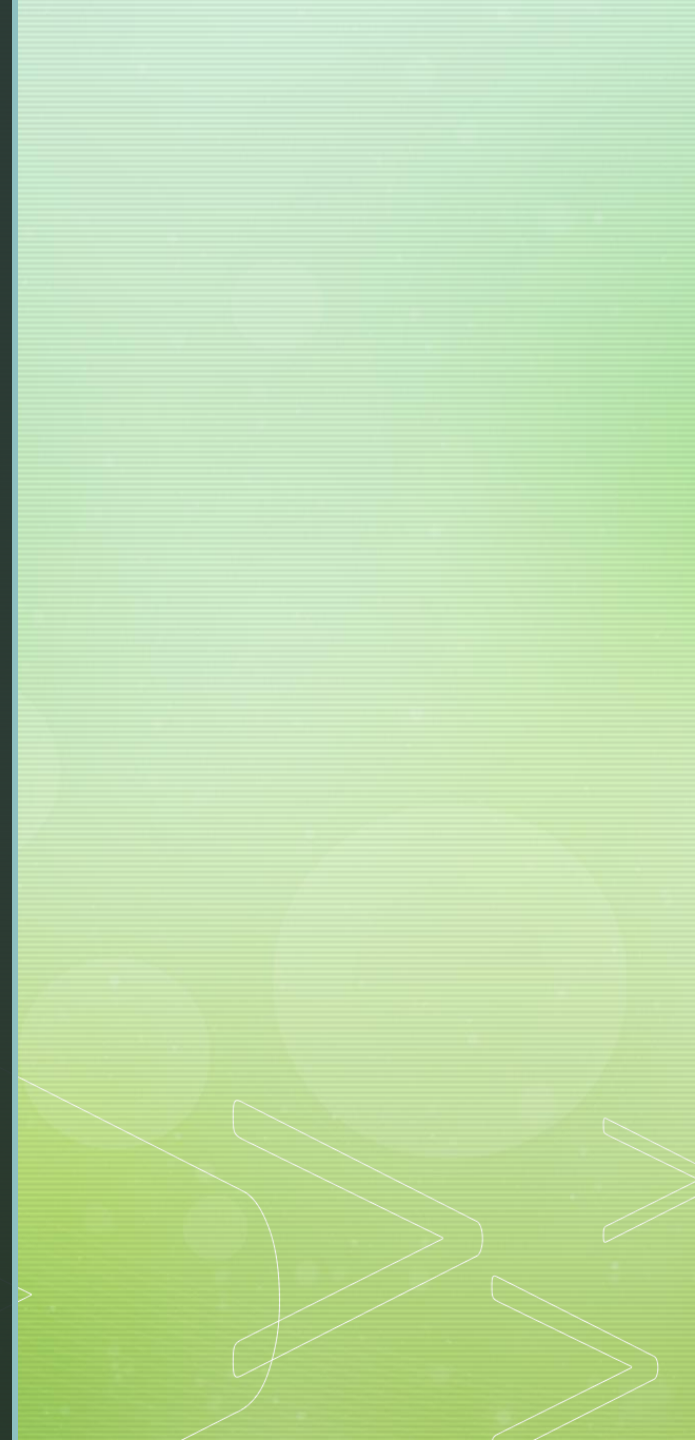


Medical Marijuana City of Chula Vista

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Educational Background

- Born and Raised in Bonita
- Attended Allen Elementary School
- Attended Bonita Vista Middle and High School Class of 2001
- Attended Southwestern College for Undergraduate Degree
- Attended San Diego State University for Bachelors Degree Class of 2007
- Received Doctorate of Pharmacy Degree University of Wyoming Class of 2011

Career Background

- Became a Registered Pharmacist in 2011 after passing pharmacy boards and state boards (CA license #66687)
- First job as a pharmacist was for Rite Aid Corp.
 - Actually worked across from Bonita Vista High (Ironic?)
- Also worked for San Ysidro Health Center
 - Worked part-time and served lower income community, different perspective on healthcare
 - English, Arabic, and Spanish
- 2013 was hired by OptumRx Mail Order Pharmacy
 - Owned by UHC, one of the biggest pharmacies in the world
- 2015 while working at OptumRx REOPENED BONITA PHARMACY
 - 2016 Sold Bonita Pharmacy, continued to work for Optum Rx

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Medical Marijuana Discussion

- Schedule 1 under Federal Law
 - No clinical use
 - Marinol- Schedule 3 (Very Expensive)
- The views surrounding Medical Marijuana are changing. Why?
 - Medical Benefits
 - Less side effects
 - Cost Effective
 - Less addicting
 - Becoming more acceptable
 - **SLIGHTLY more available than before and easier to attain**



ALCOHOL



How do patients get Medical Marijuana now?

- How do patients get prescription drugs?
 - Doctor office visit, doctor prescription, pharmacy fills it
 - What is the pharmacists role in this?
- How do patients get medical marijuana?
 - Doctor recommendation, medical marijuana card, than get it however you can...grow it, dispensary, black market
 - What is the pharmacists role in this in CALIFORNIA?
 - None---why?

What is the current role of pharmacists in dispensing Medical Marijuana?

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL pharmacist.com. The page features a sidebar on the left with navigation links under the heading "PRACTICE". The main content area displays an article titled "Pharmacists take on medical cannabis dispensing role in three states" dated January 13, 2016. The article includes a large image of a green cannabis leaf and discusses the role of pharmacists in dispensing medical cannabis in Connecticut, Minnesota, and New York. The browser's address bar shows various search engines and services, and the macOS dock is visible at the bottom.

PRACTICE

- Infectious Disease
- Specialty Pharmacy
- Appointment Based Model
- OTC Supplement
- OPIOID Center
- Nuclear Pharmacy
- Clinical Guidelines

MTM Central

- Implementing MTM in Your Practice
- Advancing the Value of MTM
- MTM Resource Library

Immunization Center

- APHA Immunization Guidelines
- Administration Technique
- Ask the Experts

Compounding

- Frequently Asked Questions

Topics in Practice


- 340B/safety Net Providers
- Patient Outreach Tools
- Practice Tools
- Transitions of Care
- Chronic Care Management

Pharmacists take on medical cannabis dispensing role in three states

January 13, 2016
Medical Cannabis

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Pharmacists in Connecticut have been dispensing medical cannabis for more than a year now. The state's medical cannabis law requires that a board-certified pharmacist be onsite to dispense the product at a medical cannabis dispensary, of which there are currently six in Connecticut. But Connecticut is not the only state with this model. In July 2015, Minnesota pharmacists began dispensing medical cannabis under the state's 2014 cannabis legislation, and now New York's law, also passed in 2014, includes language requiring pharmacists to dispense.

"There are now three states that have a solid health care model [with a pharmacist to dispense]," said Joseph Friedman, BSPHarm, founder of a medical cannabis dispensary in Illinois. Friedman is a vocal supporter of pharmacists' role in the growing industry. No mandate under Illinois' medical cannabis law requires pharmacists to dispense, however.

An article from a 2015 three-part *Pharmacy Today* series examining the role of pharmacists around cannabis focused on Connecticut pharmacists in this role.

CT, MN: Learning as they go

In Minnesota, three dispensaries are currently up and running, with cannabis supply coming from two growers in the state. Pharmacists select and dispense the product for patients, while physicians identify who is eligible. Minnesota's law authorizes medical cannabis for the treatment of pain...

What is the current role of pharmacists in dispensing Medical Marijuana?

The screenshot shows a Safari browser window with the address bar at pharmacist.com. The page features a sidebar on the left with a blue box labeled "new" containing an APHA logo and the text "* members only", and an orange circular logo below it. The main content area displays the article "NY dispensaries set for new year" by Loren Bonner, MA, Reporter. The article discusses the New York Com-compassionate Care Act of 2014, which licenses five companies to grow and sell medical cannabis, with pharmacists in the dispensing role. It also mentions the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services requirements and the 18-month window for state laws. The article is published by PharmacyToday. At the bottom of the article is an advertisement for Tdap vaccine, titled "FOCUS ON Tdap: PHARMACISTS HELPING TO PROTECT PATIENTS AND COMMUNITIES FROM PERTUSSIS", featuring the APHA logo.

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NY dispensaries set for new year

New York legislators passed the Com-compassionate Care Act of 2014, which licenses five companies to grow and sell medical cannabis. Under the law, each company can operate up to 4 dispensaries, totaling 20 throughout the state, with pharmacists in the dispensing role. According to the law's language, any facility that dispenses medical cannabis cannot open or operate unless there's a New York state-licensed pharmacist on the premises.

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services requires that manufacturers make medical cannabis available within an 18-month window after state laws are passed, and licensed growers in New York are expected to have dispensaries up and running in January 2016.

As in Minnesota, medical cannabis in New York cannot be sold in plant form for smoking. New York's law also bans edibles and covers 10 conditions for which patients may receive a prescription from a physician.

Including New York, 23 states and the District of Columbia currently have laws that legalize and regulate cannabis for medicinal purposes. It's uncertain, at this point, if and how pharmacists will be part of other states' dispensing operations.

Loren Bonner, MA, Reporter

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Who should be able to own a dispensary in City of Chula Vista?

- ANYONE AS LONG AS THERE IS A PHARMACIST PRESENT
- RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA

What am I Proposing for the City of Chula Vista?

- Above all, anyone applying for a legal medical marijuana permit should currently be and has been a resident of the City of Chula Vista for at least the past 3 years.
 - Someone who lives, owns, and operates a dispensary is more likely to spend their income within city limits.
 - A lot of big companies and groups are opening dispensaries in other cities allowing money to flow out of the city.

What am I Proposing for the City of Chula Vista?

- In order for a dispensary in Chula Vista to be open a pharmacist should be on staff and present at all times.
 - This will legitimize the use of marijuana as a drug to treat sick individuals.
 - Pharmacists have more training about drugs and their interactions than any other healthcare professional.
 - The future of marijuana dispensing will be regulated federally and at that point marijuana will be dispensed in Pharmacies not Dispensaries by licensed Pharmacists.
 - All this takes is for the federal govt to reschedule it to a class 3 drug or lower.

What am I Proposing for the City of Chula Vista?

- By accepting my proposal this would put the City of Chula Vista on the MAP as the first city in the state of California to have licensed Pharmacists dispense Marijuana.
- Furthermore, the public would be more accepting of a licensed professional dispensing marijuana than any other individual with a lesser education.
- Pharmacists have more access to educational tools to help guide the general public and pharmacists are the direct link to doctors to provide coordination of therapy for patients.



THE END

- My ultimate goal as a pharmacist and licensed healthcare professional is that patients will be able to go one place preferably a pharmacy to obtain all their medications including marijuana so that their needs are met.
 - In the end, the patient is the most important factor in the equation and their care is the only thing that matters.
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