

**Directory of online resources for
Connecticut's medical marijuana program (MMJ)**
especially relevant to the southeastern region of CT



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- 1) The State of Connecticut's Medical Marijuana (MMJ) official portal:
 - www.ct.gov/dcp/mpp

- 2) Statistics of numbers of CT patients registered for MMJ & of doctors who sponsor them:
<https://portal.ct.gov/DCP/Medical-Marijuana-Program/Medical-Marijuana-Statistics>
 - As of January 2021, there were 50,041 registered patients and 1,385 registered doctors.
 - With a population of 3,700,000, 1 out of every 75 Connecticut citizens is a legal pothead.

- 3) CT's 18 dispensaries, all providing online "menus" viewable by anyone:
<https://portal.ct.gov/DCP/Medical-Marijuana-Program/Connecticut-Medical-Marijuana-Dispensary-Facilities>
 - The oldest dispensary in SE CT, Thames Valley Relief, is a family-owned business in Uncasville on Route 32, 7 miles north of Conn College: www.thamesvalleyrelief.com
 - The newest dispensary in SE CT, opened in 2020 after an 18-month delay, was called Herbology until its corporate owner was purchased by Curaleaf, making Curaleaf the

world's largest cannabis corporation. The dispensary is located in Groton, diagonally across the street from a Walmart: www.myherbology.com/connecticut/groton

- Patients in SE CT can choose between a mom-and-pop store or a Walmart of marijuana.

4) For an incomplete listing of CT's "pot docs," doctors not approved to accept health insurance, who instead charge cash for their exorbitant fees to sponsor patients, search the internet for "Connecticut medical marijuana doctors." Even "Connecticut pot docs" will get you there.

- Among them is Canna Care Docs (CCD), with 36 offices in 11 states. Its former office in New London closed after less than three years: <https://cannacaredocs.com>
- Article in *The Day*, about Canna Care Docs with my Reader Comments of 3 corrections: www.theday.com/business/20190216/medical-cannabis-office-opens-in-new-london
- CCD's poor labor practices at: <https://www.indeed.com/cmp/Canna-Care-Docs/reviews>
- Many pot docs are fly-by-night, for instance Empathy MD, formerly based in New London, closed down its office, and its former FB page & website now are dead links.

5) Probably the most interesting website of all, the *Medical Marijuana Brand Registry*, CT's extensive database of its MMJ products (for photos, click: "PRODUCT-IMAGE → Photo") <https://data.ct.gov/Health-and-Human-Services/Medical-Marijuana-Brand-Registry/egd5-wb6r/data>

6) Recent and current legislative bills for legalizing recreational use in CT:

- 2020: Testimonies for Senate Bill SB 16: https://cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/CommDocTmyBillAllComm.asp?bill=SB-00016&doc_year=2020
- 2021: Status and text of House Bill HB 5853: www.cga.ct.gov/asp/CGABillStatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&bill_num=HB5853
- 2021: Summary of Governor's Bill 3311: <https://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/2021-Legislative-Proposals-bills/Adult-Use-Cannabis>
- 2021: Text of the above GB 3311: <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/2021-Legislative-Proposals/AA-Responsibly-and-Equitably-Regulating-AdultUse-Cannabis-LCO-3311.pdf>

7) My most recent Op-Ed appeared on Feb 8, 2021 in 6 CT newspapers, among them these 3:

- Bridgeport (CT's 1st largest city, with the state's 2nd or 3rd largest circulation newspaper): www.ctpost.com/opinion/article/Opinion-Medical-marijuana-in-Connecticut-has-15927434.php
- New Haven (CT's 2nd largest city, with the state's 2nd or 3rd largest circulation newspaper): www.nhregister.com/opinion/article/Opinion-Medical-marijuana-in-Connecticut-has-15927434.php
- Stamford (CT's 3rd largest city): www.stamfordadvocate.com/opinion/article/Opinion-Medical-marijuana-in-Connecticut-has-15927434.php

8) The above Op-Ed was reprinted 3 weeks later on Feb 22, 2019, in an updated and slightly longer version with improved illustrations in the *CT Mirror*, an online newspaper ran mostly by journalists laid off from the *Hartford Courant* when its corporate raider gutted the newsroom:

- <https://ctmirror.org/category/ct-viewpoints/medical-marijuana-in-connecticut-has-problems-legalizing-adult-recreational-use-can-fix-them/>

9) My website of my articles and videos about MMJ and recreational cannabis:

- about MMJ at: www.MarkBraunstein.Org/medical-marijuana
- about recreational cannabis at: www.MarkBraunstein.Org/cannabis