

1. Adolescent Cannabis Use & Psychiatric Risk

- **Duncan Clark, MD, PhD** – University of Pittsburgh Leads studies on adolescent brain development and cannabis, including as site PI for the ABCD study and the NCANDA consortium, exploring substance use and long-term cognitive outcomes in youth (psychiatry.pitt.edu)
- **Yasmin L. Hurd, PhD** – Mount Sinai Investigated how modern high-potency cannabis affects adolescent brain development, mental health, and risk of cannabis use disorder (CUD) Wikipedia Medscape

2. CBD & Autism (Child/Adolescent Focus)

- **Orrin Devinsky, MD** – NYU Langone Renowned neurologist whose Epidiolex (CBD) gained FDA approval for epilepsy; leading trials exploring CBD's effects on autism-related anxiety and social symptoms in pediatric populations NYU Langone Health.
- **Francisco X. Castellanos, MD** – NYU Langone Collaborating on trials investigating whether Epidiolex can improve core autism symptoms like social interaction and anxiety in children NYU Langone Health.
- **Doris Trauner, MD** – UC San Diego Principal investigator of a Phase III trial testing CBD effects on severe behavioral issues in children with ASD (ages 7–14), including MRI and EEG monitoring UC San Diego Health.
- **Eric Hollander, MD, PhD** – Albert Einstein College of Medicine Focused on non-intoxicating phytocannabinoid research—particularly CBDV—for reducing irritability and repetitive behaviors in autistic children and teens. Actively testing placebo-controlled approaches to Reddit.

3. Cannabis, CBD & Psychiatric Care

- **F. Markus Leweke, MD/PhD** – University of Sydney & Central Institute of Mental Health (Germany) A pioneer in the “cannabinoid hypothesis of schizophrenia,” researching endocannabinoid systems in psychiatric disorders and developing CBD-based psychopharmacological strategies Wikipedia.
- **Staci A. Gruber, PhD** – Harvard Medical School / McLean Hospital Director of the MIND Program, exploring how cannabis and cannabinoids impact cognitive and psychiatric outcomes via neuroimaging, with an emphasis on psychiatric care and age-related effects Wikipedia.