

Cannabis Education for Healthcare Professionals

Course Overview / Description

Participants will learn about a holistic framework for addressing cannabis in medical practice that considers all these patient duties:

1. Recommend use for those who can be helped
2. Recommend use for those who cannot be harmed
3. Discourage use for those who need to be functional and unimpaired
4. Educate those using cannabis about steps to avoid harmful impacts to themselves or others

Learning Objectives

At the end of this presentation, attendees will:

- Be familiar with the key facts about cannabis, including pharmacokinetics and delivery mechanisms
- Know potential and recommended therapeutic uses
- Be aware of relevant federal and state laws
- Understand the harmful effects, including risks posed to adults and children across the age spectrum

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Target Audience: Physicians, Nurses, and all healthcare professionals

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