Dr. Mandip S. Sachdeva**, Professor, Florida A&M (FAMU), University College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

**Dr. Jamal A. Brown, PharmD.**, Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice, Florida A&M University (FAMU), College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

**Michelle Wilson, MBA, FCCM**, Associate Director, Florida A&M University (FAMU), Medical Marijuana Education and Research Initiative (MMERI)

**Anthony Washington, CPM**, Statewide Program Outreach Coordinator, Florida A&M University (FAMU), Medical Marijuana Education and Research Initiative (MMERI)

#### **Abstract:**

The Florida A&M University Medical Marijuana Education and Research Initiative (MMERI) is advancing scientific research and public education to better understand the quality, safety, and health implications of cannabis products available to consumers. This session will highlight MMERI's ongoing efforts to evaluate both regulated medical cannabis products and unregulated products found in the broader marketplace, including hemp-derived cannabinoids and other emerging formulations. Speakers will discuss research findings related to product composition, labeling accuracy, potential contaminants, and consumer safety considerations. The session will also explore MMERI's public outreach and education initiatives aimed at improving awareness among patients, healthcare providers, and policymakers. Attendees will gain insight into the evolving cannabis product landscape and the critical role that independent research and education play in promoting safe and informed use.

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## GP MENDIE

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**GP Mendie**, Assistant Vice President for Research Florida A&M University (FAMU) and Executive Director, Medical Marijuana Education and Research Initiative (MMERI)

**Bio:**

GP Mendie is the Assistant Vice President for Research and MMERI's Executive Director at Florida A&M University

In implementing strategic executive leadership functions and responsibilities, GP leverages an extensive and richly diverse decades of government and private sector experience in Finance and Operations; Health Outcomes; Public Education Campaigns; Pharmacoepidemiology; Pharmacovigilance; Pharmacoeconomics, Markets, Monetary & Fiscal Policies, Strategic Planning & Development; Implementation and Logistics; Technology Systems Applications, Design and Utilization; Public-Private Partnerships and Economic Mobility.

Knowing the immense power and importance of evidence-based education, GP is proud of the growing leadership role Florida A&M University holds in the research and cannabis education space, especially the privilege of educating Floridians on this crucial public health matter that continues to have a profound socioeconomic impact on our communities, state, and nation.



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## DR. MANDIP S. SACHDEVA



**Dr. Mandip S. Sachdeva**, Professor, Florida A&M University (FAMU), College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

### Bio:

Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences / Fulbright Fellow / AAPS Fellow / GAN Fellow/Editor-in-Chief, Critical Reviews in Therapeutic Drug Carrier Systems

Dr. Mandip S. Sachdeva is an internationally recognized expert in pharmaceutical sciences with over three decades of groundbreaking research and leadership in drug delivery systems and cancer therapeutics (2 percent of the world's scientists as per the Stanford List). He currently serves as a Professor at Florida A&M University College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, where he has been a key member of the faculty since 1993.

A Fulbright Scholar and Fellow of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS), and Global Association of Nanotechnology, Dr. Sachdeva's research portfolio spans drug delivery innovations such as nanoparticles, liposomes, polymeric microspheres, biomaterials, and inhalation and nasal therapeutics. His work has had a significant impact in the fields of oncology, with a particular focus on breast, lung, and pancreatic cancer, as well as in areas like skin permeation, wound healing models, and skin toxicology. He has also contributed to the development of novel inhalation strategies for peptide and protein therapeutics. Dr. Sachdeva is a prolific researcher, having authored over 300 peer-reviewed publications (H index of 61) and numerous book chapters, and he holds 16 U.S. patents related to advanced drug delivery systems. His dedication to innovation and education has been recognized with numerous awards, including the Davis Productivity Award from the State of Florida, the Researcher of the Year Award from Florida A&M University, Elizabeth Hurlock Beckman Award, and the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Panjab University in India. In addition to his academic and research pursuits, Dr. Sachdeva serves as the Editor-in-Chief of Critical Reviews in Therapeutic Drug Carrier Systems and actively contributes as a reviewer for top-tier journals such as Clinical Cancer Research, Journal of Controlled Release, Pharmaceutical Research, and British Journal of Cancer. His mentorship of students, postdoctoral researchers, and junior faculty has helped cultivate the next generation of leaders in pharmaceutical sciences.

Throughout his distinguished career, Dr. Sachdeva has remained committed to advancing translational research that bridges fundamental scientific discovery with practical therapeutic applications, ultimately improving health outcomes across various populations.

## DR. JAMAL A. BROWN, PHARM.D.



**Dr. Jamal A. Brown, PharmD.**, Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice, Florida A&M University (FAMU), College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

### Bio:

**Dr. Jamal A. Brown, PharmD** is an Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice at Florida A&M University College of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences, Institute of Public Health, and serves as Faculty Senate President, Chair of the University Curriculum Committee, and a member of the Board of Trustees. A Tallahassee native, FAMU Developmental Research School alumnus, and graduate of FAMU's College of Pharmacy, Dr. Brown's work spans clinical practice, academic leadership, and public health innovation.

Dr. Brown has extensive experience in ambulatory care and chronic disease management, including diabetes, hypertension, dyslipidemia, anticoagulation, and smoking cessation. He has over a decade of experience in pharmacy education, teaching across pharmacology, evidence-based medicine, pharmacy law, and multiple therapeutic areas while mentoring student pharmacists in clinical and research settings.

He currently serves as the Principal Investigator of the MMERI-funded initiative, "*Enhancing Patient Care: A Multi-Stakeholder Education Initiative on Medical Cannabis for Pharmacists, Physicians, Dispensary Staff, and Emerging Practitioners.*" Through this work, he leads the development of a standardized, evidence-based curriculum and training model designed to improve patient safety, clinical decision-making, and public understanding of medical cannabis across Florida. His program integrates interprofessional education, experiential training, community outreach, and research to support responsible and informed patient care.

Dr. Brown's scholarly contributions include authorship in the widely recognized *Pharmacotherapy: A Pathophysiologic Approach (DiPiro)* textbook and other peer-reviewed publications. He also serves as a question writer and reviewer for the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX), contributing to the development of national pharmacy licensure standards.

Known for his innovative approach to education, Dr. Brown incorporates music and creative media into clinical teaching. In 2023, a video featuring his original song on type 2 diabetes reached more than 300,000 viewers and was featured by major media outlets including BET, Yahoo News, WCTV, ABC Action News, Inside Edition, and Good Morning America.

Beyond academia, Dr. Brown is a consultant and educator who has delivered continuing education programs to healthcare professionals, including dentists, on topics such as sedation pharmacology, antibiotic stewardship, and opioid safety. His work reflects a commitment to bridging clinical practice, education, and public health through innovative and impactful programming.

Dr. Brown is also an ordained minister at Family Worship and Praise Center in Tallahassee, Florida, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and the CEO of Jamal Brown Photography, LLC.

## MICHELLE WILSON, MBA, FCCM



Michelle Wilson, MBA, FCCM, Associate Director, Florida A&M University (FAMU), Medical Marijuana Education and Research Initiative (MMERI)

### Bio:

**Michelle Wilson** serves as the Associate Director of Training and Community Engagement for the Florida A&M University (FAMU) Medical Marijuana Education and Research Initiative (MMERI). In this role, she leads statewide outreach efforts. She works closely with diverse stakeholders under the direction of the Executive Director and Associate Vice President for the Division of Research, GP Mendie.

Deeply passionate about community advocacy, Michelle is dedicated to educating Floridians on the lawful use of medical cannabis and the risks associated with unlawful marijuana use. FAMU's MMERI program is the only initiative in Florida mandated by the Legislature to provide this critical public education—an impact Michelle champions with commitment and purpose.

Michelle brings a wealth of experience from her seven-year tenure as Executive Director of the Florida Commission on Human Relations, where she advanced and promoted Florida's Civil Rights Laws. Her work provided significant opportunities to engage communities statewide, increase awareness of employment and fair housing protections, and advocate for equity. Her transition to MMERI allowed her to continue her lifelong passion for community education and legislative engagement.

A Gainesville native who grew up in Tampa, Michelle earned her degree in business economics from Florida A&M University and later completed her MBA at Capella University. While at FAMU, she met her husband, Errol. The couple has been married for **35 years** and are the proud parents of three adult children—Joshua, Charity, and Aaron—and grandparents to **two grandchildren, Kaiden and Kyce**, who bring them immense joy.

Michelle is an active member of several civic and service organizations, including the Chi Upsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, the Tallahassee Southside Rotary Club, and the League of Women Voters. She also volunteers as her family's team leader for the March of Dimes.

She finds joy in directly impacting the lives of those she serves and is guided by one of her favorite quotes:

*"My mission in life is not merely to survive but to thrive, and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style."*

— **Maya Angelou**

## ANTHONY WASHINGTON, CPM



Anthony Washington, CPM, Statewide Program Outreach Coordinator, Florida A&M University (FAMU), Medical Marijuana Education and Research Initiative (MMERI)

### Bio:

Anthony Washington serves as the Statewide Outreach Coordinator for Florida A&M University's Medical Marijuana Education and Research Initiative (FAMU MMERI). A Navy veteran with over 25 years of experience in law enforcement, the drug testing industry, and public service, Anthony brings valuable leadership, strategic planning, and a strong commitment to community engagement to his role. By leveraging his background in law enforcement, he builds essential connections, enhances credibility, and strengthens MMERI's relationships with stakeholders, allowing FAMU MMERI to fulfill its legislative mandate effectively.

Under the leadership of Executive Director GP Mendie, Anthony oversees community-based education programs, builds partnerships, and promotes initiatives to enhance Floridians' understanding of cannabis-related topics. His mission is to establish MMERI as the leading authority in medical marijuana education. Before joining MMERI, Anthony held significant leadership positions, including serving as President of the National Drug and Alcohol Testing Industry Association (DATIA). He also has experience in probation supervision, emergency shelter coordination, and managing drug testing programs.

Anthony is a Certified Public Manager with a background in law enforcement and corrections. He has achieved notable milestones, including founding a national marijuana symposium, tackling issues related to homelessness, and leading Leon County's response to COVID-19. Inspired by his mother's words, Anthony remains dedicated to making a significant impact as an agent of change through his work with MMERI and his commitment to community service.

**"Everyone is gifted; we just unwrap our packages at different times, but by God's grace, we are made acceptable, not better than anyone, just acceptable."**

- My Mom

# OMMU UPDATE

## Presentation Title:

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

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

Cassie Hurley, IT Manager, Office of Medical Marijuana Use (OMMU), Florida Department of Health

## Abstract:

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

## TODD SCHIMPF



Todd Schimpf, Communications Manager, Office of Medical Marijuana Use (OMMU), 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).

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## CASSIE HURLEY



Cassie Hurley, IT Manager, Office of Medical Marijuana Use (OMMU), Florida Department of Health

### Bio:

Cassie is the Information Technology Manager for the Office of Medical Marijuana Use (OMMU). Cassie has worked with the Department of Health (DOH) since 2016 and joined the OMMU in 2023. Prior to joining the OMMU, Cassie served in various management positions within DOH and served with the Department of Business and Professional Regulation beginning in 2002. Cassie has more than 20 years of experience in state government. Cassie resides in Crawfordville with her two children and enjoys spending time with her family and mountain biking in her free time.

## SCHERIL MURRAY POWELL, ESQ.

Scheril Murray Powell, Esq. Attorney, Doumar, Allsworth, Laystrom, Voigt, Adair, and Dishowitz LLP

### Bio:



Scheril Murray Powell, Esq., is a multifaceted legal professional renowned for her expertise in agricultural, cannabis, dietary supplement, regulatory, and trade law. Currently practicing at Doumar, Allsworth, Laystrom, Voigt, Adair, and Dishowitz LLP, Scheril was elected as the International President and Local 12 President of The Ethiopian World Federation, Inc. and is the Founder of the Cannabis HR Council. She sits on the ASTM International D37 Committee on Cannabis' Executive Committee as the Chair of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Subcommittee. She is also on the Board of one of the longest serving Cannabis Advocacy Organizations, Patients Out of Time. She is regarded internationally for her work on policy related to Global Tribal Community Rights and the Sacramental Use of Cannabis. In February, 2025, she was appointed to The Global Cannabis and Psychedelic Research Collaboratory and the Intersectional Research in Stigmatized Communities (iRISE) Laboratory at the University of Miami Cannabis Nurse Task Force as and Advisory Board Member and is now serving on the Board of the Georgia Cannabis Chamber of Commerce. She is on the Board of Black Gotham in New York City. Scheril was recently nominated in the "Reformer of the Year" category of the Cannademix Community Impact Awards and also nominated by Minorities 4 Medical Marijuana in the "Diversity Champions Award: Individual Trailblazer Category". In addition to her legal prowess, her vast experience includes serving as the Former Chief Operating Officer of the JUSTUS Foundation and Chair of the Broward County Medical Marijuana Advisory Board. Recognized for her exceptional contributions, Scheril has been named one of the Top 12 Cannabis Attorneys in Florida by The Daily Business Review and honored in the High Times 100 and the Top 28 Most influential African Americans in the history of the United States with regards to Drug and Cannabis Policy by Honeysuckle Magazine. She is a Florida licensed Hemp Farmer and a Research Farmer for the University of Florida. In 2026 she was honored as the 100 Black People who built the Cannabis Industry. Committed to advocacy and community service, Scheril serves on various boards and is the President of consulting firm Green Sustainable Strong, LLC. Her dedication extends to volunteering with the Winrock Foundation, delivering Marketing training to Farmers in Ghana, Africa. Scheril's dynamic career trajectory, spanning legal practice, education, advocacy, and community service, reflects her unwavering commitment to excellence and social justice.

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## DR. KELLY KING, MD



### Presentation Title:

***The Business of Medical Cannabis: How to Make Sure Your Practice is Successful***

Dr. Kelly King, MD, Founder, ReleafMD

### Abstract:

With increased competition and regulatory complexity, cannabis clinics must move beyond transactional care. Dr. Kelly King shares the operational and clinical strategies behind building a sustainable, high-integrity cannabis practice. Topics include referral networks, documentation efficiency, patient retention, compliance, revenue modeling, staff structure, and branding. This session provides a blueprint for physicians who want both clinical impact and business stability.

### Bio:

Dr. Kelly King, MD is a Board-Certified Internist and Founder of ReleafMD & Wellness, a Florida-based medical cannabis and functional wellness practice dedicated to compassionate, whole-person care. With a background in hospital medicine, hospice, palliative, and geriatric care, Dr. King has spent her career supporting patients through some of life's most complex and vulnerable moments. Her work in medical cannabis grew from a desire to offer patients safer, more integrative options for managing chronic pain, PTSD, anxiety, insomnia, and inflammatory conditions. At ReleafMD, she combines individualized cannabis protocols with lifestyle and functional medicine principles to help patients restore balance, improve quality of life, and feel heard in their healthcare journey. Dr. King is passionate about elevating the patient experience in the cannabis space — prioritizing education, thoughtful dosing strategies, and long-term wellness over quick certifications. She believes cannabis, when used responsibly and strategically, can be a powerful tool within a broader healing framework.

## NICK GARULAY



### Presentation Title:

***Engineering Compliance: A Modern Infrastructure for Medical Marijuana Practice***

Nick Garulay, CEO, The Doc App

### Abstract:

Florida's medical marijuana regulatory environment is one of the most complex in the country. From certification intervals and documentation standards to audit exposure and advertising restrictions, physicians face increasing scrutiny and administrative burden. This presentation explores how The Doc App was engineered specifically for Florida's statutory framework, not retrofitted from a national telehealth model. Designed as a state-compliant patient management platform, The Doc App integrates certification workflows, audit safeguards, structured documentation logic, and patient engagement systems into a unified infrastructure built for long-term regulatory alignment. Attendees will gain insight into how purpose-built compliance architecture can reduce physician risk, improve operational efficiency, and enhance patient outcomes, while remaining firmly inside Florida law. We bridge the gap between the certifying physician, the patient, the dispensary, and the regulators.

### Bio:

Nicholas "Nick" Garulay has been at the forefront of Florida's medical marijuana program since 2016, helping shape operational standards during the program's earliest development. For nearly a decade, he has worked within one of the nation's most tightly regulated medical frameworks, building systems designed to withstand scrutiny and evolve with changing state requirements. He is the Founder of The Doc App, a compliance-first patient management platform engineered specifically for Florida law. The platform powers the backend infrastructure of My Florida Green, supporting more than 51,000 patients and currently utilized by seven active physicians across the state. Built from the ground up around documentation integrity, workflow structure, and audit preparedness, The Doc App was designed as infrastructure — not a retrofitted telehealth solution. With a background in scaling multi-million-dollar enterprises, Nick approaches healthcare technology as an architect of sustainable systems. His focus remains on regulatory alignment, physician protection, and long-term program stability. Through nearly ten years in Florida's medical market, he continues

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## EMILY R. CAREW

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### Presentation Title:

#### *Education = Retention & Growth*

Emily R. Carew, COO, Tetra Horizon Corp.

### Abstract:

"Cannabis is easy, and everyone knows how to smoke a joint or eat a gummy, so it's just a quick certification and on to the next patient." We see this type of attitude so often from MMJ doctors' offices, and we often hear similar stories from transfer patients about their previous physicians. But cannabinoid therapy is more complex than that. At Tetra, we believe this medication offers a completely customizable solution for each individual patient, and they just need to understand the basics. By providing education from day one and offering free continuing education thereafter, we are able to mitigate the risk of adverse effects, helping our patients achieve success much faster. When they do, they tell their friends about this amazing plant and how it's finally helping them find the relief they were looking for. This creates a cannabis community and an office that patients can rely on. By focusing on quality of care, we have naturally expanded our patient base, proving that quality leads to quantity and our reviews speak for themselves.

### Bio:

Emily R. Carew is a dedicated cannabis educator and advocate for Medical Cannabis with a focus on providing up-to date information with Florida's MMJ Card certification and cannabinoid therapy. Her journey began with her son's diagnosis of intractable epilepsy, leading her to explore alternative medications. Emily's goal is to empower others by sharing knowledge about the endocannabinoid system and its function. She is the COO and a patient Care Coordinator at Tetra Horizon Medical Marijuana certification and Education Center where she assists patients in obtaining medical marijuana cards and offers education and guidance. She will also be graduating in May with a master's degree in medical Cannabis Science and Therapeutics from the University of Maryland.

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## ALEX JOHNSON

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### Presentation Title:

***Beyond the Building: How Different Clinic Models Drive Performance***

Alex Johnson, Founder, Officialis

### Abstract:

Florida's medical cannabis clinics serve diverse communities with different patient needs, resources, and market pressures. There is no single "right" clinic model — only the model that fits your goals, your demographic, your work-life balance, and the realities of your area. Drawing from leadership roles across four distinct clinic formats — including program director of a primary-care-style brick-and-mortar clinic, operational development within a traditional MMJ clinic, clinical director of a hybrid brick-and-mortar/event-based model, and now owner of a fully mobile clinic supported by a traveling vendor market — this presentation offers a practical, non-prescriptive look at what each model can offer. Attendees will learn the real-world strengths and limitations of each approach, how patient behavior shifts across different care environments, and how to evaluate which model aligns with their community and capacity. Rather than promoting one path, this session provides a framework clinicians, clinic owners, and operators can use to make informed, sustainable decisions that improve patient access while supporting their own professional and personal balance.

### Bio:

Alex is a Florida-based entrepreneur and the founder of Officialis, a fully mobile medical cannabis clinic built around accessibility and community-based patient services. Active in the cannabis industry since 2018, she transitioned to the clinic side in 2020 and has since held leadership roles across multiple medical cannabis clinic environments, giving her a broad, practical understanding of how different operational models shape patient access and community engagement. Today, Alex leads Officialis' innovative mobile model, which travels with a curated vendor market to bring patient services directly into communities. She is also the creator of High Society, an in-person cannabis community event hosted through Wildflower THC, a cannabis education and events company. In addition, Alex serves on the FL CAN leadership team, contributing to statewide patient advocacy and community engagement. With a background in business ownership, clinic operations, and community-based service design, Alex brings an experience-driven perspective to the evolving landscape of medical cannabis care in Florida.

# STEW BASKIN



## Presentation Title:

### *Smarter Benefits, Lower Costs: A Modern Approach*

Stew Baskin, Business Consultant, Vensure Employer Solutions

## Abstract:

This presentation will explore the employee lifecycle for small businesses, with a special focus on physician practices and healthcare-adjacent organizations participating in the Florida Medical Cannabis Conference and Expo (FMCCE). Whether a practice is newly entering the medical cannabis space or expanding existing services, the operational challenges are similar: delivering exceptional patient care while managing the increasingly complex responsibilities of payroll, HR, compliance, and benefits. Most small businesses, including medical practices, follow a common path when developing their internal operations. They begin with ad-hoc or manual processes such as managing payroll in-house, relying on basic HR templates, or piecing together separate tools for timekeeping, onboarding, benefits, and compliance. While understandable, this approach creates siloed and disconnected systems that do not communicate with one another. Over time, these gaps can lead to errors, inefficiencies, compliance issues, and rising costs that put pressure on already lean teams. For example, a practice may manage payroll using one platform, track PTO in a spreadsheet, outsource benefits to a broker, and rely on an office manager to handle onboarding and policy updates manually. It works until it doesn't. Situations such as employee injuries, misclassified staff, the absence of EPLI coverage, or an unexpected audit can expose vulnerabilities that many small businesses are not prepared to absorb. In the highly regulated medical and medical-cannabis environment, these risks escalate quickly. There are proven ways for small businesses to streamline operations, control costs, and protect the organization. A key first step is automating payroll and tax administration. This reduces manual work and mitigates the risk of missed filings, incorrect withholdings, and compliance oversights, any of which can be especially disruptive in healthcare settings. As practices evaluate payroll options, it is helpful to consider the advantages of consolidating additional employee-related services. Administrative Service Organizations (ASOs) offer bundled support that may include payroll, HR guidance, compliance tools, liability protection, and benefits administration. Centralizing these functions eliminates silos, strengthens consistency, and simplifies day-to-day management. For organizations seeking deeper risk mitigation and greater cost efficiency, Professional Employer Organizations (PEOs) offer a more comprehensive solution. Through a co-employment model, a PEO absorbs many of the administrative and fiduciary responsibilities associated with being an employer. One of the greatest advantages for small and mid-sized businesses, especially medical practices, is access to large-group health plans and benefits. By leveraging economies of scale, PEOs can secure master group plans that are typically unavailable to individual small businesses. These plans often provide substantial cost savings compared to traditional small-group rates, broader and more competitive coverage options, lower employee premiums, and a more attractive benefits portfolio that supports long-term recruitment and retention. For physician practices and other small employers navigating rising healthcare costs, workforce shortages, and an increasingly competitive labor market, these savings can make a meaningful difference in long-term stability and growth. This session will guide FMCCE attendees through the employee lifecycle and demonstrate how streamlining payroll, HR, compliance, and benefits can help small and mid-sized businesses reduce risk, eliminate administrative fragmentation, improve operational efficiency, and support scalability, ultimately allowing them to focus on delivering high-quality patient care.

## Bio:

Stew Baskin helps small businesses solve their toughest HR and benefits challenges. Armed with a master's in engineering, he began his career developing water-treatment tech in oil and gas. He has since realized that he's far happier working with the bold, mission-driven innovators driving medical cannabis forward.



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2:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Registration Open	Grand Ballroom Foyer
2:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Exhibitor Setup	Grand Ballroom C
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm	<b>Pre-Conference Workshop: Clinical Risk Management and Quality Improvement in Medical Cannabis Practice</b>	Grand Ballroom D
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Welcome Reception: Exhibit Hall	Grand Ballroom C
Saturday, May 30, 2026		
7:30 am - 6:30 pm	Registration Open	Grand Ballroom Foyer
7:30 am - 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast: Exhibit Hall	Grand Ballroom C
8:00 am - 10:00 am	<b>FMCCCE 2026 Opening Session: Impact of Regulatory Changes on Clinical Decision-Making in Medical Cannabis Practice</b>	Grand Ballroom D
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Refreshment Break: Exhibit Hall	Grand Ballroom C
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	<b>Session I: Advancing the Science of Medical Cannabis: Research from Real-World Data to Clinical Trials</b>	Grand Ballroom D
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	To Be Announced
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	<b>Session II: Precision Cannabis: Dosing, Safety, and Clinical Decision-Making in 2026</b>	Grand Ballroom D
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Refreshment Break: Exhibit Hall	Grand Ballroom C
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm	<b>Session III: Florida A&amp;M University Medical Marijuana Education and Research Initiative (MMERI): Quality, Safety, and Public Awareness of Regulated and Unregulated Cannabis Products</b>	Grand Ballroom D
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Reception: Exhibit Hall	Grand Ballroom C
Sunday, May 31, 2026		
8:00 am - 12:30 pm	Registration Open	Grand Ballroom Foyer
8:00 am - 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast: Exhibit Hall	Grand Ballroom C
8:30 am - 10:00 am	<b>Session IV: Office of Medical Marijuana Use (OMMU) Update for the Regulated Community</b>	Grand Ballroom D
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Refreshment Break: Exhibit Hall	Grand Ballroom C
10:30 am - 12:30 pm	<b>Session V: Optimizing Clinical Practice Models in Medical Cannabis to Improve Patient Outcomes</b>	Grand Ballroom D
12:30 pm	Adjourn	