

Updating Oregon's Public Health Statements on Cannabis

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The need for updated cannabis public health statements

- OHA last published cannabis PH statements in 2017
- Evidence and landscape of cannabis has dramatically shifted since 2017
- Oregon Cannabis Commission made recommendations for updating PH statements in 2022
- Streamlined, high-level evidence review is necessary given quantity of evidence and resource constraints

Oregon Cannabis Commission recommendations

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2023 Updates to OHA Retail Cannabis Public Health Statements

Jan-Feb 2023

OHA Cannabis Coordinating Team (CCT) drafts planning map and timeline

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PHS
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Review RMSAC Recommendations; Start inventory of MRS's; convenes core group with OOC Research Committee liaison; notify Communications/ER

March 2023

Continue MRSs inventory; Review grading matrix; and ID workgroups

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Work Groups:

1. Gov't agencies and public health organizations
2. Scientific or medical advisory groups and major reviews
3. Leading healthcare institutions and health-related organizations

April-June 2023

Sub-groups convene; provide updates at CCT meetings and RMSAC

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Work groups add MRSs; Review and complete matrix; invite others; identify other needed resources

July 2023

CCT reviews and edits final draft of 2023 PHS; shares with RMSAC for final feedback.

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Conduct health literacy review; translate web and other materials; Coordinate with ER and Pubs for final review and dissemination.

August 2023

Finalize communication, outreach and distribution plan and announce updated PHSs

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Thank internal and external colleagues, OCC-RMSAC, other partners and celebrate!

Cannabis PH Statement Review Groups

- Group 1: Governmental agencies and public health organizations
- Examples
 - Colorado DPHE RMPHAC
 - Health Canada
 - Utah Cannabis Research Review Board
 - CDC
 - Cannabis and Cannabinoids (PDQ®) NCI (cancer.gov)
 - FDA
 - NIH/NIDA (especially the Research Report)
 - SAMSHA

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- Group 2: Scientific or medical advisory groups and major reviews
- Examples
 - National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine
 - Cochrane Library
 - STEM (OHSU/VA)
 - UpToDate (subscription)
 - American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
 - American Academy of Pediatrics
 - Health Evidence

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- Group 3: Leading healthcare institutions and health-related organizations
- Examples
 - Mayo Clinic
 - Healthline
 - WebMD
 - American Lung Association
 - Society of Cannabis Clinicians
 - Realm of Caring
 - CANNRA
 - Project CBD

Cannabis PH Statement Review Process

Step 1: Assess relevancy

- Is the source sufficiently related to health effects (benefits or harms) of cannabis or cannabinoids?
- Are the conclusions mostly based on evidence from the past 15 years (since 2008)? Note: exceptions can be made for foundational/seminal research; judgement call
- If yes to both, proceed

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Step 2: Assessment criteria (1 point each; 4 points total)

Reliability

Does the source base its conclusions on high-quality evidence? I.e., are references cited/mentioned and are they of high quality (e.g., peer-reviewed scientific articles, reports)?

Validity

Are the conclusions reasonable based on the evidence cited?

Are biases or conflicts of interest not a concern?

Applicability

Are the conclusions useful and generalizable to the public or specific subgroups in Oregon?

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Next steps:

- Workgroups decide on sources to include based on assessment in Step 2
- Workgroups compile list of topics and outcomes for each source
- Review topics and outcomes, evidence strength, and create PHS