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**NURSES FOUND *AMERICAN CANNABIS NURSES ASSOCIATION* TO SUPPORT PATIENTS AND EDUCATE NURSES IN ENDOCANNABINOID THERAPEUTICS**

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The founding of the *American Cannabis Nurses Association (ACNA)* was announced today by its Board of Directors. The **ACNA** is an association of nurses active in the field of medical cannabis and endocannabinoid therapeutics.

The **ACNA** recognizes that there are hundreds of thousands of patients in the United States using cannabis within or outside of state statutes under the care of nurses who may or may not understand the complicated medical, legal and pharmacological issues surrounding its use as a therapeutic substance.

The *Code For Nurses* requires that nurses function as advocates and educators for patients and in this regard the ACNA is empowered to bridge the knowledge gap through educational, professional, patient advocacy, collegial networking and supportive nursing practices which integrate cannabis patients-and the nurses who care for them- into nursing practice rather than marginalize them.

The ACNA is the professional organization which will develop nursing standards, credentialing and certification procedures with a view to reducing the stigmatization of cannabis patients, and the nurses who support them.

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