MEDICINAL CANNABIS SURVEY FOR GPs

1. In the past 3 months, how many of your patients have enquired about medicinal cannabis products?  
   - 0  
   - 1  
   - 2-5  
   - 6-10  
   - >10

2. I have patients who may benefit from medicinal cannabis

3. Medicinal cannabis products should be available on prescription now for certain indications

4. I feel comfortable discussing medicinal cannabis with my patients

5. I have good knowledge around the effects of medicinal cannabis products

6. I am aware of the different medicinal cannabis products and formulations currently available

7. I would like the ability to prescribe medicinal cannabis products

8. Medicinal cannabis should only be prescribed by specialists

9. Medicinal cannabis should be provided in "shared care" with a specialist

10. Only GPs who have undergone specific training and credentialing should be allowed to prescribe medicinal cannabis

11. I know how to help patients legally access medicinal cannabis

12. I understand the current regulatory approach to medicinal cannabis

13. I understand the current RACGP position on medicinal cannabis

14. There is little difference between "street cannabis" and medicinal cannabis products

15. I will not prescribe medicinal cannabis as the risk of abuse and dependence is too high

16. I will not prescribe medicinal cannabis as the risk of side effects (other than abuse and dependence) is too high.

17. There is sufficient scientific evidence of the efficacy of medicinal cannabis
18. I support the use of medicinal cannabis in patients with:

- Chronic cancer pain
- Chronic non-cancer pain
- Neuropathic pain
- Intractable epilepsy
- Anti-tumour effects
- Spasticity in Multiple Sclerosis
- Dementia patients with agitation
  - Insomnia
  - PTSD
  - Anxiety
  - Depression
  - End of life/Palliative care
- Chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting
- Cachexia associated with severe illness

19. The major side effects of medicinal cannabis consumption include:

- Addiction and dependence
- Cognitive impairment
- Driving impairment
- Weight gain
- Psychosis
- Other long-term mental health issues
- Interactions with other medications
- Impact on the developing brain

20. Medicinal cannabis is generally more hazardous than:

- Prescription opioids
- Benzodiazepines
- Antipsychotics
- Statins
- Chemotherapy drugs
- Antidepressants

21. The right to prescribe medicinal cannabis should be available to:

**CHOOSE ONE RESPONSE ONLY**

- All GPs
- Only GPs with specific training and credentials
- Only GPs in ‘shared care’ with a specialist
- Only specialists

**OPEN ENDED COMMENTS**

Please use this space to offer any comments, opinions or observations about medicinal cannabis in Australia