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Welcome to the Fall 2020 issue of MEDICAMENT,

the Consortium for Medical Marijuana Clinical Outcomes Research's quarterly newsletter! You may read previous newsletters <u>here</u>.

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Consortium for Medical Marijuana Clinical Outcomes Research

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CONSORTIUM TO HOLD ITS FIRST MEDICAL MARIJUANA RESEARCH CONFERENCE IN APRIL 2021



Mark your calendars for April 8-9th, 2021! The Consortium will hold its inaugural conference – <u>Cannabis Clinical Outcomes</u> <u>Research Conference (CCORC)</u>.

The conference will feature keynote speakers and panel discussions with topics such as regulatory and legal challenges, collaborations and partnerships, and hot topics in cannabis research. Researchers will also have the opportunity to submit abstracts for poster presentations.

Join the Consortium on April 8th-9th, 2021 to learn, share, and advance medical marijuana research! To learn more, please visit <u>mmjoutcome.org/conference</u> today

ANNOUNCING AN OFFICIAL PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MEDICAL CANNABIS AND CANNABINOIDS JOURNAL



The Consortium is excited to announce a partnership with <u>Medical Cannabis and</u> <u>Cannabinoids</u> as the official journal of the Consortium

Medical Cannabis and Cannabinoids, a journal from <u>S. Karger AG Medical and Scientific</u> <u>Publishers</u>, publishes basic, preclinical, and clinical research, as well as legal and regulatory aspects of medical marijuana use.

As the official journal of the Consortium, the Consortium will collaborate with Medical Cannabis and Cannabinoids to publish the Consortium's conference proceedings, guidelines and position statements. Consortium researchers are invited to submit their original research manuscripts for consideration by the journal.

To learn more about Medical Cannabis and Cannabinoids please click here.

THE MAJORITY OF PHYSICIANS FEEL THAT THEY COULD PROVIDE BETTER CARE IF THEY KNEW WHICH PRODUCTS PATIENTS RECEIVE AT DISPENSARIES

The Consortium received over 110 survey responses for the **Survey on Research Priorities for Medical Marijuana**.

Focused on understanding physician priorities and needs, the survey assessed characteristics of medical marijuana physicians, their practice, and the patients they certify; and aimed to understand training wants, prescribing practices, and desired research priorities. Preliminary results have been compiled, and formal results will be presented in the coming months.

A few interesting findings include:

- The majority of physicians strongly agree or agree that they could provide better care if they knew which products their patients receive at dispensaries.
- Concerns about drug-drug interactions with marijuana were among the top topics identified as needs for training and research.
- The top 4 clinical conditions identified as high priorities for medical marijuana research were chronic pain, anxiety, the reduction of other medications (e.g. opioids) or substance use, and insomnia and sleep disorders.

MMJ REGISTRY AND COHORT STUDY PLANNING GROUP FORMS TO CREATE A STATEWIDE STUDY OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA USERS

In September 2020, the Consortium formed a **Medical Marijuana (MMJ) Registry and Cohort Study Planning Group** made up of researchers, physicians, and patient liaisons. Below are the current members of the MMJ Registry and Cohort Study Planning Group:

George Burgess Justin Davis, MD John Crump, MD Robert L. Cook, MD, MPH Jason Ford, PhD Dushyantha Jayaweera, MD Raul Gonzalez, PhD Patricia Green-Powell, PhD Jennifer Jean Jacques Jonathan Quinonez, DO Martha Rosenthal, PhD Ruba Sajdeya, MD Anna Shavers Denise Vidot, PhD Yan Wang, PhD Michelle Weiner, DO

The Planning Group provides advice on patient recruitment and retention, the information collected from registry enrollees and other methodological issues. With the planning group's guidance, the

registry will provide information on the characteristics and motivations of medical marijuana users in Florida and the effects marijuana has on health and behavior. More details about the Cohort Study coming soon.

USING OR CONSIDERING USING MEDICAL MARIJUANA IN FLORIDA? JOIN THE MMJ REGISTRY

The <u>MMJ Registry</u> is a database of people who are interested in being contacted to participate in medical marijuana studies.

Any current or future medical marijuana users in Florida can join the registry.

By joining the MMJ Registry, you will help us learn more about the clinical benefits and side effects of medical marijuana and provide guidance for safe and effective treatment approaches.



You can learn more and sign up by visiting <u>mmjoutcomes.org/registry</u>. The process only takes 5-10 minutes. Our research team will contact you when opportunities for study participation become available.

Have questions? Contact us at (352) 356-8375.

CARMMA CONNECTS RESEARCHERS, PHYSICIANS, AND THE INDUSTRY TO ADVANCE MEDICAL MARIJUANA RESEARCH

Collaboration brings research advancements to understanding the impact medical marijuana use has on clinical outcomes.

The Consortium is excited to announce the creation of the **Connect and Advance Research for Medical Marijuana Analysis (CARMMA) Database**, a new initiative focused on connecting collaborations for medical marijuana research.

Accessible by the end of 2020, the CARMMA Database will link researchers, physicians, and industry collaborators across the state in one central location with the goal to increase and accelerate medical marijuana research.

Researchers actively searching for fellow researchers, physicians, and industry collaborators with expertise in areas like legal barriers, epidemiology, pharmaceutical outcomes, and more will be able to search the CARMMA Database for connections and potential collaborations.

Are you a researcher, physician, or industry collaborator? Don't miss out on adding your contact information to the CARMMA Database. Contact our team today at <u>mmj.outcomes@cop.ufl.edu</u>

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