



# Why Clinical Directors?

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# A Clinical Directors Role



- Clinical Directors are here for **your** benefit as well as patients.
- **We depend on YOUR firsthand observations and patient interactions for referrals for consults. We are here to answer your questions as well!**
- **Patients who are new to cannabis may have multiple conditions they are attempting to treat, are pregnant, elderly or pediatric – each should have a consult first with the Clinical Director before any product is purchased.**
- **Many pharmaceuticals and supplements can interact** with cannabis and patients need education regarding their particular situation. If a patient discloses using multiple medications, the Clinical Director should **always** be consulted.
- **Patients with severe complicated conditions, cardiac issues or mental health issues should be referred to the Clinical Director.**
- Anyone who has **“hit the wall”** in treatment and needs extra expertise to progress

# Why ? SAFETY is our 1<sup>st</sup> Concern

**FOR SAFETY** Patients have the right to discuss to discuss risk and benefits for their unique case with a knowledgeable medical professional. Many clinicians are not trained as medical cannabis curriculum is just beginning to be taught in schools and colleges.

**Pregnant and nursing mothers** – Research is scarce, so we are guarded in these – review this article for a balanced view. Jamaican studies by Melanie Dreher :

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/8121737/>

**A Risk of Child Protective Services:** new mothers can be tested for cannabis which can result in charges from law enforcement for child endangerment or abuse allegations.

**Children with disabilities:** many children with seizure and other profound disabilities are using cannabis, caregivers need additional support and education



# WHO should I refer to the Clinical Director?

## OBSERVATION is THE KEY

- Patients with no prior experience utilizing cannabis
- Patients who describe many health conditions that they hope to obtain relief from using cannabis, disabled patients in particular
- Patients who describe having depression, severe anxiety, PTSD, or severe psychiatric illness
- Patients who relate taking many different pharmaceuticals
- Observe any bruising noted with the elderly- this could indicate blood thinner use. (Real potential risk of pharmaceutical interaction)

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# Dispensary Agents are Gatekeepers

- Clinical Directors depend on you, as the FRONTLINE STAFF to responsibly refer patients to speak to us. Speak with your manager regarding patients that you feel may benefit from our help and expertise.
- OFFER the service, include a flyer in their purchase! Keeping patients safe in their cannabis journey is our goal! Together, we make a difference!





# Clinical Director Training by Entourage Consulting

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