**C3RN News Summary – Apr 22, 2019**

Research

1. A study done on cannabis use in patients attending an ambulatory palliative care clinic found that “(27%) reported use of any form of cannabis. The most common reasons for cannabis use were pain, anorexia, insomnia, nausea, anxiety, and depression. (31%) used cannabis for more than one symptom. Among the 83 patients using cannabis, 60 (72%) were also prescribed opioids with 32% on immediate-release only and 25% on both immediate- and extended-release opioids. These 60 patients on opioids and cannabis represent 33% of all patients prescribed opioids in this clinic.” [Apr 17] [(Dartmouth College, NH) (Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, NH)]

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2. A review of medical records from an endoscopy center found that “people who regularly used cannabis required an amount of sedation for endoscopic procedures that was significantly higher… The statistical significance persisted when adjusted for age, sex, and use of alcohol, benzodiazepines, and opiates.” [Apr 15] [(Community Hospital Grand Junction, CO)]

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3. A survey done on cannabis legalization found that “48.1% of the sample supported cannabis legalization, 41.9% were opposed to legalization, and 10% were unsure. Harms associated with marijuana use were the most commonly given reasons for opposing legalization. Those who supported legalization were most likely to state that marijuana is less dangerous than other substances and has medical benefits. They also cited criminal justice reform and the potential for tax revenue as potential benefits of legalization. Reasons for supporting and opposing legalization differed based on gender, age, and recent marijuana use.” [Apr 19] [Wayne State University, MI), (Ohio State University, OH)]

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4. A review of survey data looking at the use of cannabis and nicotine that also tracked dependence, consequences of use, and psychosocial functioning noted that “individuals who co-used both substances on the same occasion in some way reported heavier use and greater problematic behaviors than those who did not. Sequential use {using both products on the same occasion, one right after the other, but not mixing them together}; (especially among those that also engaged in coadministration{using both products on the same occasion by mixing them in the same delivery device}) was typically associated with worse physical and mental functioning overall compared to using each substance separately.” [Apr 15] [(Rand Corporation)]

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Industry News

1. Canopy Growth Corporation announces plan to acquire Acreage Holdings [Apr 18]

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