

## **2017 Global Health Catalyst Feature sessions: Medical Cannabis Science versus Cancer**

26 USA states, including Massachusetts have now legalized medical cannabis for treating different malignancies. The National Institutes of Health, and World Health Organization encourage research on medical cannabis for treating cancer, the side effects of radiotherapy or chemotherapy and treatment of other diseases. With ever increasing interest in medical cannabis applications in the US and around the world, there is great need for more concerted research collaborations to accelerate medical cannabis research from basic research to potential clinical applications. In recognition of this emerging field, the 2017 GHC summit will feature a special session on medical cannabis science versus cancer and related malignancies.

This highly educational session will focus on the potential use of Medical Cannabis in treating these indications with minimal side effects using new smart technologies, closing the global pain divide, and on leading edge international collaborations to accelerate research and possible clinical translation of Cannabis-based medicines. Expected outcomes include: education of public, researchers and clinicians on Medical cannabis, publication, potential MOUs to collaborate between USA and Low and Middle Income Country Institutions. The session will be co-chaired by Dr Allen Herman and Congresswoman Donna Christensen, with planned featured speakers including Raymond Dabney (President of Cannabis Science Inc.), and Dr Roscoe Moore Jr, Former Assistant United States Surgeon General and Rear Admiral, amongst other speakers.