

PRESS RELEASE

Jupiter Health Clinics and Montu Announce Australia's Largest Medical Cannabis Partnership for WA

MELBOURNE, 01 August 2020 – A record number of Western Australian GPs and patients now have greater access to Medical Cannabis after a landmark deal was signed between Jupiter Health clinics and Montu.

In the largest partnership of its kind in Australia, Montu will work with Jupiter's WA-based GPs to educate and guide them on how Medical Cannabis can be prescribed to treat more than 30 conditions, such as chronic pain, anxiety and insomnia.

Research shows nationally more than a third of patients (36%) ask GPs about Medical Cannabis but until now less than 5 per cent of Australian doctors prescribed it as medication.

Montu Managing Director Christopher Strauch said the partnership meant Western Australians could now access Medical Cannabis as an effective treatment option through their regular GP.

"Despite significant patient growth in Australia, Medical Cannabis is still seen as a niche treatment option and this partnership is a significant step to integrate cannabis into medical practice more broadly," Mr Strauch said.

"We've had patients who have suffered from chronic pain for more than 20 years who were able to cease their opioids and can now live a normal life again. And others who successfully manage their symptoms after years of depression and poor sleep," he said.

"We put patient outcomes first and are proud to facilitate widespread access to Medical Cannabis by actively supporting doctors here in WA and across the country through our nationwide team of medical liaisons."

More than 50,000 patients in Australia have been approved for Medical Cannabis treatment since it was legalised in October 2016.

WA's Jupiter Health operates the state's largest clinic network with more than 300 doctors across 30 clinics from Perth to the Pilbara to the Wheat Belt.

Jupiter Health's CEO Michael Gendy said the deal with Montu meant they were able to access the fast-growing Australian Medical Cannabis market which has increased 20 per cent each month since January last year.

"We chose Montu as a knowledgeable partner to educate and guide our doctors throughout the Medical Cannabis prescription process," Dr Gendy said.

"This partnership allows our patients access to Montu's high-quality Medical Cannabis medication 'Circle' through secure, safe and reliable channels," he said.

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About Montu:

Montu is a leading medical cannabis company with operations in Europe and Asia-Pacific. The company facilitates access to medical cannabis through education, quality products, and personalised service. Montu works with hundreds of doctors, and some of the largest clinics across Australia to support them in developing a medical cannabis pathway for their patients. The team has built trusted clinical support structures and forged strong relationships with the medical community, in line with its commitment to improve the lives of millions of patients.

About Jupiter Health:

Jupiter Health & Medical Services (Jupiter Health) is Western Australia's leading GP group, consisting of more than 30 medical practices across the State, including in Perth, the Pilbara and the Wheat Belt. Founded in 2011, it is now one of the largest networks of GPs in WA, with 300 doctors. Jupiter Health's vision is to provide quality care to patients that is convenient, accessible and affordable for everyone. We promote and seek to achieve good health for all, whilst maintaining a friendly approachable service for the local community.