



High-Profile Keynote Speakers Address Future of Cannabis and Sports Therapies at 2017 World Medical Cannabis Conference & Expo

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PITTSBURGH (February 23, 2017) -- Former NFL player Ricky Williams and renowned Forensic Science Consultant Dr. Cyril Wecht will headline the inaugural 2017 World Medical Cannabis Conference & Expo (WMCCEXpo) as keynote speakers, April 21 – 22, 2017, at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, 1000 Fort Duquesne Boulevard, in Pittsburgh.

Hosted by Compassionate Certification Centers™ (CCC) the conference features educational seminars and panels with experts in the field of science and medical marijuana, as well as a progressive discussion on cannabinoids and sports medicine.

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Featured speakers Dr. Cyril Wecht and Ricky Williams will conclude the inaugural conference with a keynote address on Saturday, April 22, from 3 - 5 p.m.

"We could not be more pleased to host these two highly recognized individuals in the field of concussion. This is going to be a historic event for the state of Pennsylvania and for the future of U.S. healthcare," said CCC co-founder Melonie Kotchey.

A nationally recognized Forensic Science Consultant, Dr. Wecht has conducted approximately 18,000 autopsies, supervised approximately 36,000 post-mortem reports, and has never signed a cause of death due to cannabinoid toxicity. Wecht was recently portrayed by Albert Brooks in the critically acclaimed movie "Concussion".

Concussions and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) are thought to be the primary cause of Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE), a dreaded condition of the brain associated with repeated head trauma that has made national sports headlines.

Dr. Wecht strongly supports the official legislation of therapeutic utilization of cannabinoids for appropriate medical conditions, "Patients with various kinds of serious disease processes have benefitted significantly from prescribed forms of marijuana. Several states, including Pennsylvania, have adopted such legislation," he explained.

Wecht will speak alongside Ricky Williams, Heisman Trophy Winner and former NFL player. An active industry spokesperson, Williams is dedicated to elevating the legitimacy of cannabis as a medicine.

“I believe that one day science will catch up to what I already know. Cannabis has the power to heal and expand consciousness. I do not view it as a panacea. Instead I view it as a tool to be used on a journey of healing and wholeness,” stated Williams.

The 2017 WMCCEXpo is the first large-scale, physician-led event geared towards healthcare professionals and patients.

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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