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Medical marijuana has a long societal history and changes in public perception for medicinal and recreational use. This presentation will explore the changing public and legislative history of marijuana in the United States and the sociological perceptions occurring in healthcare and public use of marijuana's role in pain management. The aim of this presentation is to summarize the main sociological challenges healthcare practitioners face in both prescribing and use of marijuana. While many states may allow marijuana to be used, it is still a federal offense. How does this contradiction in regulation affect healthcare providers who use medical marijuana or want to incorporate it into their healthcare practice?

Biography

McKivigan has graduated from Palmer College of Chiropractic, and he obtained his Doctor of Physical Therapy from the University of Montana. He began working at Touro University Nevada in 2009 where he has continued his research. Presently he has been working on a Ph.D. in Education at Northcentral University.

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