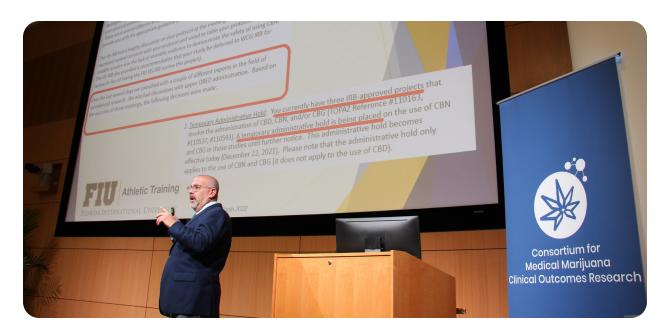


# CCORC 2022 SUMMARY

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# Cannabis Clinical Outcomes Research Conference (CCORC)

#### INTRODUCTION

The Consortium for Medical Marijuana Clinical Outcomes Research launched its annual Cannabis Clinical Outcomes Research Conference (CCORC) in 2021. This research-centric meeting, open to patients and providers, offers a venue for sharing research findings, disseminating the latest evidence on the health impacts of marijuana, and catalyzing research collaborations both state-wide and nationally.

## The objectives of CCORC are:

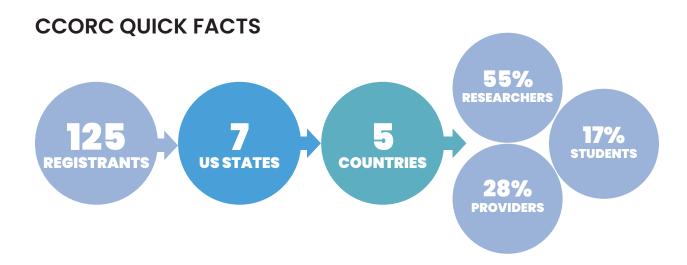
- Dissemination of research findings on medical cannabis use, efficacy, safety, and other relevant outcomes
- Provide a venue for clinical and research educational opportunities related to medical cannabis
- Foster research collaboration, and stakeholder engagement, between Consortium member institutions and beyond

Adapting to conditions created by COVID-19, the Consortium's held its inaugural CCORC conference virtually on April 8th and 9th, 2021. This year, CCORC 2022 was held using a hybrid attendance model; the conference was held in-person at UF's satellite campus in Lake Nona, FL with select presentations available to stream online.

## **CCORC 2022 OVERVIEW**

CCORC 2022 was a **1.5 day** conference gathering medical marijuana researchers, providers, patients, and industry representatives.

The conference featured **3 keynote presentations**, **6 oral presentations** from top abstracts, **2 methods workshops**, a poster session featuring **28 research abstracts** selected following peer review, and **1 panel discussion** with research, administrative, and industry collaborators on a successful MMJ study. Additionally, the conference hosted representatives from **6 exhibitors**.



### THREE THEMES FROM THE CONFERENCE

Disentangling Research Findings Comparing Medical and Non-Medical Cannabis Use and Outcomes



Barriers and Facilitators for Conducting
Clinical Cannabis Research



**Resolving Uncertainties Around Cannabis Dosing** 

# **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**



Staci Gruber, Ph.D.

*Director*, Cognitive and Clinical Neuroimaging Core, McLean Hospital

*Director*, Marijuana Investigations for Neuroscience Discovery (MIND), McLean Hospital

Assoc. Prof. of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School

Keynote Title: Clarifying Cannabis: Considering the impact of recreational and medical use on cognitive and clinical outcomes



Samer Narouze, M.D., Ph.D.

Assoc. Prof. of Surgery, Northeast Ohio Medical University Clinical Professor of Anesthesiology and Neurological Surgery, Ohio State University College of Medicine President, American Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine

Chairman, American Interventional Headache Society

Keynote Title: Cannabis Use in Pain and as a Substitute for Opioid



Kent Hutchison, Ph.D.

**Prof. of Psychiatry**, Anschutz Medical Campus **Adjunct Prof. of Psychology and Neuroscience**, University of Colorado in Boulder

Keynote Title: Effects of THC and CBD: Implications for Future Clinical Trials

# **Topics Covered:**

- Use patterns and observed clinical outcomes in medical/ non-medical cannabis users
- Reframing research questions to focus on risk-benefit vs. solely on harm
- Shortage of translational research in cannabis research
- Lack of consistency in definition of clinical outcomes, sample size constraints and difficulties with blinding and other methodological issues



ORAL PRESENTATIONS | WORKSHOPS | PANEL DISCUSSION

Attendees engaged with a wide range of topics related to cannabis research via oral presentations of top abstracts, method workshops, and a panel discussion. Each segment included a Q&A portion allowing audience members to further the conversation and contribute context from their perspectives within the world of medical marijuana.

Three of the six top abstracts selected for oral presentation were submitted by student researchers.



**Erin Berthold** *Ph.D. Candidate*, Department of Pharmaceutics, University of Florida

Abstract Title: Preclinical Herb-Herb Interaction of Cannabidiol and Kratom in Rats



Alexandra McMahon, MPH

Graduate Student, Department of Epidemiology,
University of Florida

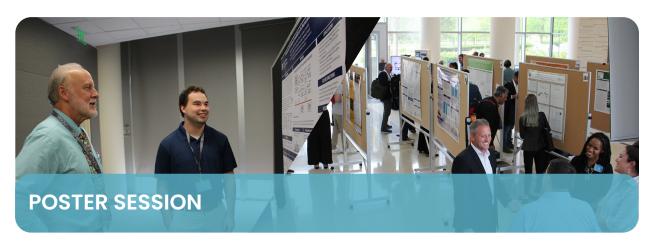
Abstract Title: Perceived Effectiveness of Medical Marijuana Among Adults with Chronic Pain: Findings from Interview Data in a Three-Month Pilot Study



Alexis Noel Cox, B.Sc.

*Undergraduate Scholar*, Department of Biological Science and Program in Neuroscience, Florida State University

Abstract Title: Perinatal Cannabidiol Exposure Decreases Survival in Mice, and Impacts Anxiety-like and Obsessive Compulsive-like Behavior and Object Memory in a Sexually Dimorphic Manner When Raised to Adult



A poster session highlighting twenty eight abstracts selected following peer review provided an opportunity for research faculty and students from all nine Consortium-member institutions to present their work. A jury of experts scored each of the posters, awarding a prize to the top scoring poster presentation.

#### **CCORC 2022 Best Poster Presentation:**



Amanda Pacheco-Spiewak

Research Associate, University of

Miami

Poster Title: Mechanistic evaluation of combined Cannabis components cannabidiol and β-caryophyllene in reducing chronic pain in a rat SCI model



Starting in 2022, CCORC now offers Continuing Medical Education (CME) and Continuing Pharmacy Education (CPE) credits for physicians as well as pharmacists attending the conference. Stay tuned for next year's Continuing Education offerings for clinicians.



Representatives from industry and outreach-focused organizations were present to engage with attendees about their roles in cannabis research.

#### **Exhibitors at CCORC 2022:**











# **CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS PUBLISHED**



Medical Cannabis and Cannabinoids



RESEARCH

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The proceedings and abstracts for CCORC 2022 have been published in the official journal of the Consortium, *Medical Cannabis and Cannabinoids*. This peer-reviewed journal offers an international forum to present and discuss recent advances in the rapidly developing and challenging field surrounding the medical use of cannabis and cannabinoids. Inclusion in the journal expands the dissemination of the research presented at CCORC 2022 as well as increasing awareness for the conference at large.

Read CCORC 2022 proceedings here > Read CCORC 2022 abstracts here >

For more information on *Medical Cannabis and Cannabinoids*, please visit <u>karger.com/mca</u>

# PROGRAM AT A GLANCE May 19, 2022

TIME EDT	EVENT
9:00-9:30am	Day 1 Welcome Address Δ
	<b>Dr. Almut Winterstein</b> Consortium for Medical Marijuana Clinical Outcomes Research University of Florida
	Agenda Overview and Introduction to Keynote  Dr. Amie Goodin  Consortium for Medical Marijuana Clinical Outcomes Research University of Florida
9:30-10:45am	Keynote: Clarifying Cannabis: Considering the impact of recreational and medical use on cognitive and clinical outcomes* $\boldsymbol{\Delta}$
	<b>Dr. Staci Gruber</b> McLean Hospital Harvard Medical School
10:45-11:00am	Exhibitor Hall, Coffee Break
11:00-12:00pm	Session: Methods Workshop for Measurement Techniques When Conducting Clinical Cannabis Research
	EMA Assessment Strategies for Medical Marijuana Use and Outcomes Dr. Yan Wang University of Florida Consortium for Medical Marijuana Clinical Outcomes Research Self-Reported Use Measures and Instruments Dr. Catalina Lopez-Quintero University of Florida Measuring Doses and Dosing Dr. John Markowitz University of Florida
12:00-1:00pm	Lunch
1:00-2:15pm	Keynote: Effects of THC and CBD: Implications for Future Clinical Trials* $\Delta$ Dr. Kent Hutchison  Anschutz Medical Campus University of Colorado in Boulder
2:15-2:30pm	Exhibitor Hall, Coffee Break
2:30-3:30pm	Session: Presentations and Q&A of Top Abstracts Dr. Dinender Singla, University of Central Florida, Moderator  Dr. Karina Villalba University of Central Florida Dr. Amie Goodin University of Florida Dr. Andrea Cippitelli Florida Atlantic University

TIME EDT	EVENT
3:30-4:15pm	Session: IRB Challenges and a Proposed Solution
	<b>Dr. Jeff Konin</b> Florida International University
4:15-5:00pm	Workshop: Extending Florida's Adverse Event Reporting System
	Sebastian Jugl University of Florida
5:00-6:15pm	Poster Sessions and Exhibitor Hall, Networking Reception

# May 20, 2022

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TIME EDT	EVENT
8:00-8:15am	Day 2 Welcome Address Δ
	<b>Dr. Robert L. Cook</b> Consortium for Medical Marijuana Clinical Outcomes Research University of Florida
8:15-9:30am	Keynote: Cannabis Use in Pain and as a Substitute for Opioids* $\Delta$
	Dr. Samer Narouze Northeast Ohio Medical University Ohio State University College of Medicine American Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine American Interventional Headache Society (AIHS)
9:30-10:30am	Session: Presentations and Q&A of Top Abstracts Nicole Smolinski, PharmD, University of Florida, Moderator
	Erin Berthold University of Florida Alexis Cox Florida State University Alexandra McMahon University of Florida
10:30-10:45am	Exhibitor Hall, Coffee Break
10:45-11:30am	Session: Regulatory Challenges in Conducting Cannabis Research in Florida: A Panel Discussion
	Dr. Robert L. Cook Consortium for Medical Marijuana Clinical Outcomes Research University of Florida
	Panel Members: Sheila Austin, MS, ACRP-CP; Paul A. Borsa, Ph.D., ATC; Anthony Ferrari, Ph.D.; Paul R. Peluso, Ph.D.
11:30-12:00pm	Closing and Reception, Awards Ceremony $\Delta$
	<b>Dr. Ximena Levy</b> Consortium for Medical Marijuana Clinical Outcomes Research Florida Atlantic University
12:00-1:00pm	Board Meeting and Invited Lunch Reception



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