



## **Compassionate Certification Centers™ Hosts First Large-Scale Physician-Led Medical Marijuana Conference**

*The historic World Medical Marijuana Business Conference & Expo focuses on expanding the U.S. healthcare dialogue by connecting the scientific and medical communities with the marijuana industry.*

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**PITTSBURGH (January 31, 2017)** -- Compassionate Certification Centers™ (CCC) is the first physician-owned and led company to establish a large-scale medical marijuana conference for healthcare providers and patients.

The historic World Medical Marijuana Business Conference & Expo (WMMBCEXpo) will be held April 21 – 22, 2017, at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, 1000 Fort Duquesne Boulevard, in Pittsburgh.

The conference aims to establish a more inclusive and progressive healthcare dialogue by integrating medical marijuana resources, science and education into mainstream medicine, and offers CME credits for healthcare providers.

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All members of the medical and scientific communities are invited to gather together in Pittsburgh to learn about medical marijuana healthcare; how to educate patients on alternative treatments; and how to implement these progressive strategies into their own practices.

“It is imperative all physicians and providers have a baseline understanding of the endocannabinoid system and medical marijuana,” states Dr. Bryan Doner, CEO and co-founder.

Home to several of the top-ranked hospitals and medical schools, Pennsylvania was the natural stage for the event. The state is poised to become a benchmark for future medical marijuana initiatives with its patient-oriented bill and overwhelming government and Department of Health support.

“We are excited to launch this inaugural conference in Pittsburgh, and ready to educate more doctors and patients,” stated Melonie Kotchey, COO and co-founder.

More than half of the adult population in the U.S. now has access to some form of cannabis, and it is estimated that more than 500,000 patients may potentially benefit from medical marijuana treatments.

In order to address these alternative solutions properly, the conference is offering Continued Medical Education (CME) courses for physicians and nurses. Providers that purchase a conference ticket will have a 12-month subscription to TheAnswerPage's comprehensive medical marijuana library with the potential to earn up to 22.5 AMA PRA Category 1 CME Credits™.

The event also includes educational seminars and panels with experts in the field of science and medical marijuana:

- Dr. Bryan Doner, DO, CEO Medical Director & Co-Founder of CCC
- Dr. Keyur Patel, DO, Chief Medical Officer at CCC
- Dr. Cyril Wecht, Forensic Science Consultant, Author, and Former Coroner of Allegheny County
- Dr. Stephen B. Corn, MD, Award-Winning Physician, Researcher, Inventor, & Faculty Member at Harvard Medical School
- Dr. David Tonkin, MD, Award-winning Author, Research Scientist, Pain Therapy Expert & Cannabis Advocate
- Patrick Nightingale, Esquire and Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Medical Cannabis Society
- Dr. Sue Sisely, MD, Psychiatrist & Former Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Arizona College of Medicine

This is the first large-scale medical marijuana conference led by physicians for physicians. Nearly 5,000 general attendees and 170 vendors and sponsors are expected to attend, including industry leaders, entrepreneurs, and patients from throughout the country.

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### **About Compassionate Certification Centers™**

The World Medical Marijuana Business Conference & Expo is presented by Pittsburgh-based Compassionate Certification Centers™, a Syndikos Investments, LLC portfolio brand based in Middleton, Delaware. Compassionate Certification Centers™ implements the first of its kind membership program for all types of healthcare providers to access medical cannabis research and patients throughout the U.S. states, district and territories. Membership program benefits feature tools and resources needed to operate healthcare providers' own certification centers including: potential patients based on geography, research, full-spectrum marketing, peer networking, legal documents and services, cannabis education and CME credits, cannabis product training, and much more. For more information visit <https://www.compassionatecertificationcenters.com> or join the discussion at Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram and Google+.

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