

Clinical Realities of MMJ for Pain in the USA

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Abbreviations:

ANE: Anesthesiologist

APM: Pain Specialist

MJ: Marijuana

MMJ: Medical Marijuana

rMJ: Recreational Marijuana

NSAIDs: Non-steroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs

OTC: Over-the-counter

PTSD: Post-traumatic Stress Disorder

Rx: Prescription



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