AHNA announces Plenary Presentation, “Therapeutic Cannabis: The Holistic Nurse’s Role,” for 2018 Annual Conference in Niagara Falls, NY

The American Holistic Nurses Association announces that Carey S. Clark, PhD, RN, AHN-BC, RYT, President of the American Cannabis Nurses Association, Eileen Konieczny, RN and Me Fuimaono-Poe FNP-BC, will be the Plenary speakers for, “Therapeutic Cannabis: The Holistic Nurse’s Role,” on Friday, June 8 at 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM at AHNA’s 2018 annual conference in Niagara Falls, NY.

The Plenary Presentation, “Therapeutic Cannabis: The Holistic Nurse’s Role,” is designed to improve a nurse’s understanding of the endocannabinoid system (ECS), the largest receptor system in the body and the one responsible for homeostasis. The panel will discuss the history of cannabis prohibition and the interconnections between the ECS’s tone and holistic modalities.

About Carey Clark

Carey S. Clark, PhD, RN, AHN-BC, RYT has been a nurse for 23 years, with a wide practice background including experience within the acute care setting, pediatrics, hospice care, and parish nursing. Dr. Clark is an associate professor at the University of Maine at Augusta and President of the American Cannabis Nurses Association (ACNA). She also leads the education and research committee for ACNA and she was recently selected to be on the Nursing Advisory Board for Thomas Jefferson’s Lambert Center for The Study of Medical Cannabis and Hemp.

Carey has worked closely with the ACNA and The Cannabis Medicine Institute to develop learning modules for nurses around the endocannabinoid system. She presented on the endocannabinoid system and the nurse’s role with supporting medicinal use of cannabis at the American Holistic Nurses Association national conference and the Oncology Nursing Society’s National Congress.
About Eileen Konieczny

Eileen Konieczny RN, has over 20 years of nursing experience specializing in oncology. As a healthcare provider, Eileen has witnessed her patients struggle with a host of side effects associated with their treatment protocols which “greatly reduce their quality of life”. Her hospital nursing career includes experience high-dose chemotherapy with peripheral stem cell and/or bone marrow transplant rescue, palliative chemotherapy regimens, comfort care, research as well as over-night House Supervisor of a 68-bed acute care hospital. Her passion for patient care and increasing knowledge of medical cannabis lead her to become the former president of the American Cannabis Nurses Association.

About Me Fuimaono-Poe

Me (May) Fuimaono-Poe, FNP-BC, is a Family Nurse Practitioner in Honolulu, Hawaii. She opened the first nurse led cannabis clinic in the state of Hawaii the Malie Cannabis Clinic. She specializes in Family Practice and Behavioral Health. She is a member of the Multidisciplinary Consultation Liaison Team at the Queens Medical Center. She received her associates degree in nursing from Penn Valley Community College in Kansas City Missouri in 2003 and her Master’s Degree from Hawaii Pacific University. She is nationally board certified through American Association of Nurse Practitioners and she currently serves on the board of the American Cannabis Nurses Association.

About AHNA

At its founding in 1981, the American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA) adopted as its primary mission, the advancement of holistic healthcare by increasing awareness and promoting education, as well as personal community-building among nurses, other healthcare professionals and the public. This non-profit professional membership organization is the definitive voice for holistic nursing for registered nurses and other holistic healthcare professionals around the world. Holistic nursing focuses on integrating traditional, complementary and alternative treatment opportunities to improve the mind body and spiritual health of the whole person.

AHNA delivers valuable resources, improves educational tools, and offers superior networking opportunities to a vibrant and expanding universe of holistic healthcare professionals. AHNA currently services more than 5,000 members through 130 local chapters/networks in the U.S. and abroad. Holistic nursing is recognized by the American Nurses Association as an official nursing specialty with both a defined scope and standards of practice.

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