

**Thursday****September 16, 2021****6:00-7:00 PM CST**

“Cannabis as Medicine”

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Dr. Jerzy Szaflarski is a clinical Neurologist/Epileptologist at UAB concentrating on diagnosis and treatment of epilepsy with additional research training in neuroimaging. Currently, he directs a research laboratory focused on neuroimaging of brain plasticity in acute, subacute, and chronic brain injury. Dr. Szaflarski earned his MD and PhD from the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Bydgoszcz, Poland. He completed post-graduate research work and residency/fellowships at the University of Cincinnati. He joined UAB as a professor in 2012 where his research interests related to clinical practice include developing treatments for post-injury seizures and status epilepticus and treatments for the management of psychogenic non-epileptic seizures. He is also interested in neurorehabilitation and neuromodulation.

In 2014, he helped to write and later execute “Carly’s Law”. He has been involved in medical cannabis research since. In 2018/9, he helped to write the early versions of the AL Medical Cannabis law originally introduced as House Bill by Rep. Mike Ball and later converted to the Alabama State Medical Cannabis Study Commission of which he was a member (nominated by Governor Ivey). He has lobbied for and testified in support of the medical cannabis bill since and helped to draft the final versions of the bill that passed and was signed by Governor Ivey into law this May. He currently serves 4-year term on the AL Medical Cannabis Commission to which he was nominated by AL State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris. He is in the process of developing a medical cannabis clinic at UAB.

Dr. Szaflarski has presented at Neuroscience Cafés previously about the use of cannabis in medicine and other aspects of his research and today he will present updates and facts regarding cannabis as medicine.

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