

# Forms of Medical Marijuana

In November 2012 the voters of Massachusetts will face a referendum proposing the legalization of smoking marijuana for medical use. Entrusted with this important issue, it is the responsibility of all of us to become properly informed. The people pushing this proposal want you to remain in the dark. They know that if you become aware of true and accurate information, that you would never vote for this proposal.

The main point that proponents of smoking marijuana don't want you to know is:

**WE ALREADY HAVE MEDICAL MARIJUANA IN SAFE PILL FORM.** Compassionate treatment of chemotherapy patients and AIDS patient to relieve nausea and appetite problems is already accomplished in 49 out of 50 states (except for Oklahoma) by the prescription drug, Marinol ®. Please consider the following comparison between Marinol ® and smoked marijuana:

## Marinol ®

The FDA has approved this synthetic form of Delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol which is the same active ingredient as in marijuana smoke. But it does not contain the cancer-causing chemicals that are contained in the marijuana plant.

Available nationwide (except in Oklahoma) under normal prescriptions since 1999.

Stimulates appetite, effect begins after ½ to 1 hour, peak effect 2 to 4 hours, lasts up to 24 hours.

Excellent Absorption Rate: MARINOL Capsule is almost completely absorbed (90 to 95%).

Dosage is easily regulated.

Addiction is uncommon.

Warning: Patient should not drive or operate dangerous machinery.

## Smoked Marijuana

Marijuana smoke contains 50-70 percent more carcinogenic hydrocarbons than does tobacco smoke, causing risk of cancer of the lungs, mouth and tongue.

In men, testicular cancer is 70 percent higher in current users, 80 percent higher if they started using before age 18. If they smoke at least weekly they get testicular cancer twice as much as nonusers.

Medical Use of smoked marijuana is opposed by the FDA. They continue to classify it as a Schedule 1 narcotic (their worst rating) because it is dangerous to ones health and highly addictive.

Office of National Drug Control Policy says, "Marijuana is classified as a Schedule I drug, meaning it has a high potential for abuse and no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States."

Rejected by major medical organizations including the American Medical Association, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, American Glaucoma Society, American Academy of Ophthalmology, American Cancer Society, Massachusetts Medical Society. "There are no medicines that are smoked" truecompassion.org

It is confusing for law enforcement to distinguish between medical users and other illegal users. States which have legalized medical use of smoked marijuana have had increases in abuse of the drug by people who are not medical patients.

Smoking marijuana for medical use will inevitably result in forcing others to breathe that smoke against their will. What other "medicine" results in such a gross violation of other people's constitutional rights?

The effect of the drug hits ones system suddenly. It is difficult to control dosage. It focuses the user's attention on getting high rather than relieving the symptoms of their medical condition, highly addictive.

Warning: Smoking marijuana is dangerous to your health. You should not drive or operate machinery.

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