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Find out if you qualify for a Medical Cannabis card

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Join Us For a Medical Cannabis Meet & Greet

Tuesday, July 30, 2019
5:30 PM to 7:00 PM
Wine & Hors d'oeuvres

Learn About Our New Medical Cannabis Protocol

Who Is Invited:

- Alderman Oaks Residents
- Resident Family Members
- Resident Caregivers and Other Circle of Supporters
- Area Professionals Who Serve Our Residents and Staff
- Selected Guests by Special Invitation

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Seating is Limited!
Attendees Must RSVP! Call Don Fitts at (941) 809-7298 or Email dfitts7@gmail.com.

PROGRAM PRESENTERS



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Steven Reichbach, MD
Certified Medical Cannabis
Physician



Lolita Borges, RN
Clinical Director
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Attendees will learn about the assessment process and how to be approved for a medical cannabis card. They will also hear about the many ways medical cannabis can be used and how effective it has been tailored to individual needs.

Dr. Reichbach will share information about common conditions treated with medical cannabis such as MS, ALS, HIV/AIDS, PTSD, Anxiety, Crohn's Disease, Chronic Pain Syndromes, Cancer, Glaucoma, Epilepsy, Chronic Muscle Spasms and other similar challenges such as Back Pain, Chronic Arthritis, Migraines, Lyme Disease, and Insomnia.



A BRIEF HISTORY OF CANNABIS

- Has been used for over 4000 years
- Used by many cultures and religions for medicinal purposes
- In the US in 1940's called "Reefer Madness" and classified as Schedule 1
- Schedule 1 meant no medicinal value and highly addictive
- Difficult to conduct studies and research
- First medicinal use 1976 for treatment of Glaucoma
- January 2016, Amendment 2 passed in Florida allowing for treatment of illnesses

ISSUES/OBSTACLES TO CANNABIS USE

- Federally, Cannabis is still considered Schedule 1 despite many attempts to change it to Schedule 2
- Cannot travel outside of issuing State with it
- No reciprocity between States that allow for cannabis use
- Employment regulations still an issue regarding job site testing
- Pain practices who refuse to continue to treat patients using cannabis
- Not covered by any insurance
- Due to history, still taboo in public opinion
- Can be cost prohibitive to clients on fixed incomes
- Lack of information about benefits among the medical community

BENEFITS OF USING MEDICAL CANNABIS

- Can be very effective in treating a wide variety of conditions
- Natural alternative to many pharmaceutical medications
- Works with body's own endocannabinoid system
- Less overall side effects
- Many different routes of administration
- Can be used daytime and nighttime in different forms to treat conditions and maintain alertness
- Allows for possibility of decreasing use of more harmful or addictive medications
- Has shown high success in treating insomnia and chronic pain
- Average age of patients is about 60 years old

WHO QUALIFIES FOR MEDICAL CANNABIS?

Conditions: Cancer, Crohn's Disease, Glaucoma, HIV/AIDS, MS, Epilepsy, PTSD, ALS, Parkinson's Disease, Chronic nonmalignant Pain arising from one of above conditions, Any terminal condition with greater than 1 year survival, Any condition of similar type or class of conditions above

Additional Conditions: When deemed by the Qualifying physician and documented by relevant supporting studies, many of the following conditions also can be treated: Anxiety, Depression, Insomnia, Arthritic Pain, Chronic Post Surgical Pain, IBS, OCD, Back Pain, Migraines, Fibromyalgia, Autism, Ehler's Danlos Syndrome, Auto Immune Diseases, Neuropathy, Alzheimer's and many others

CARD APPLICATION

- Must be State resident or reside in State for more than 31 consecutive days
- Proof of Residency includes Driver's License, or Utility Bill (water, gas , electric within last 60 days)
- Passport sized photo if not state resident
- Fee (\$75 plus \$2.75 fee) payable to the State by credit card
- Must have qualifying physician do initial evaluation with verifiable medical records stating condition

WHAT COMES NEXT?

- Once a patient has been deemed qualified to obtain a Medical cannabis card, a recommendation is placed by the qualifying physician into the State database
- Once the application has been approved by the State, patients are directed to a dispensary to purchase their cannabis products
- There are 13 different dispensary companies throughout the State operating 34 dispensaries