Dear {Contact_First_Name} {Contact_Last_Name},

**President's Message**

It is hard to believe we are entering summer already. We started 2020 with a lot of excitement and enthusiasm in hopes of making significant progress in the cannabis industry. As COVID hit in the early months of 2020, many of us were left trying to find ways to sustain income, home school our children and/or provide essential services. Now, several months later many of us have adapted and found new ways to work and learn remotely. These adaptions have had some positive and not so positive effects on the cannabis industry.

In many states, cannabis was deemed essential. Curbside pick and delivery were suddenly allowed where it was previously prohibited. Telemedicine services were instituted in states to allow those who needed cannabis to continue to receive services and medicine without disruption. These have all been positive changes and I hope that the changes will continue as states begin opening up again.

Some of the less positive changes we have seen are laws that continue to punish those who work in the cannabis industry. While we have been deemed essential, we are not able to receive any relief from federal stimulus packages. Policies have been rolled out that negatively impact educational institutions. Maine announced in May that they are no longer eligible for certain federal funds that support mental health programs due to the fact that Maine allows students to access medical cannabis. See the full story [here](#). It is important to stay vigilant in our role as educators and advocates.

Despite all of the challenges that COVID has brought, ACNA has been hard at work to make sure we continue to provide value to our members. In the last few months, ACNA has done the following:

- We released a position statement on Cannabis and PTSD. You can view the press release and statement [here](#).
- We sent out a membership survey and received over 352 responses! As we review the survey results, we will use that information to help improve member benefits and services. Some of the initial reviews demonstrated that members are eager for education, networking and job opportunities. More to come on those items.
We’ve reviewed several new association management platforms and have narrowed it down to 2 possibilities. Once the board of directors selects the new platform, we can begin updating the website to provide members with more resources such as a learning management system that will allow members to track courses, continuing education credits and certificates. We will also have a place for a job board and private networking opportunities on the platform.

Our Education committee has been hard at work to set up and start offering free cannabis webinars for members with CE’s. Stay tuned for more information on the upcoming topics.

On May 8th, the entire Board of Directors meet online for 7 hours to develop the strategic plan for the next 3 years. We will share what we have in store for ACNA in the next few weeks after we finalize the plan.

And finally, we have made great progress with planning for our 2nd Annual conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This year we will offer a hybrid option with an in person as well as streaming options. Stay tuned for more information on that as well as our call for abstracts.

Thank you to all of you who continue to support the ACNA. I am grateful for the volunteers who work tirelessly to build an association that fulfills our mission to advance excellence in cannabis nursing practice through advocacy, collaboration, education, research and policy development.

Best,

Eloise
(Please note that the following is for general information purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice. Please consult with an attorney licensed to practice law in your jurisdiction for specific questions regarding your own individual circumstances.)

How Can I Make My Voice Heard?

**Effective Cannabis Policy Advocacy at the Local, State and Federal Levels**

Before we begin, I want to take a minute to recognize all the healthcare professionals who have put their lives on the line in the fight against COVID-19. You are the true heroes of the crisis we find ourselves in, and we here at Vermont Cannabis Solutions cannot thank you enough.

Our question today is:

**I want to become more involved with legislation in my state. What are some ways I can get involved to help influence policy?**

As medical professionals, your voices can have an extraordinary impact on policy decisions regarding cannabis. Anti-cannabis organizations such as Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) often recruit doctors and nurses who are opposed to cannabis reform to travel around the country testifying to lawmakers about all of the "dangers" of cannabis use, both recreationally and medicinally. Some even go as far as to say that cannabis has no medical value and should remain an illegal substance. Of course, we all know this to be untrue, but many of the lawmakers who are hearing this type of propaganda do not. By educating the decision makers, and working to dispel the lies, myths and disinformation being disseminated by the prohibitionists, you have a real opportunity to move cannabis policy forward. Your professionalism and experience make your voices powerful, so get out there and be heard.

Ok, great. You’ve convinced me to get out and let my voice be heard. What next? Well, effective policy advocacy can occur on several levels. While our original question mentioned state legislation, there is also local and federal policy to consider as well. While these are all related, each also has its own nuances and particularities. [Click to READ THE REST....](#)

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**Member Highlights**

by Marissa Fratoni

With a total of 1,827,192 cases of COVID-19 and now over 100,000 deaths reported from the disease, the United States continues to be the hardest hit country in the world. Reports from our front line health care professionals have been chilling, sobering, and sad.

Our front line colleagues have been faced with an expanse of problems ranging from not having the proper PPE to do their jobs safely, to being furloughed as
from not having the proper PPE to do their jobs safely, to being unrecognized as hospitals scramble to keep the lights on with low patient census problems. Some have lost loved ones and coworkers to the novel coronavirus. Some have witnessed the decline and death of too many patients. All front line health care professionals have willingly put their lives and the lives of their families at risk to save others.

They’ve been called brave. They’ve been called heroes. Most of them will tell you that they’re just doing their jobs, but there is no “just” right now. They are providing care in environments that have completely shifted protocol in ways that are difficult to imagine.

In an effort to recognize and embrace our members who are these brave heroes, we dedicate our member highlights to all of you who are on the front lines. Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do.

We see you, we support you.

Meet Jodi Chapin, RN

Jodi Chapin, RN has been a labor and delivery nurse for 31 years in the Greater Boston area. She is also a cannabis nurse, patient, and advocate. To say that human touch is a part of her job is an outright understatement. Human touch is a part of Jodi's being - she provides it readily with her loving, healing embraces. She is an expert in providing comfort and those of us who call her a friend are beyond blessed to know exactly what those Jodi hugs feel like. Suffice to say, Jodi’s patients are fortunate to have her by their bedside as they bring their bundles of joy Earthside. Unfortunately, the changes resulting from COVID-19 crisis have certainly taken a toll. Whether Jodi was Spinning Babies® into an optimal birth position, or holding a laboring Mom as an anesthesiologist administered an epidural, she would provide care that was very centered in touch and physical comfort for her laboring patients. Now she does the best she can behind her PPE.

“It’s very difficult to do my job the way I used to. There is a fear of human touch and that’s really tough for me.” Jodi Chapin, RN

Outside of the hospital, Jodi is still as active as ever in the cannabis community. She has been providing telehealth services for medical cannabis patients through the GreenNurse Group. Through this service, she educates her patients about the endocannabinoid system and cannabis medicine while providing the insight, guidance, and support that patients need to navigate the medical cannabis program and achieve their health and wellness goals. Jodi can also be found sharing her own trials and tribulations as she grows her own medicine on her own show appropriately named GreenNurse On The Grow. And as if that wasn’t enough, Jodi also teaches about cannabis and discusses her growing experience a couple mornings a week on a local Boston show called Good Morning Shut-Ins. Wanna know more about Jodi? Check out her links below!


Check Jodi out on Good Morning Shut-Ins here - https://www.disruptamerica.tv/shutins

And don’t forget to see what’s she’s up to with the GreenNurse Group here - https://www.greennursegroup.com/
Cannabis Nurses of Color

Cannabis Nurses of Color (CNOC) was established as a safe space for advocacy, education and training for nurses of color in the cannabis industry. CNOC is a collective of knowledge and resources with an emphasis on the issues affecting our communities, the generational harms that have created barriers to access and the issues as it relates to working as a women of color in the cannabis space. Cannabis Nurses of Color

Co- Founders: Ivory Davis, MN, RN and Sandra Guynes, MSN, RN

National Children’s Day - June 14th

by Nicole Murray

June 14th is National Children's Day and we would like to take this opportunity to highlight and honor a 7 1/2-year-old cannabis patient named Sophie Ryan. Sophie was diagnosed with a brain tumor in 2013 at 8 ½ months old.

I had the pleasure to speak with Sophie's mother, Tracy Ryan who is a true pioneer in the cannabis space. While her knowledge is impressive, her energy and excitement is infectious. For your reading pleasure, here is our interview.

https://cannabisnurses.org/admin/emails/log/details/?emailId=148506700&persistHeader=1
"Sophie's story is an inspiration. Can you share briefly how cannabis helped Sophie and how she is doing today?"

"Seven years later, Sophie is off chemo after taking her last dose on October 23rd, 2019. Her last scan showed a reduction in contrast, which means that there are fewer active cancer cells and the tumor is dying without the use of chemotherapy. Sophie's eyesight was also severely compromised. Her right eye was in complete darkness and her left eye could only see the color red, shadows and light. Today, she can see light and some color in her right eye and she can now see letters as small as 2 inches tall and all colors in her left eye!

From her profound immunological responses, to how many times we shrank an often unshrinkable tumor, to how the cannabis helps keep her seizure free to this day, it has been incredible watching how this plant works. It also kept her healthier than what is even close to normal, mitigated hair loss, and gave her the ability to heal from surgeries that stunned even the most experienced neurosurgeon…she became a walking miracle to every doctor who treated her. Her immune system is super charged, and we now understand why a lot of this has happened due to our research!"

(Tracy shared a research paper with me and wanted me to share with ACNA).

I partnered with Dr. Anahid Jewett in April of 2018 after Sophie's second brain tumor surgery. Dr. Jewett is the world leader in the field of Natural Killer (NK) Cells, a tenured professor at one of the top universities in the country, and has been published to the top medical journals in the world over 150 times. It is her research that has determined that it is the failure of the NK Cell System that leads us to getting cancer, as it is our number one defense mechanism against this disease.

Once animal model studies were under way, Dr. Jewett tested Sophie's blood and discovered that Sophie's immune system functioned five times better than that of any healthy adult she had studied in 30 years. Sophie was a child that should have an immature immune system because she was a child, she had a brain tumor which meant her NK Cells should be malfunctioning, had been on treatment for over 5 years solid and was on chemo when the blood draw was done. None of this made sense to her, especially as to why Sophie could be so healthy but yet still have a tumor. When Dr. Jewett learned that the only thing Sophie was taking was CannaKids' medical cannabis tinctures, outside of antibiotics and chemo, she believed she was on to something big.

Now two years later, 17 more of CannaKids' patients have been studied that were consuming CannaKids' oils, varying in ages and stages of disease. By studying each patients' blood, Dr. Jewett and her team were led to uncover that cannabis was reactivating the NK Cell System allowing for the body's own natural defense mechanism to target and kill cancer stem cells, which even chemotherapy and radiation can't do. These findings will be published to the medical journals in early 2020.

"Despite Sophie's difficult life with multiple surgeries and many hospital stays, Sophie is an outgoing, brilliant, healthy child with a superb memory. She holds adult conversations and suffered no long term, post chemotherapy issues or PTSD. We attribute her health and vitality to not only Cannabis, but a good nurturing, loving home where we openly communicate about feelings, and oh - one more exciting healer. Would you like to hear about it?

N: "That is so exciting Tracy and absolutely - please do share."

T: "Well, not long ago, I was doing a Montel Williams podcast with Sophie. There happened to be a guest after me, and little did I know that this person would further change our lives. Her name is Bobbi Vogel (BobbiVogel.com), a brilliant and talented medical intuitive who has unprecedented success with her clients. We immediately started..."
American Cannabis Nurses Association - Manual email

working with her and miraculously, after Sophie's second session her vision started improving. Every session we have with Bobbi, we are seeing amazing improvements. The areas of the brain that Bobbi has been working on are showing less contrast. Despite her being on four chemos over her last year of treatment, not once had we seen contrast reduction. We are so blessed to have Bobbi in our lives. She has in the past, and would have been working currently out of physicians' offices in Southern California, bringing her energy healing to the allopathic medical community, had the country not gone into lockdown. It's so amazing to see medical doctors recognize her work, and give her access to more in need of healing."

N: "Thank you for sharing. Can you share Sophie's protocol and dosing"?

T: "Absolutely. Sophie gets 460 mg of our CBD and 90 mg of our THCA broken into 3 doses a day."

N: "In hindsight - Is there anything you would do different?"

T: "Absolutely not. I don't believe in regrets. Every decision led us to where we are today. I am grateful to have been able to take such a horrible situation and use it to help so many."

N: "Do you have any advice for other parents? What would you tell a parent considering cannabis for their child?"

T: "I firmly believe knowledge is power. Instead of walking into a situation with fear and concern, take the time to educate yourself. I encourage all to share Sophie's story and this website with other parents: https://savingsophie.org

Here you can read the numerous Cannabis studies with cancer, autism and epilepsy as well as access a ton of information and resources."

N: "Thank you Tracy, I will certainly share this resource with our ACNA members. What do you think nurses should keep in mind regarding pediatric cannabis patients?"

T: "The main thing ..... try to avoid psychoactivity in children. Nurses need to be educated on proper dosing and titration, so the patient doesn't have a negative experience, which in turn as you know, results in parents discontinuing cannabis.

My advice is to start low. It's important to know that kids handle cannabis much better than adults because they process medicine quicker. It's also key for the Nurse to understand drug to drug interactions; are they on steroids, immunotherapies, etc... Also, space cannabis from pharmaceuticals by at least a couple of hours if there is a chance of them interacting negatively. Track the patient effectively and know that you may not get it right the first time. I had to change Sophie’s protocols many times over the years as her tumor mutated, and therapies changed. Especially when it came to treating her seizures effectively."

N: "This has been such a joy to talk with you and feel your passion and energy. Before we conclude, can you give me a list of Sophie's Favorite Things?"

List of Sophie's Favorite Things!

#1 - FaceTiming with family and friends. She LOVES her relationships.

#2 - Singing. Mom and Sophie take singing lessons and Mom is learning the piano. Sophie loves to sing along as she plays. She performs for her teachers on Zoom after her daily lessons. She LOVES to perform.

#3 - Her baby dolls. She loves mothering them and sleeping with them at night.

And, she loves: purses, trinkets, crafting and being a comedian. Most of all, she just LOVES being a normal kid for once.

Learn more about Sophie and Tracy: CKSoul

https://cannabisnurses.org/admin/emails/log/details/?emailId=148506700&persistHeader=1
Tracy invites everyone to join "Prayers for Sophie" on FaceBook and Instagram: FB: Prayers for Sophie | IG: Prayers for Sophie

Happy 10 Years ACNA!!

by Jessie Gill
In May, the ACNA proudly celebrated our 10 year anniversary. I had the honor of interviewing one of our founding members about ACNA's history. Read my interview with one of our original cannabis nurses, Ken Wolksi.

All of us at the ACNA are eternally grateful for the work and dedication of our founders.

![Ken Wolksi](image)

What inspired you to found the ACNA?

Mary Lynn Mathre, RN has been an inspiration to me for decades. She got the Virginia Nurses Association to endorse medical marijuana in the 1990’s. I saw that as a brilliant way to codify the general support RNs had for medical marijuana. ML found a way to translate individual support into institutional support. I introduced a similar resolution to the New Jersey State Nurses Association in 2002, and they adopted it. That was the start of the organization I co-founded, the Coalition for Medical Marijuana—New Jersey, Inc. The NJSNA then lobbied for medical marijuana for five years in the NJ legislature before our state’s Compassionate Use Medical Marijuana Act passed into law in 2010. Mary Lynn’s organization, Patients Out of Time (POT), began holding wonderful “National Clinical Conferences on Cannabis Therapeutics” in 2000. The first conference I attended was in 2004 in Charlottesville, VA. There I got to hear some of the top cannabis researchers from across the country and from around the world, including Dr. Raphael Mechoulam. I also attended POT conferences in 2006 in Santa Barbara, CA, in 2008 in Pacific Grove, CA, and in 2010 in Warwick, RI. At the Warwick conference, a few of us nurses got together and formed the ACNA.

What was the climate like surrounding cannabis nurses 10 years ago?

By 2010 I had already been an RN for over three decades. In many conversations I had with my colleagues during that time, I determined that there was a lot of support among nurses for the use of medical marijuana. After all, RNs are with patients 24/7 and we constantly assess them. It is our responsibility to determine if a course of therapy should be increased or decreased, continued or discontinued. When we see the effects of medical marijuana on our patients, it’s not surprising that so many of us endorse its use. Additionally, some nurses were actively working for safe and legal access to marijuana therapy for patients in their home states. There was clearly a need for more information about medical marijuana to be available to these health care professionals, and there was a need for a formal organization to provide this information. The ACNA was an idea whose time had come.
How has the role of the cannabis nurse changed in the past 10 years?

Like all nurses, cannabis nurses do many things. We are advocates, educators and practitioners. When NJ’s Governor Corzine signed the medical marijuana bill into law in 2010, I first thought my work was over. Instead, I became busier than ever. Governor Christie was inaugurated later in 2010, and he said he did not believe in medical marijuana. He started a series of delays and obstructions into the full implementation of the law for eight years. We had to fight him every step of the way, winning a few hard-fought battles. For example, it took us about three years of effort before a single condition—PTSD—was added to the list of conditions that qualify for marijuana therapy in NJ. When Gov. Murphy was inaugurated in 2018, in his first week in office he started a program to ease and expand access to medical marijuana in NJ.

What hopes do you have for ACNA and cannabis nurses in the future?

I am very proud member of the ACNA. The organization is growing in size and political influence. The ACNA had a wonderful national conference in New Orleans last December that was very well attended by nurses throughout the country. I encourage all nurses to join the ACNA.

How has the ACNA impacted your career?

In 2006 I retired from NJ state government after 25 years of service, and I was able to dedicate more time volunteering with CMMNJ. I am now self-employed and I give educational programs on the issue to community and health care organizations, and occasionally I serve as an expert witness in court cases and at legislative and municipal hearings.

What should new nurses keep in mind as they embrace cannabis nursing?

The American Nurses Association said in 2004 that patients had a “right” to medical marijuana. Nurses must be untiring in their advocacy for this right. I have followed the discovery of the Endocannabinoid System since 1993. It is quite remarkable that an entirely new system in the human body would be discovered in our lifetime—a system that interacts with all the other systems, and whose role is to promote homeostasis. This system details the cannabinoid receptors that exist in every organ of the human body, and explains why marijuana is effective for such a wide range of diseases, symptoms and conditions. Researchers say that the ECS may play a role in all human diseases. Yet, sadly, the ECS is not yet taught in most medical schools or nursing schools. Textbooks need to be rewritten; anatomy and physiology classes need to have their curricula updated. There is much work to do as this new science emerges. The ensuing years will enhance and enlarge our understanding of the role of cannabinoids in the human body.

Tell us about your work now?

I volunteer as Executive Director of the Coalition for Medical Marijuana—New Jersey, Inc. (CMMNJ), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational organization and public charity. We reach thousands of patients, caregivers and activists in the Garden State on a regular basis.

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CMMNJ: https://www.cmmnj.org/

Facebook: Friends of CMMNJ: https://www.facebook.com/groups/62462971150/
Committee Chair Updates

Conference Committee - Eloise Theisen & Carey Clark

Cannabis Care 2020, presented by the American Cannabis Nurses Association (ACNA), is the premier conference for nursing professionals to gain essential knowledge and access to cutting-edge cannabis nursing expertise.

The conference committee is hard at work and will be sending out a call for abstracts in July. We have decided to offer a clinical and a business track based on our membership survey results. Stay tuned for more information on that. Additionally, the conference committee voted in favor of offering virtual sessions in addition to the in person event. We are closely monitoring COVID and want to ensure the safety of all attendees. As things change, we will be sure to keep everyone updated.

Save the Date: December 6-8, 2020 Albuquerque, New Mexico
Nominations Committee - Carey Clark

The nominations committee is hard at work preparing for our exciting fall election process. We held our first Town Hall Webinar on June 17, where the community gathered to share ACNA leadership experiences and the importance of diversity and inclusion.

We are offering a second Town Hall on July 29 to discuss the application process for running for the 4 open Board of Directors or the President-Elect position. All are welcome to attend!

Elections timeline:

July: Applications to run for open BOD/ President-Elect positions released
August 1-31: Applications accepted
September 1-30 Applications reviewed and BOD approves the slate

October 1-31: Election Slate available. Town Halls around the election process.
November 1-15: All eligible ACNA members vote.
By December 1: Election results conferred and announced.

If you have questions, feel free to contact Dr. Clark: carey@cannabisnurse.org
Membership Committee - Barbara Ochester

The Membership Committee had a busy spring. With the guidance of our administrative support team, we have started an initiative to contact lapsed members and offer updated information about our organization’s benefits. We have found the personal touch effective. With folks out of work, or no longer working as nurses, we can sometimes offer alternative memberships to help them. It has been fun to reach out.

Additionally, we are in the early stages of organizing a mentorship program for new members and students. We hope the program will match interested nurses with working cannabis professionals in their state to offer guidance and camaraderie.

Along with all of our other committees, we understand the importance of expanding our committee’s diversity and welcome our colleagues of color join us.
Advocacy and Inclusion Committee - Arleen Crider

It takes courage to recognize your own worth and then demand respect as a nurse, especially as an LPN.

Imposter syndrome is being (over) qualified and yet still questioning whether or not you know enough, have done enough, ARE ENOUGH in your professional position. So many will challenge whether or not you are worthy to lead, especially your closest peers and colleagues.

Challenge is good. Take it from the little black nerd girl who grew up in the hood, you already know more than enough.

My #1 secret to success... Feel the fear, do it anyway (in a bad-ass pair of pumps).

~ Arleen Crider, LPN

Finance Committee - Elisabeth Mack

The financial position of ACNA remains strong and each committee will receive an allocation to spend on its programs beginning 7/1/20.

We're very excited to spread our progress thru initiatives that our committees will activate soon.

The Finance Committee will meet on 7/1 @ 3pm pst. Please let me know if there are any needs to consider for us.

In health, Elisabeth
Credentialing Committee - Llewellyn Smith

The Credentialing committee has been very busy this spring. The Committee is a standing committee of the Board and is governed by the ACNA's bylaws and policies. It has the authority to make recommendations to the Board on matters involving ANA/ANCC nursing specialty recognition, certification options for members and creation of ANA/ANCC recognized credentialing process to certify cannabis nurse specialists.

Last year in 2019 ACNA submitted the revised edition of ACNA's Scope and Standards of Practice for Cannabis Nurses to the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) for evaluation. Based upon feedback provided, the committee sought to compare our standards with ANA and other recognized professional nursing organizational standards.

Committee members created comparison documents for half of the document and plan to complete the remaining comparisons by the end of this year when meetings resume in September, after the summer hiatus. Once the remaining comparisons are completed the committee intends to reassemble the document in the year 2021.
After the evolving document is drafted, it will be submitted to membership for direct input (perhaps by survey) regarding essential competencies of cannabis nursing with supporting evidence that should be included in the cannabis nurses specialties practice. These suggestions will be utilized to help define and create standardization providing robust uniqueness supporting the who, what, where, when, why and how of the cannabis nursing practice specialty.

Sponsorship Committee - Mary Kay Gilbert

Last month we welcomed an additional sponsor to our organization with Hari Om Hemp; who is offering all ACNA members a discount on their line of full-spectrum hemp products.

We are in the process of reviewing the results from a sponsorship survey which was launched to provide us with improved insights from a variety of different entities that are all interested in supporting our mission. The newly revised sponsorship and partnership prospectus is close to finalization.

The exciting new look and feel will enable us to expand our reach and capitalize on opportunities as we gear up for our December conference.
The Sponsorship committee meets the first Wednesday of the month @ 6:30 PM EST. We could use your help! Please reach-out if you have an interest in joining our outreach efforts: info@cannabisnurses.org

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Education Committee - Rita Senator

The following are the subcommittees formed in the Education Committee and the chair for each one.

a. Webinars/Podcasts-Nicole Foss
b. Online Curriculum-Donna Gallagher
c. Knowledge Sharing (Website)-Michele Finley, Rochelle Jobes
d. Conference (committee members dedicated to supporting the conference) Deb Mathias

All subcommittees have met at least once and are working on tasks. (See individual reports in Slack)

Currently we have a total of 14 volunteers. All are assigned to subcommittees.

Monica Nathan is going to assist Rita Senator in chairing the education committee. To clarify, Chris Liam Devlin is the co-chair.

Monica Nathan and Rita Senator test drove Cannakeys. We are waiting to hear from them for the next step.
Social Media & Communications - Jessie Gill

The Social Media & Communications committee meets on the second Tuesday of every month. Our objective is to expand the reach of the ACNA and communicate our mission and advocacy.

We had an excellent spring with thousands of views of our ACNA nurses week video. (Much thanks to Rachel Parmalee for putting that video together!) We also gave away tons of prizes during live drawings in our Facebook members' forum.

In May, our scheduling processes was revamped to take advantage of automation. We are also in the process of updating our member policies for our facebook forum.

We are eager to increase the diversity of our committee. We welcome members who love social media and are interested in working on the quarterly ACNA newsletter.

Join our Members' Only Facebook Group.

Follow the ACNA on:

Twitter  
Facebook  
LinkedIn

You can add an ACNA frame to your Facebook profile picture on Facebook. Search for "ACNA" to view them. (Much thanks to Shaunese Henry for creating them!!)
Sponsor Highlights

ACNA members—in order to meet the needs of a broader range of students and working professionals, Radicle Health has restructured our curriculum model to provide more access points at a diverse range of price points.

We’re replacing the single *Cannabis for Healthcare Professionals* online package with a catalogue of new offerings:

- **Cannabis Foundations** covers foundational cannabis topics. If you’re new to cannabis, start here.
- **Advanced Cannabis Science and Therapeutics** covers more complex topics that are relevant to healthcare professionals.
- Condition-specific topics will be packaged and available separately for those subject matter experts who are interested in how cannabis impacts a specific condition or disease.

Don’t forget to use the **ACNA10** coupon code for 10% off the new courses!

See our course offerings page for more information: [https://radiclehealth.thinkific.com/collections](https://radiclehealth.thinkific.com/collections)

If you’ve already signed up for the *Cannabis for Healthcare Professionals* online package—don’t worry—you’ll still have access until your curriculum expiry date (we’re simply not making it available for new purchases).

Your patients are using cannabis. *Are you ready?* Join the Radicle Community!
ACNA members receive 25% off. Use code: ACNA25

https://circlelabs.co/shop/

Classes start 9/8/2020

https://www.pacificcollege.edu/medicalcannabis

Hari Om is offering all ACNA members a discount on their line of full-spectrum hemp products.

https://hariomhemp.com/

Since its inception in 2016, CannMed has grown steadily to attract some of the most prominent physicians, researchers, scientists, and cultivators in the industry, and has become increasingly recognized as the one cannabis conference where industry-altering breakthroughs are announced. Last year, Raphael Mechoulam, the founder of cannabis research, announced a
Raphael Mechoulam, the founder of cannabis research, announced a breakthrough in producing fully stable synthetic acid-based cannabinoid molecules for treating a variety of disorders, including obesity, diabetes, and chronic pain.

This year's conference will be no exception. CannMed 2020 will have over 50 speakers divided among four different focus areas: Science, Medicine, Cultivation, and Safety. The event will also include a full-day medical practicum where presenters will share the latest research, their clinical experience, and practice guidelines related to cannabinoid therapeutics. A new section in this eight-hour course is dedicated to reviewing the types of extractions, products, and optimal dosing of cannabinoids for various therapeutic scenarios.

Visit [cannmedevents.com](https://cannmedevents.com) to view the latest list of presenters and buy your tickets today!

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**ACNA Member Happenings**

Here's what our members have been up to. If you have been active in cannabis nursing and would like to share your news with other ACNA members, please email  with details of your cannabis nursing activities so we can share your news in upcoming newsletters!

*Items appearing in Member Happenings should be seen as news about our individual members, and not necessarily as an endorsement by the ACNA.*
Jessilyn Dolan, from NurseGrown Organics and the Vermont Cannabis Nurses Association, has been busy speaking, lobbying & publishing.

Dolan (along with fellow member, Jessie Gill) recently spoke at the Heady Vermont's first Women's Summit on parenting and cannabis.

Dolan has also been recently featured in Vermont's newspaper twice and is coordinating efforts to provide free clones for patient's to grow their own medicine.

Kebra Smith-Bolden, RN, founder of CannaHealth was featured in a beautiful article in The Network Journal.
Cathleen S. Graham, RN, CHPN, founder/CEO of CannabisNurse.com spoke at the 30th Annual Metro Detroit Oncology Nurses Conference in February 5, 2020. Her presentation was titled Cannabis. She also spoke at the Michigan Council for Renal Dietitians Group on May 1, 2020. Her presentation was titled, Cannabis Benefits, Risks, and Best Practices.

Graham is currently participating in a Michigan state grant from the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Marijuana Regulatory Agency Medical Marihuana Operation and Oversight Grants providing cannabis education to the communities in Michigan.

Graham published a 40 page booklet Cannabis Success Guide with Burnham Publishing in June 1, 2020. The booklet is available in cannabis retail stores in
Publishing in June 1, 2020. The booklet is available in cannabis retail stores in Michigan.

Elisabeth Mack, RN, BSN, MBA, Founder of Holistic Caring has authored a new book, Cannabis for Health: Become a Coach. This handbook is written for all healthcare professionals, dispensary staff, patients, and all who want to utilize cannabis for care. See the book.
ACNA Member Logo

Have you downloaded our member logo? Feel free to include it on your website or your business card.