

CEPD Accreditation/Certification for Medical Cannabis Presentations

The NOSM CEPD department recognizes that continuing professional development (CPD) on the topic of medical cannabis is a significant need for many health professionals in the North. It encourages the development of high quality CPD on this topic but wishes to make CPD program planners aware of certain requirements for accreditation approval.

- Since Health Canada has not approved cannabis for any medical indications, the CFPC has set standards around what may or may not be claimed in MainPro+ approved CPD.
- At the current time, the CFPC has limited efficacy claims for medical marijuana to those set out in the systematic review and guideline “[Simplified guideline for prescribing medical cannabinoids in primary care](#)” by Allan et. al. in Canadian Family Physician Vol 64, Feb 2018.
- Presenters are welcome to discuss the evidence in the National Academy systematic review or elsewhere but should not make efficacy claims beyond those in the CFP guideline.
- Program planners should allow more time for the approval process if a medical marijuana presentation is on the agenda. The slide presentation for that topic and the financial disclosure statement for the presenters of medical cannabis CPD should accompany the application for MainPro+ certification.
- Program planners should notify medical marijuana speakers that the presentation will need to be prepared and submitted well in advance, and that the medical reviewers may require modifications or may deny certification/accreditation if efficacy claims extend beyond the CFP guideline, or suggestions of possible efficacy are implied based on low-quality evidence or small studies.
- Expedited applications for CEPD credits may be denied if these conditions aren't met.
- Further CFPC medical marijuana resources can be found at <https://www.cfpc.ca/cannabis-resources/>

The goal of the accreditation/certification review process is to ensure that CPD around the topic of medical cannabis is held to a similar standard as for any other CPD topic.

If you have any questions, please contact [Julie Colquhoun](#) at (807)766-7459 for further information.