

Release the Green
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Have you ever wondered sometimes if anything could ever help you if you're really ill? Well, there is. It's called Medical Marijuana. Medical marijuana can help multiple types of very sick patients in various hospitals. There has on been 23 states and DC to legalize this helpful drug. Medical marijuana should be legalized for cancer, anorexia, AIDs/HIV patients, and many more things that you probably thought couldn't be helped like Alzheimer's, Autism, and Bipolar Disease.

Medical marijuana helps with breast cancer, cervical cancer, colorectal cancer, brain cancer, leukemia, lung cancer, prostate cancer, and many more types of cancer. Medical marijuana helps out cancer patients with symptoms conjoined with regular cancer treatments, including nausea and vomiting. This could help the patients keep their minds off of what they have, what might happen next, or what their family situation might be. Giving them this drug is a great solution compared to a lab made pill that could kill you if they mixed up a milligram of the wrong chemical.

Did you know for anorexia patients medical marijuana helps out by stimulating the body's metabolism? And that's only one of the effects. The other effects of marijuana on anorexia patients are increased appetite, it only about 10-15 minutes, sometimes less for the increased appetite to start. For stomach pain, nausea and vomiting, it only takes about 5 minutes to make them feel better. But with Marinol, their clinical studies noticed a significant improvement in their appetite within four weeks. The reason anorexia people need medical marijuana is because when they eat, then they will get energy, which causes their bodies to heal cells, damaged tissue, and their infection.

AIDs patients get sick very easily, because when they choose to have intimate relations with someone that might carry a disease, which will be passed on from person to person. Cannabinoids helps with the effects of this disease. The marijuana stops the effects like nausea, stomach aches, vomiting, and giving the patient a greater appetite. The American Academy of HIV Medicine stated, "When appropriately prescribed and monitored, marijuana/cannabis can provide immeasurable benefits for the health and well-being of our patients." Studies show there are multiple positive outcomes in using medical marijuana for AIDs/HIV patients.

Some adults might not want to take medical cannabis, because they think it has the same effects as smoking marijuana. A fact is though that smoking marijuana does not give you cancer like cigarettes. I'd rather promote smoking marijuana if it was up to me. Even though smoking marijuana gets you a little off-guard, it's better than getting cancer. It's if you already have cancer getting a little off-guard might not hurt you if you're in excruciating pain physical or mentally. Plus, if I haven't already said this it helps out with a lot of things, including taking your mind off of what you have or any other problems going on in that person's life.

In conclusion, hopefully by now I have convinced you that medical marijuana should be legalized for very ill people in hospitals. Medical cannabis shouldn't be legal in pharmacies were it can be passed around from person to person. Looking at the statistics, it made me become more of a believer of medical marijuana. You still might not have turned your opinion about this treatment, but studies from the finest cancer, AIDs, and anorexia facilities have wanted to approve of this helping hand. Another thing is if you were trying to cure cancer let's say, would you rather have chemical scientist developed that if it went wrong it could kill you, or would rather have a plant that has not been experimented with so you could feel better and have fewer side effects or your illness.

