

1. Leah Johnson

Dr. Leah Johnson (known in the industry as “Dr. Leah”) is a trained Clinical Cannabis Pharmacist and the owner and founder of Alchemist Consulting. She is also an accomplished, highly driven clinical Long-Term Care & Rehabilitation pharmacist, with primary focus in pain, mental health (depression, anxiety, Insomnia, etc.) and sexual health medication management. She also holds 3 patents (under the name: Leah Haibi) for natural herbal remedy tinctures, which she helped develop as the Head of Research & Development for an herbal supplement company. Dr. Leah believes that complete physical and mental health and well-being can be influenced by utilization of cannabis, as well as other herbal remedies and supplements, in conjunction with pharmaceutical medications. She believes that most patients are given too many and inappropriate prescription medications, while not being given the knowledge for utilizing effective herbals and supplements to reduce pill burden. She also believes that many patients are unable to get full relief of their ailments due to the missing components in their medication regimens. In an effort to improve the overall health and well-being of patients, Dr. Leah works with patients and their healthcare providers, from all over the country, to reduce the amount of medications taken, alter timing and dosing of medications to improve effectiveness, and identify medications which could be causing issues. She also works with cannabis companies to advise them on dosing, safety, interactions, and how to better help their customers see health improvements with the use of their products. Dr. Leah holds a Doctorate degree in Pharmacy from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

2. Andy Krut

Andy was graduated from Duquesne University class of 2012. He spent seven years working retail while focusing on MTM and immunization initiatives. After a couple years of practice, Andy became interested in a more integrative and holistic approach to medication. In 2019, the opportunity to become a dispensary pharmacist was realized. Andy became immediately involved as a patient, caregiver, health care professional and eventually both educator and advocate. Over a short while, he became involved in organizations promoting the Pharmacist role in Plant and Fungal based medicine. It is his mission to promote the pharmacist role in these therapies as they gain traction. Through greater involvement with the ISCPH, Andy will be better positioned to advocate for these therapies and pharmacist involvement as they become implemented.

3. Simi Burn

Dr. Simi Burn, PharmD is a holistic health and medical cannabis pharmacist. Before making a transition to holistic health as a medical cannabis pharmacist, she managed several pharmacies in areas of speciality including long term care, retail, and home infusion. She brings her unique depth of experience in both mainstream and holistic healing practices as a health educator, clinical consultant, and scientific advisor in medical cannabis. She has a passion for breaking the stigma around medical cannabis for patients, caregivers, and healthcare providers through education and awareness.

4. Margaret O'Connor

My name is Margaret O'Connor and I am a 2021 graduate of the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy. For the past two years I have served as the student liaison for ISCPH and I am excited to take on more responsibility as a general board member over our next two year term. I was introduced to medical cannabis as a caregiver for a terminally ill family member and have since involved myself in professional organizations and independent research dedicated to the safe and effective use of cannabis products. Throughout my years in pharmacy school, I have been involved with medical cannabis education through a variety of projects. I have been able to assist in the development and editing of medical cannabis coursework within my own pharmacy curriculum and for the ISCPH CCPC 2020 conference; I have provided education to local medical practices, student organizations, and my state association. I am excited to see how pharmacists can continue to contribute to cannabis research and public health, and how we can better connect patients to optimal care and improve quality of life. I am eager to serve as a general board member of ISCPH for the 2022-2024 mandate so that I may continue to contribute to the advancement of pharmacy in medical cannabis and offer my perspective as a new practitioner and active medical cannabis advocate.

5. Ray Vellky

Ray Vellky is a clinical cannabis pharmacist at Delta 9 PA, a family-owned dispensary in Pittsburgh, PA. Ray is from the Pittsburgh area, having attended University of Pittsburgh for his B.S. of chemistry and doctorate of pharmacy. He has worked in multiple medical cannabis dispensaries spanning across Pennsylvania including locations of Herbology (now Curaleaf) in Philadelphia and the surrounding area, as well as locations of Delta 9 in Pittsburgh and Greensburg. As a member of ISCPH, Ray has been a contributor to Clinical Practice and Research and Quality Assurance and Patient Safety committees. He is an author of a review that is still in the drafting stage detailing how cannabis can be used to lower the demand for other medications and overall polypharmacy in elderly patients. He has also been involved in the editing and peer reviewing of works produced by fellow ISCPH members. Ray is going to be a host of this year's ISCPH Regional Meeting in Pittsburgh. His goal as a member of ISCPH is to advance the role of pharmacists in the world of medical cannabis, and he hopes to be able to further contribute to this cause as a member of the General Board of Directors.