



DIALOGUE 172

# Endocannabinoid Education and Research under Federal Prohibition

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 Mailman Center for Child Development, Room 3023  
 Lunch provided – first come, first served

Well-documented as a botanical medicine for more than 5,000 years, the cannabis plant has recently revealed an endocannabinoid receptor system. Detailed knowledge of the plant's biochemistry and the human receptor system's corresponding mechanism of action have challenged anecdotal reports of the plant's use and abuse. There is increasing evidence supporting the compassionate, safe and effective use of cannabis. This evidence has become a subject of intense scientific and legislative scrutiny given current Federal prohibitors against use of the plant.

Dr. Block is a board-certified anesthesiologist, a voluntary Professor of Anesthesiology at the UM Miller School of Medicine and Immediate Past-President of the school's Alumni Association. He received fellowship training in pain management and addiction medicine. Dr. Block is the only physician appointed by the Surgeon General to determine the Florida Department of Health's rules pertaining to "The Compassionate Medical Cannabis Act of 2014." Appointed by the Florida Medical Association as a "Designated Expert on Botanical Medicines," he is Florida's only physician to develop required physician education concerning cannabis and the endocannabinoid sciences.

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