

Marijuana for Medical Purposes: 'Tempest in a Teapot' or a New Frontier in Medical Therapy?

Thursday, June 18, 2015 | 6:30 – 9:30 pm
Sheraton Ballroom
Sheraton Cavalier Hotel
Calgary, Alberta



Learning Objectives

As a result of attending this pre-conference symposium, attendees will be able to:

- Provide an overview of the CFPC, CPSA and Health Canada policies with respect to the use of marijuana for medical purposes
- Explain the risks and benefits of medical marijuana to patients, with a focus on chronic pain relief
- Comprehend the primary medicolegal concerns relating to prescription of medical marijuana and employ basic risk management measures in their practice

Accreditation

Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta

As part of the 16th Annual Collaborative Mental Health Care Conference, the 2014 Mackid Symposium Follow-up Pre-Conference Workshop is an Accredited Group Learning Activity (Section 1) as defined by the Maintenance of Certification program of The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and approved by the University of Calgary Office of Continuing Medical Education and Professional Development.

Participants can claim up to a maximum of 6 study credits for attendance at this pre-conference workshop.

College of Family Physicians of Canada

This program has been accredited by the College of Family Physicians of Canada and the Alberta Chapter for up to 19.25 Mainpro-M1 credits.

Faculty Disclosures

- None of the session Faculty have disclosed any potential conflicts of interest.
- Rick Ward has participated in advisory boards for Boehringer Ingelheim, Janssen Inc., Lundbeck Canada Inc., Pfizer, Sanofi Canada, and Shire Canada, and is a member of a speakers bureau or has received grants or honoraria from Astra Zeneca, Bayer, Boehringer Ingelheim, Bristol-Myers Squibb Canada, Janssen Inc., Lilly, Merck, Sanofi Canada and Shire Canada.

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All sessions take place in the Sheraton Ballroom unless otherwise noted

6:30 – 6:40 pm

Introduction and Disclosures

Rick Ward, Alberta Health Services, Calgary Zone

6:40 – 7:05 pm

Marijuana for Medical Purposes and the CPSA Standards of Practice

Susan Ulan, Assistant Registrar, College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta

This presentation will outline the College expectations of physicians who choose to authorize marijuana for medical purposes in their practice. Review of the clinical issues and challenges that physicians face when considering the use of marijuana for medical purposes will be discussed.

Following this presentation, attendees will be able to:

- Be aware of the clinical challenges regarding the use of marijuana for medical purposes
- Become familiar with the College Standards of Practice relating to the use of marijuana for medical purposes
- Become familiar with the Health Canada Marijuana for Medical Purposes Regulations

7:05 – 7:30 pm

The Evidence for Medical Marijuana

Lori Montgomery, Family Physician and Medical Director, Calgary Chronic Pain Centre

The topic of marijuana for medical purposes arises more and more often in our interactions with patients. Gaps in our knowledge are concerning, but patients report tremendous benefit. This session will outline the level of evidence for the use of marijuana for its most common unofficial indication – chronic pain.

Following this presentation, attendees will be able to:

- Employ a vocabulary for discussing the risks and benefits of marijuana with patients
- Evaluate the level of evidence for the use of marijuana for chronic pain
- Consider the recommendations of the CFPC Preliminary Guidance Document before creating a treatment plan

7:30 – 7:55 pm

Medical-Legal Considerations of Prescribing Medical Marijuana

Tim Zmijowskyj, Physician Risk Manager, The Canadian Medical Protective Association (CMPA)

This presentation will provide an interactive case based discussion addressing risk mitigation strategies.

Following this presentation, attendees will be able to:

- Review medical marijuana regulation: MMAR and MMPR
- Describe medico-legal risks associated with prescribing marijuana
- Identify risk management strategies to mitigate medicolegal risk

7:55 – 8:30 pm

Q&A and Audience Discussion

8:30 – 9:15 pm

Small Group Discussions – Breakout Rooms

McKnight East

Alberta North

Alberta South

9:15 – 9:30 pm

Evaluations and Close