

# MEET THE PRESENTERS

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## BIO:

William J. Lynch Jr. received his pharmacy degree from Rutgers University and is a practicing clinical pharmacist with Jefferson Health System where he is a member of the Pain Management & Addiction Committee. He serves as Adjunct Faculty at the Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine, Department of Emergency Medicine. His pharmacy background includes over 35 years of clinical practice at Jefferson and Rowan and also as a clinical preceptor for Rutgers University, Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy and Thomas Jefferson University College of Pharmacy. He is a member of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, National Marijuana Initiative Subject Matter Expert Speakers Bureau (ONDCP HIDTA NMI) and Pharmacy Internship Program Preceptor. He is also an Expert Affiliate Member of the International Academy on the Science and Impact of Cannabis (IASIC) and a health care professional partner of the Keep Delaware Safe & Healthy Coalition and for the State of Delaware Substance Abuse Epidemiological Outcomes Working Group. Bill serves as an Advisory Board Member with atTAcK addiction and is also a member of the Camden County New Jersey Addiction Awareness Task Force and Central Virginia Overdose Working Group. He is a certified State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Division of Criminal Justice Police Training Commission Instructor, and serves as a New Jersey State Police Regional Operations Intelligence Center Drug Monitoring Initiative Fusion Center and Health and Prevention Sharing Network partner.

## **The Natural Progression of Vaping to Marijuana / Alcohol to Opiate Abuse: A Recipe for Disaster.**

With the COVID-19 pandemic 2021 has seen an increase in overdose deaths in our country beyond the highest numbers of overdose deaths ever recorded in 2019/2020. Overdoses in 2022 are trending to exceed those numbers seen in 2021. Youth in our country often start experimenting with alcohol, marijuana and tobacco. This can lead to the unfortunate use of other substances and development of substance use disorders (SUD) as use increases. Vaping significantly entered the scene in 2016 and has dramatically increased amongst our youth and young adults. Vaping provides a new delivery system to obtain higher levels in the body of substances being used and abused. Many individuals have engaged in vaping and now information clearly demonstrates that there is a natural progression from vaping to alcohol/marijuana to opiate/opioid abuse especially among youth and young adults. This presentation will review the clinical data and personal case histories which show this natural progression truly has scientific merit and share useful information on how our youth can recognize warning signs, minimize their risks and get help if needed.