

MEDICAL FRAUD ALERT :

Recent advancements in California cannabinoid medicine include an opportunistic proliferation of 'cost effective' (i.e. 'we match *any* price', etc.) 'convenience' oriented medicinal cannabis recommendation clinic chains, 'referral services', Million \$\$\$ churns, etc. - claiming 'quality' 'expert' evaluations featuring a multitude of revolutionary medical innovations including (but by no means limited to):

- 3 minute mill evaluations 'as-seen-on-TV'.
- 'Convenient' on-site, adjacent, and 'affiliated' (i.e. physician owned, self-dealing, kick backs, etc.) marijuana dispensaries complete with doormen barkers hawking 'no-documentation-or-tests' features.
- Here today, gone-when-ever-it-gets-'hot' patient abandonments.
- No-questions-asked histories (the 'convenience' the consumer pays for...).
- No vital signs.
- No physical exam.
- Non-physician evaluators (repeatedly unbeknownst to patients).
- Silent partners under criminal indictments.
- Illegal non-physician ownerships.
- Non- / farce- compliance with CA Medical Board published Medicinal Cannabis practice guidelines.

'Affordability' is achieved by such creative managerial techniques as:

- Loss-leader re-couplement of initial evaluation discounts by wholesale conversion of 'captured' patients into the far more lucrative on-going in-house marijuana customers 'stolen' from other long-established, pioneering, quality, dispensaries and charitable cooperatives.
- Non availability for recommendation verification requests from law enforcement, other dispensaries, etc.
- 'Bargain' pricing offset with high frequency utilization of subsequent diagnosis justifying 4-figure witness testimony fees (assuming such 'services' are even available...).
- Unlicensed practice of medicine.
- Unique efficiencies of scale achieved with rapid throughput, high volume multi-million \$\$\$ script mills.
- No medical record keeping.
- Patient-determined adequacy of whatever (*if any*) crucial diagnosis-supporting documentation.
- Low overhead 'convenient' kick-back subsidized back-of-a-pot-club 'clinic' rent.
- 'Cost-effective' 'free market' (i.e. less than hamburger stand and no health insurance) wages.
- Cost-saving non-presence at any and all relevant continuing medical education and scientific gatherings.

These medical 'leaders' have succeeded in establishing a standard of quality so renowned (as memorialized repeatedly on award-winning Bay Area television) that multiple and an ever-growing number of legitimate quality medicinal cannabis dispensaries, following law enforcement examples, refuse to accept these patients as validly documented customers, thereby avoiding potential 'recreational sales' criminal charges and facility closure for an unrelated parties' personal financial profiteering. Corrections of these quality deficiencies have included fraudulent concealment of clinics' true identities in subsequent marketing.

With the initial implementation confusion surrounding Prop. 215 now long past, these continuing serial malpractices by these 'leaders' currently are seriously impeding the maturation of this therapeutic modality and thrive at the expense of *all* patients, both in California and beyond..

While awaiting presumed eventual performance of established consumer protection systems from these organizations and their ever persisting profiteering premeditated quackery; patients, dispensaries, and all other interested parties would be well advised to review their evaluator's public medical board record at the medical board's web site <http://www.medbd.ca.gov/Lookup.htm> prior to relying on any medicinal cannabis recommendation for legal protection. Additionally, patients are encouraged protect the sustainability of their medicinal cannabis rights and to discuss these inappropriate activities with management of any of the quality dispensaries they may be utilizing. Minimally, demand responsible legitimacy of all dispensaries. Reprints (pdf) of this notice and further information for dispensary posting, patient distribution, etc. are available at www.potdoc.com Revised 2 September 2005.