



## **Topic of Interest for Members**

Cannabis Testing for Purity

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1. Cannabis is a highly regulated industry, and this is similar to laboratory medicine.
2. Testing includes growing, production, and purity (THC content) of the product.
3. Dispensaries must provide pure products.
4. John also represents the New Jersey State Path Society and would like to see pathologists having an opportunity to participate in this new industry.
5. The State of New Jersey will license labs to do testing.
6. About two years ago, Brach Eichler sponsored a seminar and invited a representative from the Cohn Resnick, CPA firm to participate.
7. This is now developing in New Jersey, New York, and shortly Rhode Island, not a matter of if but when.



8. John plans to reach out to Cohn Resnick to determine how to develop a business plan.
9. The margins in this industry will be tight, subject to the number of licenses that are going to be issued.
10. When it comes to testing, this aspect needs to be explored.
11. New Jersey regulations are currently being developed and will be ready in the next two to four months.
12. Included in those regulations will be the testing specifications.
13. While there is a robust cannabis business in California, John indicated that the State of New Jersey is looking to the experience in Colorado. New Jersey authorities believe that Colorado has done an excellent job developing the Cannabis Industry.
14. He recommends that we explore how testing is done in Colorado and whether any pathology groups have been involved.

Input from Dr. Karim Sirgi. Sirgi Consulting LLC, Colorado.

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While Dr. Sirgi does not personally know of the cannabis testing labs in Colorado, he found one which seemed to carry some degree of official credentials:

[Gobi Labs](#)