

**Directory of online resources for
Connecticut's medical marijuana program (MMJ)**
some 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 Sept 2021, there were 53,818 registered patients and 1,485 registered doctors.
 - With a population of 3,700,000, 1 out of every 70 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, formerly called Thames Valley Relief, was a family-owned business, but sold out to a national MMJ corporation, and so is now called The Botanist. Located in Uncasville on Route 32, 7 miles north of Conn College:
www.shopbotanist.com/locations/montville-marijuana-dispensary/

- 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, presciently diagonally across the street from a Walmart: <https://ct.curaleaf.com/shop/groton>
- Patients in SE CT can now choose between an Amazon of cannabis or a Walmart of marijuana, oh joy. Or as of Oct 2021, patients can grow their own.

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
- Many pot docs are equally fly-by-night, for instance Empathy MD, formerly based in New London, closed down its office, and its 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 *failed* Senate Bill SB 16: https://cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/CommDocTmyBillAllComm.asp?bill=SB-00016&doc_year=2020
- 2021: Status and text of *failed* House Bill HB 5853: www.cga.ct.gov/asp/CGABillStatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&bill_num=HB5853
- 2021: Summary of *passed* Senate Bill 888: <https://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/2021-Legislative-Proposals-bills/Adult-Use-Cannabis>
- 2021: Text of the *passed but amended* Governor's Bill 3311: <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/2021-Legislative-Proposals/AA-Responsibly-and-Equitably-Regulating-AdultUse-Cannabis-LCO-3311.pdf>
- 2021 and beyond: Summary of CT's newly enacted law legalizing adult-use of cannabis: <https://portal.ct.gov/cannabis>

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 websites 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
- Instagram acct at: https://www.instagram.com/mindful_mj_smoking/

10) Anonymous (no, not I) patient advocate and unrelenting critic of the inadequacies of the CT MMJ program: <https://www.instagram.com/ctmmpdata/>