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I am a Métis Family physician who graduated from University of Manitoba in 2014 from the Urban Family Medicine program. I started out in a rural community (Steinbach) doing family practice which included obstetrics, ER and hospital work. I've also spent time working in ER's and hospitals, mostly in Steinbach but also at St. Boniface, Concordia hospital and Selkirk Hospital in the past 4 yrs. In 2016 my 4 year old son with cerebral palsy from twin twin transfusion syndrome started seizing uncontrollably and had failed all medical options. At this time Cannabis was rare in pediatrics and I advocated for him to have a trial after being in hospital 80-90% of the time. After just one dose his seizures reduced by half. Over the first year his seizures went from 2-3/hr to 2-3/month. Now he is a healthy vibrant 9 year old now who enjoys life with his twin brother. His last hospital visit was almost 3 years ago. During this time starting in 2017, I started seeing pediatric patients with intractable epilepsy as well as other diagnoses that had failed traditional therapies and wanted to trial a form of cannabis. This special interest has let me to operate a consult only practice to help other physicians in adult and pediatric medicine to incorporate medical cannabis into a patient's treatment plan when appropriate. My passion is to advocate and educate around cannabis in all ages and help other physicians to navigate this with their patients safely. I also strive to set standards of excellence in the field of Cannabinoids so that patients can navigate this safely with their physician or consulting with their physician. I'm involved in working with government and the educational system to incorporate cannabis into patients care and help and collaborate with physicians across the globe providing support and education through various platforms.

Through all this I've liased with people in all areas and learned how to advocate effectively. It's my hope to bring this passion and commitment to serving physicians here in Manitoba