Dr. Aaron Burry – Medicinal Marijuana: Dental Education Module

Chiraz: Hello and welcome to CDA Oasis. My name is Chiraz Guessaier. Today, we are very pleased to announce that a new comprehensive resource on cannabis is now available on CDA Oasis, developed and generously offered by Dr. Mark Donaldson course constitutes essential knowledge for all oral healthcare professionals. You will find the content of the course as well as all related information in the CDA Oasis post that will accompany this video. However, we would like to give you a few quick and concise facts about the content of the course and for that I have with me Dr Aaron Berg, Associate Director of professional affairs here at the Canadian Dental Association. Aaron, thank you very much for being here. For our audience. Welcome to CDA oasis.

Dr. Burry: Thanks, Chiraz. It's really great to be able to see you again, and this is an amazing resource from the perspective of this is I think in Canada, one of the biggest social experiments we've ever gone on, and so as a social experiment, there's a lot of different avenues. I think for dentists, what the course does is it's going to provide them the very good encapsulated information about what does the science tell us, what is the science and the medicine, medicinal and medical issues related to cannabis. That's what the real key benefit of this course. It's very, very comprehensive or this module, it's very comprehensive. It gives us all the different aspects and I think it'll give dentists some comfort in being able to read this and understand what the science is today.

Chiraz: So, based on your reading and review of the content of the course, what would you say is the main message that dentists should keep in mind in dealing with this cannabis issue?

Dr. Burry: I think the main thing that dentists need to take into consideration is that this is not like other types of medication where the exact dose exactly what's in the product is going to be numb. You're going to be dealing with quite a variety of different products in the marketplace and that individual's responses to these drugs will be different. Based on the composition, how it's ingested, how often do you smoke the product? Whether they're a habitual user, whether they're not, so there's a lot of information in this particular module and in addition to that, it gets into some of the questions around what are the other things you need to be on the lookout for psychiatric sociological impacts of this particular product that's now going to be readily available, and again, this is one of those things where it's a social experiment we're one of the first countries in the world where it's going to be legalized or at this level in a very open and very transparent way. I think one of the things that dentists will find is that patients are going to be a lot more open to discussing with them and I think this will give them the factual basis, the scientific basis for being able to have those conversations with the patients.

Chiraz: Perfect. Thank you very much for taking the time to give us these few details. Aaron. Is it okay if we get questions to pass them along to you?

Dr. Burry: Absolutely. This is something which is a real information exchange. This is a particular subject that's continuing to grow. What's in the module is what we know today. We

know that almost every day we're learning new things and part of that dialogue between the dental community and ourselves is to both learn about those new issues of new things they're seeing as well as to share that information with the rest of the profession.

Chiraz: Alright, that sounds great. So just a reminder for our audience, you will find the link table of contents that will take you to separate individual areas of the CE course of the module a and a full pdf of a module that will be available for you to download and read on the on the posts on the CDA Oasis post. Thank you very much Aaron. I hope to see you again on Oasis pretty soon.

Dr. Burry: Thank you. have a great afternoon.