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Bio:

Dr. Bernie Lee is Associate Chief Medical Officer for Metropolitan Jewish Hospice and Palliative Care, which is New York State's largest palliative care agency; where Dr. Lee leads the daily clinical operations, ensures quality and ethical standards, maintains regulatory compliance, develops new business and strategic plans, and educates professional staff. He also provides top quality education to medical students, physicians in training, as well as attending physicians and other health care professionals as an Assistant Clinical Professor at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine .

Dr. Lee is double board certified in Family Medicine, as well as, Hospice and Palliative Medicine. As a West Point Academy graduate, he serviced in the US Army as an active duty armor officer. He then completed a post-baccalaureate pre-medical program at New York University, and earned his medical degree from Stony Brook School of Medicine.

Dr. Lee is a strong physician advocate of medical marijuana and is leading the charge to educate physicians on its safe and effective use in order help alleviate the suffering of patients with chronic and terminal illness. As a believer in the benefits of Integrative Medicine, he is also a New York State Certified Medical Acupuncturist. For more information, visit [Dr. Lee's Website](#).

Dr. Bernie Lee talked about Medical Marijuana on Cannabis Internet Radio Show called "In the Know 420" on January 27, 2017. [Click here](#) to listen and find out more about Medical Marijuana.

Session Description:

Health care in the United States has had a major focus on transitional care in order to reduce avoidable hospitalizations. 20% of older patients are readmitted within 30 days of discharge. A minimum of 12% of readmissions are avoidable. The spectrum of specialist level palliative care, including hospice, institution-based and also community-based palliative care, has emerged as having a significant role in successful transitional care. When specialist level palliative care services are integrated into transitional care planning, evidence shows significant cost savings, improved quality of care, increased satisfaction in quality of life, decreased caregiver burden, and less symptom distress. In today's health care environment, it is crucial for health care professionals to understand how to implement palliative care services when severely ill patients are on their journey transitioning through levels of care, and also, locations of care.