Title: Trauma, Self-Medication and Addiction: Balancing Compassion and Concern

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Abstract:

The association between traumatic life events and an increased risk for developing addiction is well documented. Nevertheless, boundaries between initial self-medication, repetitive compulsive behaviors and the development of addiction are commonly unclear. In this lecture, Prof. Lev-Ran will focus on the case of medicinal marijuana as a modern-day challenge of balancing compassion and concern.