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## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Board-certified family physician (American Board of Family Medicine, 2014) in independent practice since 2013, with broad clinical experience across family, primary, and urgent care alongside national specialization in clinical cannabis and cannabinoid therapeutics. Dr. Caplan has personally evaluated and treated more than 35,000 patients and, through supervisory and medical-director roles, has overseen care for a patient population exceeding 350,000. He is co-author of a *New England Journal of Medicine* Clinical Decisions feature on medical cannabis and author of *The Doctor-Approved Cannabis Handbook* (BenBella Books / Penguin Random House, 2023). Available to plaintiff and defense counsel on identical, non-contingent terms.

## BOARD CERTIFICATION & LICENSURE

- **Diplomate, American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM)** — certified 2014.
- **Massachusetts Physician Full License #257356** — active; originally issued 2013; current through May 2028.
- Certified, National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners (2015–present); Active Federal DEA registration (2013–present).
- **Clean malpractice and disciplinary history.**

## EDUCATION & TRAINING

- **Doctor of Medicine (MD)**, Tufts University School of Medicine, 2006–2010.
- **Residency, Family Medicine**, Boston University / Boston Medical Center, 2010–2013.
- **Bachelor of Arts (BA)**, Williams College, 1999–2003.
- Staff Research Associate, UCLA Brain Mapping Center (fMRI / International Consortium for Brain Mapping), 2003–2006.

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS & TEACHING

- **Assistant Professor, Outpatient Family Medicine**, Tufts University School of Medicine (2014).
- **Assistant Professor, Outpatient Family Medicine**, Boston University School of Medicine (2014).
- Clinical supervisor/instructor of NP, PA, and RN trainees (2010–2016); resident teaching seminars and journal club, Boston Medical Center (2011–2013).

## CLINICAL & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- **Founder & Chief Medical Officer, CED Clinic** (2013–present) — physician-guided cannabis and cannabinoid medicine practice.
- **Founder & Chief Medical Officer, CED Foundation** (2017–present).
- **Chief Medical Officer, The Commonwealth Project** (2018–present) — senior-focused cannabinoid care and evidence initiative.

- **Former Co-Founder & Chief Medical Officer, EO Care, Inc.**
- **Chief Medical Officer, Canna Care Docs** (2017–2018); **Co-Founder & CMO, Solo Sciences** (2017–2020; acquired by Akerna, Inc.).
- **Primary & Urgent Care Practice (2010–2017):** Partners Urgent Care, American Family Care, Beth Israel Deaconess Family Medicine (Needham), Codman Square Health Center, South Boston Community Health Center, Boston Medical Center.

## AREAS OF MEDICOLEGAL EXPERTISE

- **Family & Primary Care Medicine:** Outpatient standards of care; diagnostic and treatment decision analysis; medication management and polypharmacy; continuity of care, referrals, and follow-up; informed consent; clinical documentation; preliminary malpractice merit review; clinical causation within appropriate physician expertise.
- **Cannabis & Cannabinoid Medicine:** Clinical evidence for THC and CBD; medical cannabis standards and counseling; adverse events and drug interactions; informed consent; pediatric cannabis care within documented clinical experience; clinical interpretation of cannabinoid exposure and product claims. *(Clinical medicine scope; not forensic toxicology or laboratory direction.)*

## MEDICOLEGAL CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

- Has served as a **consulting (non-testifying) expert** assisting counsel in medical and cannabis-related matters; references available to retaining counsel on request.
- No prior sworn deposition or trial testimony. A Rule 26 testimony list is maintained and provided as engagements occur.

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS & CLINICAL RESEARCH

- Caulley L, **Caplan B**, Ross E. "Medical Marijuana for Chronic Pain." *New England Journal of Medicine* (Clinical Decisions), 2018 Oct 18;379(16):1575–1577. DOI: 10.1056/NEJMclde1808149. (Co-author.)
- **Caplan B.** *The Doctor-Approved Cannabis Handbook*. BenBella Books / Penguin Random House, 2023. ISBN 978-1637742679. (Author.)
- **Sub-Investigator**, Boston Clinical Trials, Inc. (2015–2016): Plecanatide IBS-C (Synergy SP304203-04); ALD403 episodic migraine (Alder ALD403-CLIN-006); Tenapanor IBS-C (Ardelyx TEN-01-301).
- **Principal Investigator**, cannabis therapeutics clinical research, CED Clinic & CED Foundation (2016–present).
- Nuwer M, **Caplan B**, et al. *Intraoperative Monitoring of Neural Function* (chapter), Handbook of Clinical Neurophysiology, Vol. 8, 2008; USMLE board-review co-author (*First Aid Q&A for USMLE Step 1*, McGraw-Hill, 2012).

## SELECTED ADVISORY, SPEAKING & MEMBERSHIPS

- Advisor to the student cannabis business club at Harvard Business School for its inaugural Cannabis Business Conference (2023).
- Keynote speaker, Hawaii State Department of Health, Office of Medical Cannabis Control (2025); invited speaker at NECANN, Lown Cardiology Group, and Massachusetts Coalition of Nurse Practitioners.
- Memberships: American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), American Medical Association (AMA), Massachusetts Medical Society, American Academy of Pediatrics.

Prepared for medicolegal review (November 2026). Dr. Caplan provides independent professional opinions on identical terms for plaintiff and defense counsel and does not accept contingent-fee engagements.