

Ohio Society of Health-System Pharmacists
Position Statement on the Distribution and Use of Medical Cannabis

The Ohio Society of Health-System Pharmacists (OSHP) recognizes the need for research surrounding the efficacy, safety, and appropriate dosage of medical cannabis and its components, and advocates for the alignment of federal and state regulations to eliminate barriers to medical cannabis research, including review of its status as a Schedule I controlled substance, and its reclassification, if necessary to facilitate research. Recognizing the conflict between State and Federal law with regards to cannabis use, OSHP advocates for legislation to protect healthcare personnel who provide care to medical cannabis-using patients and for legislation to require medical cannabis dispensaries to provide medical cannabis in appropriately labeled containers that limit its access to the intended patient or their caregiver. OSHP encourages pharmacists to develop health-system policies and procedures related to contemporary medical cannabis regulations, including but not limited to procurement, storage, preparation, and distribution, and the documentation of medical cannabis use in the medical record. Recognizing the pharmacist's drug knowledge and place in the interprofessional medical team, OSHP advocates for education that prepares pharmacists to discuss therapeutic and legal information surrounding medical cannabis use. OSHP also recommends pharmacist involvement in the care of patients using medical cannabis where that involvement is legal (e.g. patient counseling).

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