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## **Cannabis use in autism spectrum disorders**

**Speaker: Bonni Goldstein, MD, Founder & Medical Director, Canna-Centers Wellness & Education**

**Abstract:** There has been an explosion of interest in using cannabinoids to treat children with Autism Spectrum Disorder over recent years. Researchers have found evidence of endocannabinoid system dysfunction in autism in both animal and human studies, pointing to exciting new opportunities for treatment that addresses the core symptoms. As a pediatric cannabis specialty physician, Bonni Goldstein MD has treated thousands of patients, including children, with cannabinoid medicines. She will discuss the latest research on the endocannabinoid system findings in autism, the results of clinical trials using cannabis to treat autism and her clinical experience with using minor cannabinoids in addition to CBD and THC. She will also share her latest research on using salivary cannabis-responsive biomarkers to objectively measure the impact of cannabis on pediatric cannabis patients.