



## An update on the Utah Medical Cannabis Act

Dear Nursing and Pharmacy leaders:

We know that you may be receiving questions from patients and caregivers regarding medical cannabis. We have been part of a diverse workgroup at Intermountain that has been meeting to understand what patients, families, and patient advocates need, and what our needs are across all health professions. This approach, one that's focused on people, has gotten us to a good starting point, and today is the first of many steps that we will take together to continue to learn about caring for patients who are taking medical cannabis. An Intermountain Broadcast message will be sent to all caregivers shortly with details about the Utah Medical Cannabis Act, and we want you to be ready to answer the first question. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your leader for questions that you do not know the answer to.

Here's guidance around what we feel will be the most common things you will be asked about:

- If you receive patient questions regarding use of medical cannabis, please direct the patient to their physician or advanced practice clinician (APC). You may also direct the patient to the [Utah Department of Health website](#).
- If a patient discloses they are using medical cannabis, please consult with the care team and notify the provider caring for the patient.
- If a patient indicates they need to continue using medical cannabis, please share that information with the patient's provider and support them in connecting with their medical director, if needed. Pharmacy leaders should also notify your System pharmacy operations leader.
- Nursing and pharmacy staff should not handle, store, or administer medical cannabis.

Thank you, and please do not hesitate to contact us with your questions.

With deep gratitude and respect,

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