An Interdisciplinary Approach to Caring for Patients taking Medical Marijuana

Date:  June 6, 2019

Time:  8:45 am – 4:00 pm

Place:  Villanova University Driscoll Hall Auditorium

Program Overview

The subject of medical marijuana has become important for practitioners in all disciplines to have awareness. Its use within hospitals and health systems have become critical to manage, and clinicians must have a working knowledge of what to expect when patients are in their care while on medical cannabis. This day-long seminar will educate clinicians in various disciplines – nursing, medicine, pharmacy, social work, and nutrition – to expand their knowledge base and ability to safely treat and manage patients from pediatrics to geriatrics. Explore the legal ramifications while caring for patients who have been certified to use cannabis products.

It is not the role of this seminar nor the sponsors to debate or have opinions on whether or not the role of marijuana within medicine is appropriate; rather, the seminar will focus on the role of the clinician in providing safe, legal, and informed care to patients taking these products under the certification of an approved provider.

Faculty:  Michael Campbell, JD, Professor of Law, Director of Clinical Programs Director, Interdisciplinary Mental and Physical Health Law Clinic, Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law;  Molly E. Collins, MD, Department of Hematology/Oncology, Fox Chase Cancer Center, Temple Health; Lisa Diewald, MS, RD, LDN, Program Manager, MacDonald Center for Obesity Prevention and Education, Villanova University, M. Louise Fitzpatrick College of Nursing; Greg Garber, MSW, LCSW, Director Patient Support Services, Neu Center for
Supportive Medicine and Cancer Survivorship Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center; Chosen Lee, Pharm D, Medical Cannabis Dispensary Pharmacist, Cure Pennsylvania; Christine Roussel, PharmD, BCOP, Director of Pharmacy, Doylestown Health; Jennie E Ryan, PhD, CPNP-AC, Research Fellow, Department of Systems, Population and Leadership, University of Michigan School of Nursing

**Objectives:** Upon completion of this program the participant should be able to:

1. Define and differentiate the types of cannabis that exist in regards to pharmacokinetics, side effects and drug-drug interactions.
2. List the forms of cannabis used within the medical marijuana guidelines in Pennsylvania.
3. Recite the role of the dispensary and explain the process for obtaining medical marijuana.
4. Build your knowledge base about potential benefits and risks of medical cannabis.
5. Describe the certification process.
6. Develop tools to advise patients about medical cannabis.
7. Explore current research on medical marijuana use for two nutrition-related qualifying conditions.
8. Use a case study approach to demonstrate the use and impact of medical marijuana as part of an overall nutrition treatment plan.
9. Discuss nutritional and safety issues for consumers inquiring about cannabis/cannabinoid edibles.
10. Review the role of the social worker as a counselor and liaison between patients and other institutions.
11. Discuss legal issues that may arise while providing care for patients on medical cannabis.

**Agenda:**

8:45 to 9:00 am  
**Introduction**  
Evie Lengetti, PhD, RN-BC, Director of Continuing Education  
Assistant Dean, Villanova University, M. Louise Fitzpatrick College of Nursing

9:00 to 10:00  
**Clinical and Safety Considerations in Medical Cannabis**  
Christine Roussel, PharmD, BCOP,  
Director of Pharmacy, Doylestown Health

10:00 - 1045  
**Pennsylvania Medical Marijuana Program and the Approved Serious Medical Conditions**  
Chosen Lee, Pharm D, Medical Cannabis Dispensary Pharmacist  
Cure Pennsylvania
10:45-11:00  BREAK

11:00 – 11:45  Role of Cannabis in Palliative Care / Oncology
Molly E. Collins, MD, Department of Hematology/Oncology
Fox Chase Cancer Center, Temple Health

11:45 – 12:30 pm  LUNCH

12:30 – 1:15  Legal Considerations in Medical Cannabis
Michael Campbell, Professor of Law, Director of Clinical Programs
Director, Interdisciplinary Mental and Physical Health Law Clinic
Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law

1:15-2:00  Nutritional Considerations
Lisa Diewald, MS, RD, LDN, Program Manager
MacDonald Center for Obesity Prevention and Education
Villanova University, M. Louise Fitzpatrick College of Nursing

2:00 – 2:15  BREAK

2:15– 3:00  Nursing Considerations
Jennie E Ryan, PhD, CPNP-AC, Research Fellow
Department of Systems, Population and Leadership
University of Michigan School of Nursing

3:00 – 3:45  Serving as a Social Liaison
Greg Garber, MSW, LCSW, Director Patient Support Services
Neu Center for Supportive Medicine and Cancer Survivorship
Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center

3:45 - 4:00  Panel (Nurse, Lawyer, MD, Dispensary Pharm, Nutrition)
Moderator: Christine Roussel

4:00 pm  Wrap-up Thank You

Neither the planners nor the faculty have any conflicts of interest to disclose, excluding “Pennsylvania Medical Marijuana Program and the Approved Serious Medical Conditions”. No contact hours will be awarded for this segment.
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