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## Kratom and 7-Hydroxymitragynine: Public Health Concerns and Regulatory Challenges

February 18, 2026 – 1:30p.m.  
1021 O Street, Room 1200

### AGENDA

- I. Opening Remarks**
- II. Background Presentation: Pharmacology and Toxicology of Kratom Alkaloids**
  - **Igor Koturbash, M.D., Ph.D.**, Director, Center for Dietary Supplements Research, Professor and Chair, Department of Environmental Health Sciences, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
- III. State and Local Perspectives and Public Health Impacts**
  - **Rita Nguyen, M.D.**, Assistant State Public Health Officer, California Department of Public Health
  - **Aimee Moulin, M.D.**, Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, Chief, Division of Addiction Medicine, University of California – Davis
  - **Odey Ukpo, M.D., M.S.**, Chief Medical Examiner, County of Los Angeles
  - **Brian Hurley, M.D., M.B.A.**, Medical Director, Bureau of Substance Abuse Prevention and Control, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
  - **Farrah McDaid Ting**, Deputy Director, County Health Executives Association of California
- IV. Perspectives from Kratom and 7-OH Advocates**
  - **Matthew Lowe**, Executive Director, Global Kratom Coalition
  - **Sheldon Bradshaw**, FDA Regulatory Counsel for Botanicals for Better Health and Wellness
  - **Jackie Subeck**, Executive Director, 7 HOPE Alliance Foundation
  - **Michele Ross, Ph.D., M.B.A.**, Principal Scientist, Infused Partners
- V. Public Comment**