

Cannabis in Clinical Care ECHO: Addressing the Spectrum of Use

Course Description:

Changing state policies in the U.S. have made cannabis increasingly available for both recreational and therapeutic use. As a result, healthcare clinicians must often engage with health issues related to cannabis, including informed decision-making when patients request certification for therapeutic use, identification of harmful misuse or cannabis use disorder, avoidance of cannabis-medication interactions, and management of side effects of cannabis use, among others. This ECHO course will explore the changing societal context of cannabis use, the biologic properties of cannabis and its potential harms and benefits, and best practices in clinical management across the spectrum of cannabis-related health issues.

Who Should Attend

Primary Care Providers & Teams who work/interact with patients in the community throughout New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine.

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Questions:

Email: ECHO@hitchcock.org

Website: <https://go.d-h.org/project-echo>

Registration

- Sessions are free of charge
- To register scan QR code or [click here](#)



Schedule

- February 4th through April 15th, 2026
- Every other Wednesday from 12:00-1:00pm EST

Topics Include:

- Cannabis 101 - An overview of history, pharmacology, known actions, harms and modes of use
- Cannabis in Society- epidemiology and changing patterns of use, Federal and state policies, money and industry influences, public health impacts
- Cannabis Misuse and Use Disorder - identification, referral, and treatment
- Therapeutic Cannabis - Part 1 - Potential benefits and risks
- Therapeutic Cannabis - Part 2- Certification and management
- Open discussion



Learning Objectives:

After participating in this activity, learners will be able to:

1. Explain the basic pharmacology and known actions of cannabis.
2. Describe harmful patterns of cannabis use, such as cannabis use disorder (CUD), and appropriate supportive interventions.
3. Recognize patient eligibility for therapeutic cannabis use, including appropriate counseling, certification, and ongoing management.

Accreditation:

In support of improving patient care, Dartmouth Health is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

American Medical Association (AMA)

Dartmouth Health designates this live activity for a maximum of 6.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™.

Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)

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Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB)

As a Jointly Accredited Organization, Dartmouth Health is approved to offer social work continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. Organizations, not individual courses, are approved under this program. Regulatory boards are the final authority on courses accepted for continuing education credit. Social workers completing this course receive 6.0 general continuing education credits.

Other Learners: All other learners may claim CME-designated participation credit. Consult your professional licensing board regarding the applicability and acceptance of CME-designated participation credit for programs certified for credit by organizations accredited by Joint Accreditation for Interprofessional Education.

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