



Decriminalising Marijuana

The Impact on Society and the industry

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I don't plant cannabis in my garden



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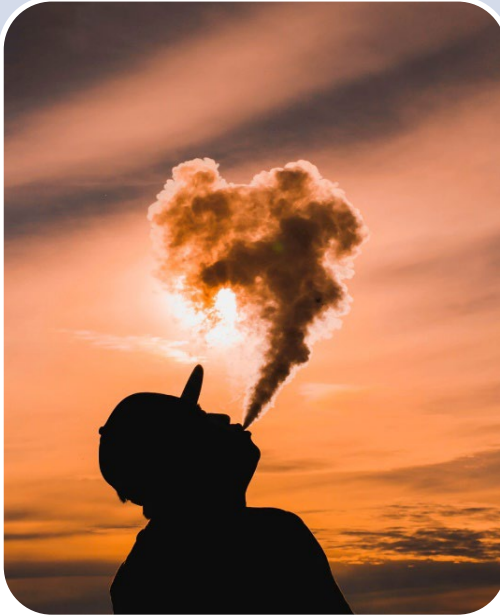
- Are there health benefits?
- Do you think marijuana is harmful?



Marijuana – A Popular Drug

- Derived from the plant cannabis
- Most widely used illegal drug worldwide

Uses of Marijuana



Recreational



Medical



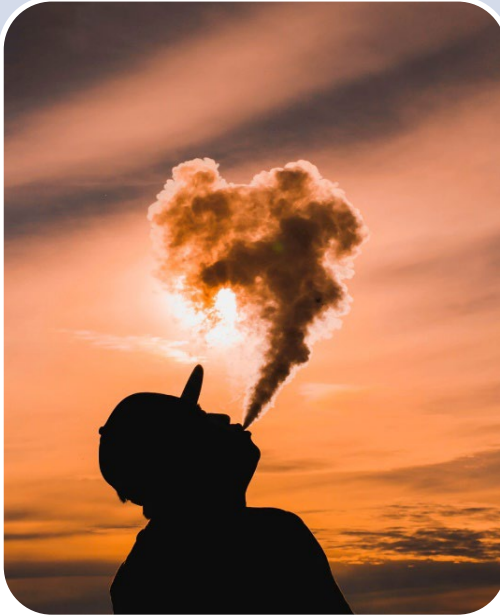
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Legalisation vs Decriminalisation

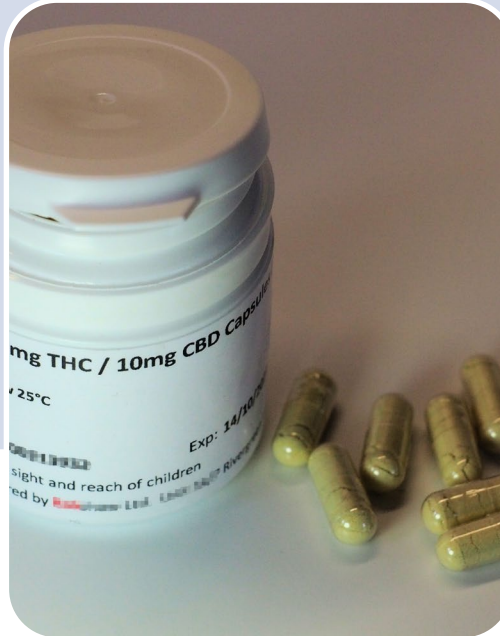
Cannabis Laws Vary

- Illegal – Laws. Penalty.
- Decriminalisation – Illegal. Penalty minimal.
- Legal – No laws. No penalty.

Decriminalisation Varies



Recreational

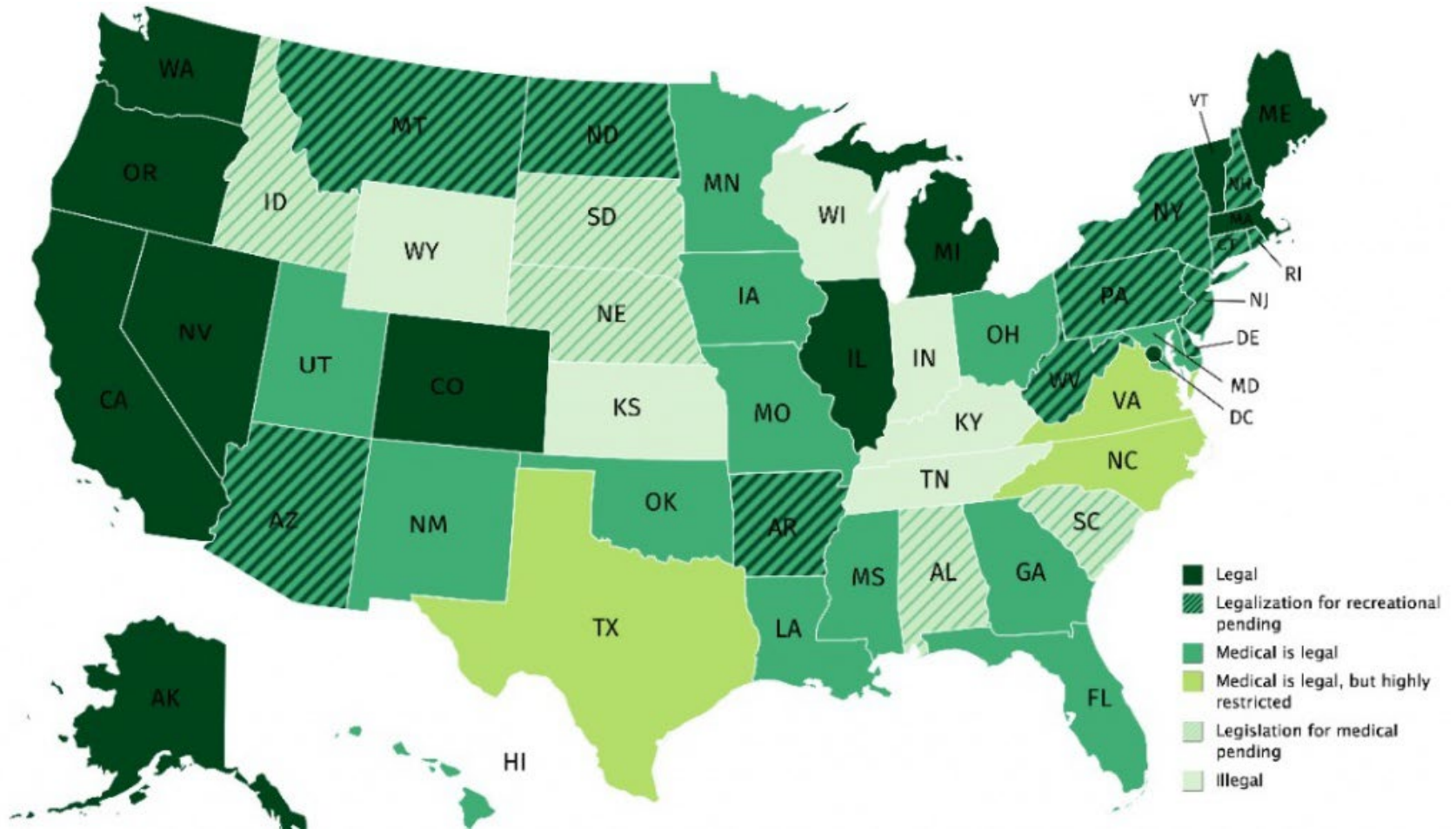


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Marijuana States -USA



April 2022

37 States & DC - Medical

18 States & DC - Recreational

Decriminalisation in the Caribbean

Recreational Cannabis

- Decriminalised in most
- Illegal in (Bahamas, Barbados, Grenada, Guyana, Suriname)

Medical Use

- Decriminalised
Barbados, Bermuda, Jam, SVG
- Illegal in others – Use with permission

Religious

- Jamaica
- Barbados

Proponents For Decriminalisation

- Criminal Justice
 - Cost
 - Criminal record for possession
 - Minorities affected
- Access to medical marijuana

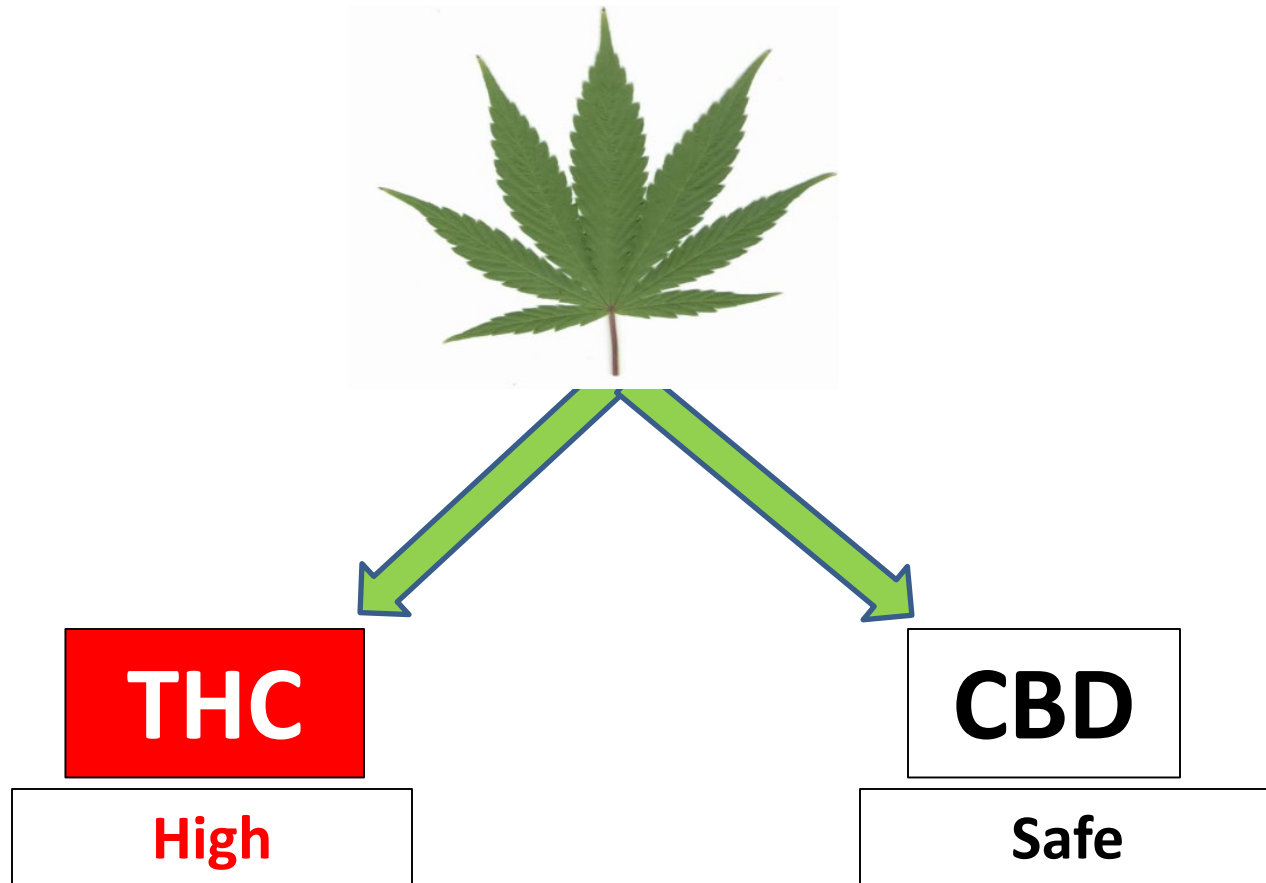
Negative Impact

- Harmful health effects
- Effects on young
- Public health – drug driving
- Diversion into illegal trade

Chemicals in Cannabis

- Over 400 compounds
- Most common
 - Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)
 - Cannabidiol (CBD) – safe

Two Major Chemicals



Marijuana Preparations

- Plant (stem, leaf, seed, root, resin)
- Resin
- Edibles
- Plant extracts

HEMP

- Cannabis Plant – Low THC
- Major source of Cannabidiol
- Removed from Controlled Substance Act (2018 Farm Bill)

Routes of administration Marijuana

Inhalation

- Smoking
- Vaporizing

By Mouth

- Edibles
- Beverages
- Capsules



Products



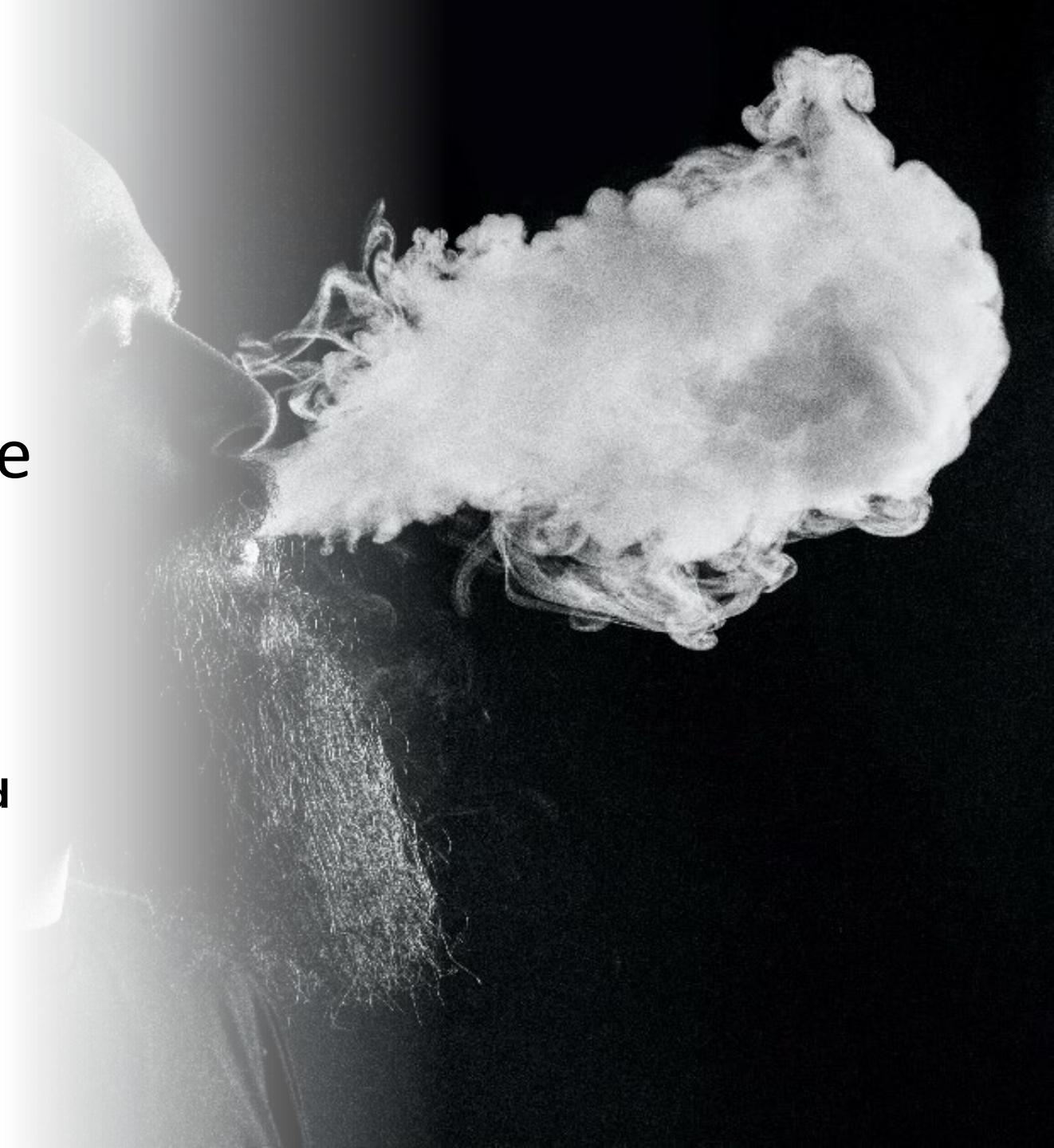
Vaping


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80/20 Rule

Vaping - 80% absorbed

Smoking - 20 % absorbed





Medical Marijuana



What is Medical Marijuana?

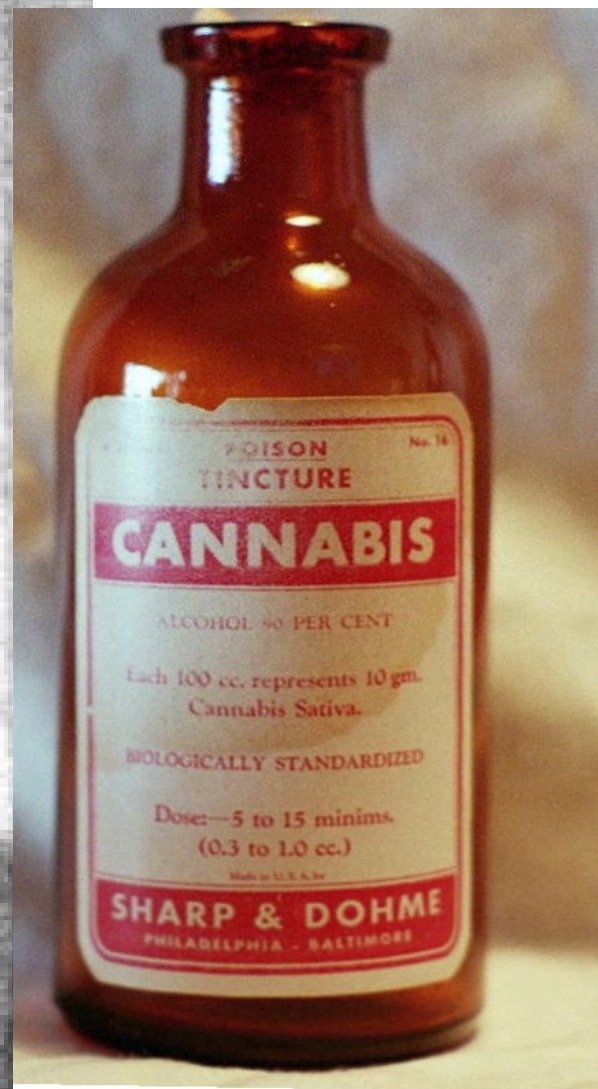
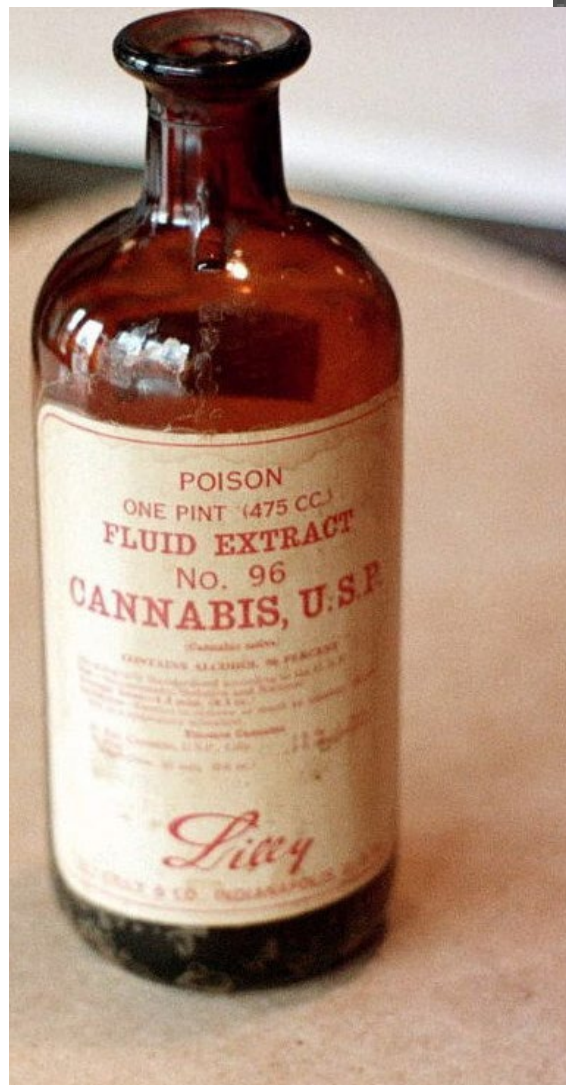
Use of the plant or extracts to treat medical conditions.

Medical Marijuana

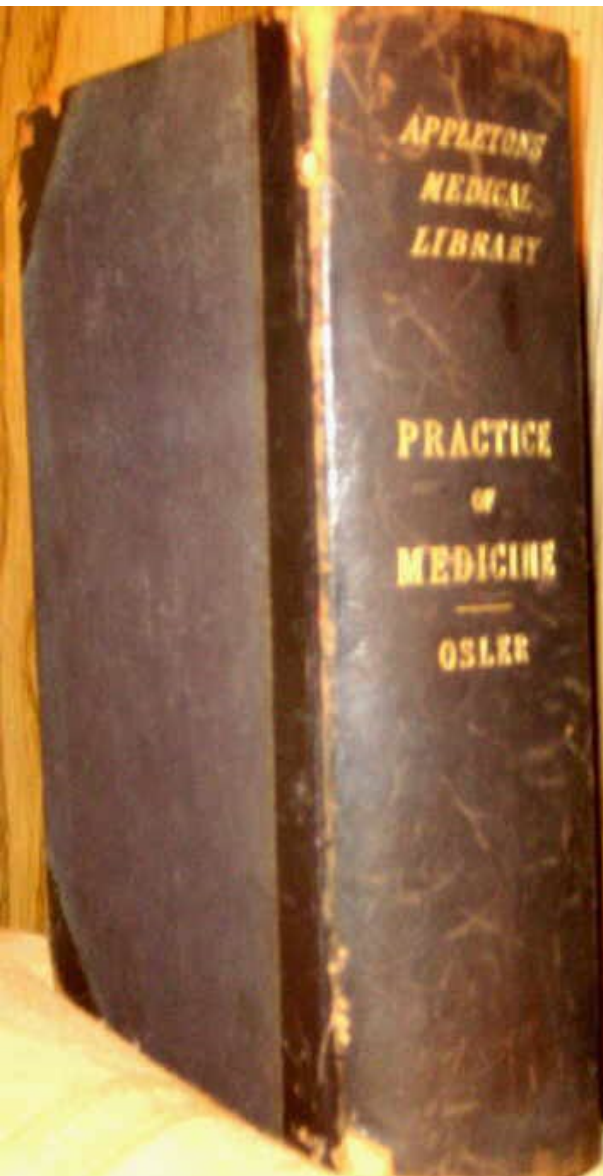
Long History

- Over 5000 years
- US Pharmaceutical - (1854- 1941)
- Before 1937 – over 2000 cannabis preparation

Medical Marijuana Products before 1937



Treatment of Migraine



*With its contents carefully
revised
1892*

THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF MEDICINE

DESIGNED FOR THE USE OF
PRACTITIONERS AND STUDENTS OF MEDICINE

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NEW YORK
D. APPLETON AND COMPANY
1892



Sir William Osler - 1892

Medical Marijuana in the Caribbean

- Although the drug was scheduled
- Laws allowed for medical use with permission in many Caribbean countries
 - Jamaica, Barbados, Suriname, Bahamas

Drugs Developed - Jamaica



- Canasol – Eye Drop
- 1987

WIMJ, 1978; 27:16-25

West ME, Lockhart AB. Br J Anaesth 76:167

The Scientist Behind Medical Marijuana - Jamaica

Professor Manley West



Dr Albert Lockhart



Launch of Medicanja



FDA Approves Epidiolex (2018)



- Plant derived (CBD) extract
- Treatment of seizure

Synthetic THC



Dronabinol (MARINOL)



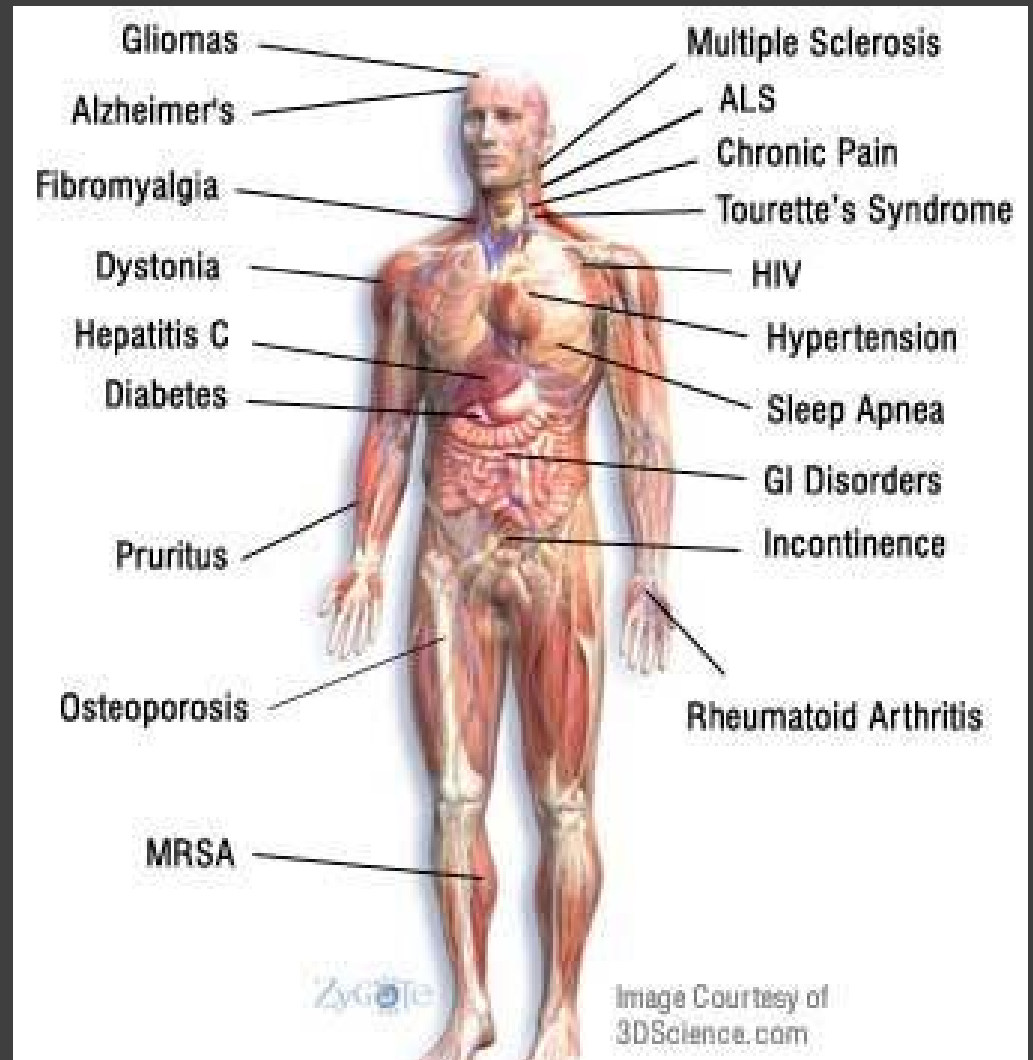
Nabilone (CESAMET)

FDA Approved for chemotherapy related nausea and vomiting (FDA)

Synthetic products lack psychoactive properties

Absorption unpredictable

Claims of benefits for over 50 conditions



Health Benefits of Cannabinoids

Health Effects of Marijuana	THC	THC-A	THC-V	CBN	CBD	CBD-A	CBC	CBC-A	CBG	CBG-A	Benefits
Pain relief											Analgesis
Reduces inflammation											Anti-inflammatory
Supresses appetite											Anorectic
Stimulates appetite											Appetite stimulant
Reduces vomiting and nausea											Antimetic
Reduces contractions of small intestine											Intestinal antiprokinetic
Relieves anxiety											Anxiolytic
Tranquilizing / psychosis management											Antipsychotic
Reduces seizures and convulsions											Antiepileptic
Suppresses muscle spasms											Antispasmodic
Aides sleep											Anti-insomnia
Reduces efficacy of immune system											Immunosuppressive
Reduces blood sugar levels											Anti-diabetic
Prevents nervous system degeneration											Neuroprotective
Treats psoriasis											Antipsioratic
Reduces risk of artery blockage											Anti-ischemic
Kills or slows bacteria growth											Anti-bacterial
Treats fungal infection											Anti-fungal
Inhibits cell growth in tumours / cancer											Anti-proliferative
Promotes bone growth											Bone-stimulant

Chad Sivad cannabinoids (2015)

From: Health Benefits of Marijuana. <https://www.coloradopotguide.com/colorado-marijuana-blog/2015/march/31/the-positive-effects-of-cannabinoids/>

Medical Marijuana

- Lots of medical claims unfounded
- More research needed

Medical Uses

- Pain
- Nausea and vomiting due to chemotherapy
- Appetite stimulant
- Seizure disorder
- Sleep
- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Depression


Health Risks

Smoked Cannabis

- Tar similar that found in cigarette smoke
- same cancer causing chemicals as cigarette
- Not linked to lung cancer
- Associated with lung disease

Lung Disease

- Chest colds
- Bronchitis
- Emphysema
- Bronchial Asthma

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a lit cigar. The hand is positioned in the lower-left quadrant, with the index and middle fingers gripping the cigar. A small, bright red and orange flame is visible at the tip of the cigar, from which a thin, wispy trail of white smoke rises vertically. The background is dark and out of focus, with some blurred light spots. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

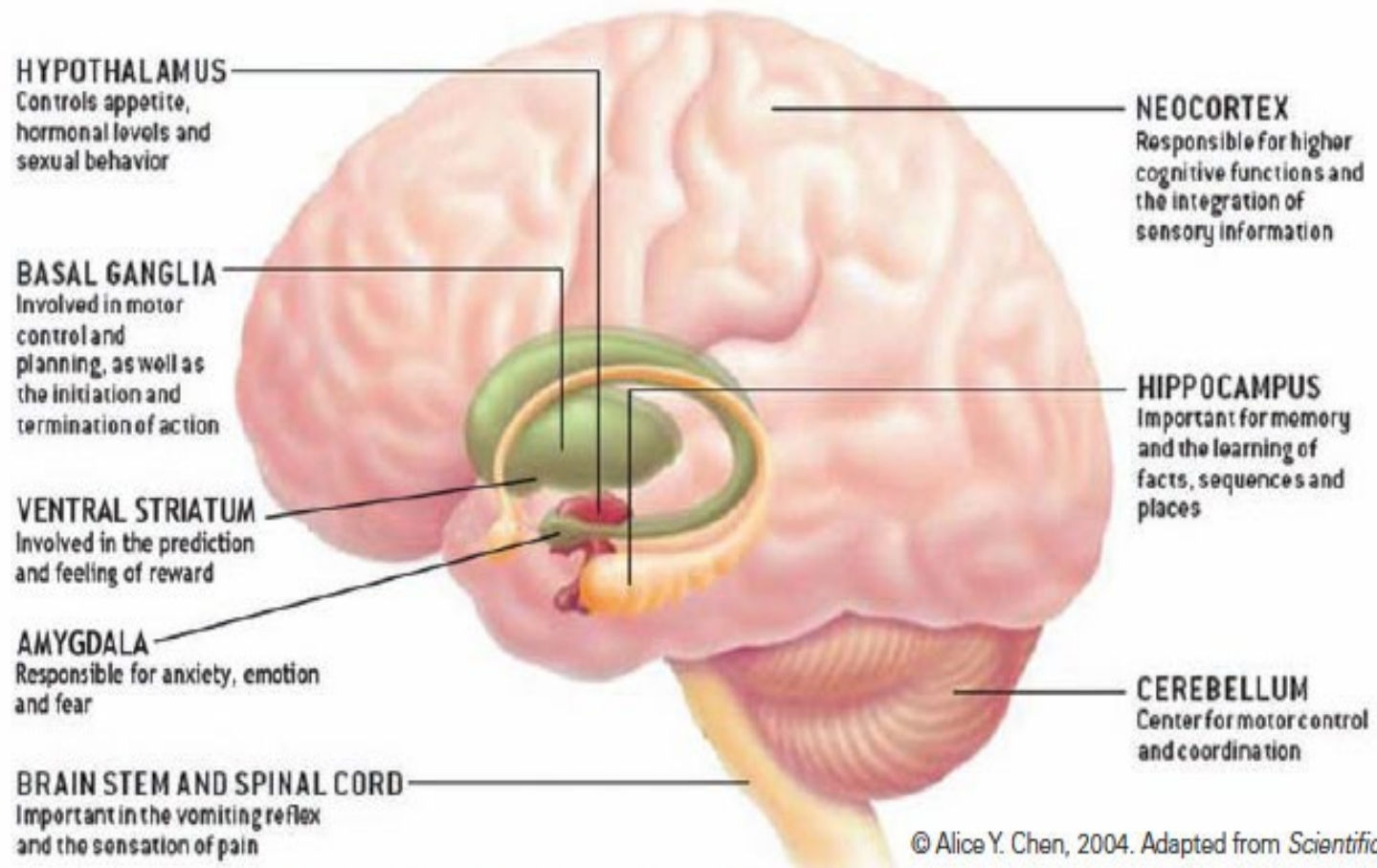
Medical (Smoking)

- Lack of dose control
- Health benefits when smoked - not scientifically proven

Effects on the brain

- High
- Altered perception
- Altered mood
- Impaired co-ordination
- Impaired thinking and problem solving
- Disrupted learning and memory

Marijuana's Effects on the Brain



When marijuana is smoked, its active ingredient, THC, travels throughout the body, including the brain, to produce its many effects. THC attaches to sites called cannabinoid receptors on nerve cells in the brain, affecting the way those cells work. Cannabinoid receptors are abundant in parts of the brain that regulate movement, coordination, learning and memory, higher cognitive functions such as judgment, and pleasure.

Cannabis and Adolescents

- Memory and learning
- Poor school performance
- Poor work performance
- Dangerous driving

Why adolescents ?

- Brain continues to develop up to age 25
- Cannabis can damage the adolescent brain
- Effect not seen adults



Increased Potency of THC

- Potency of marijuana has increased
- In Jamaica – increased ten fold

Cannabis and Mental Disorder

- May cause psychosis in persons who are vulnerable
- Psychosis associated with heavy use
- Psychosis associated potent cannabis
- Worsens mental disorder

Driving Under Influence of Drugs

- Increased with decriminalization
- Increased potency of THC of cannabis
- Increased risk of motor vehicle accidents

Cannabis and Driving

- There is a level of consumption that is safe
- No standardized test for detection of drug impaired driving
- Cannabis remains body for 30 days
- Difficult to determine if driver used at time of accident

Unresolved Technical Issues

- Appropriate levels of cannabis for driving
- Potency guidelines
- Acceptable product forms

Workplace Safety

- Cannabis affects coordination
- Impacts on driving
- Operation of complex equipment
- Implications for workplace safety

Poor Regulation of Products

- Potency of THC not stated
- Not tested for contaminants – fungus, pesticides etc.

Marijuana and Insurance

- Increasing demand for Marijuana
- Growth in Cannabis Related Businesses
- Medical Treatment & Insurance
- Auto -insurance risks
- Workplace safety concerns

Marijuana and The Insurance Industry

- Opportunities
- Challenges
- Emerging risks

Opportunities

Insurance Gaps – along the supply chain



HEMP

- Insurable crop
- Cut off
 - USA (0.3%)
 - Jamaica (1%)
- Hemp Industry – textile, paper, construction material, animal feed, food



Industry is afraid.....

- Marijuana Illegal – Federal crime
- Regulatory barriers
 - Federal Bank Secrecy Act
 - Anti Money Laundering Act
 - Certification mechanism

Emerging Risks

- Motor Insurance
- Personal Injury – workplace
- Medical Marijuana

Interesting Trends (2021)...

- **SAFE Banking Act Bill**
 - Business access to financial services/products
- **CLAIM (Clarifying Law Around Insurance of Marijuana)**
 - Protect financial institutions & business
- Stuck in the Senate...

Interesting Trends (2022)....

- **MORE (Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment & Expungement) Act**

Bill passed by US Congress to decriminalize MJ
(March 2022)

- Not likely to be passed by Senate

Influence Public Policy

- Education to reduce cannabis use among youth
- Education for responsible adult use
- Treatment services
- Protect Public Health – Drug Driving, smoking in public

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THANK YOU

ONE LOVE



ONE LOVE

One love, One heart

Let's get together and be alright

Legal Status in Caribbean

Country	Recreational	Medical
Antigua & Barbuda	Decriminalized	Illegal
Bahamas	Illegal	Illegal Use with license
Barbados	Legal – Spiritual Use (Rastafarians)	Legal
Belize	Decriminalized up to 10 g	Illegal
Bermuda	Decriminalized up to 7 g	Legal
Dominica	Decriminalized up to 1 oz (28 g)	
Grenada	Illegal	Illegal

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Other Countries

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SATIVEX (Herbal Extract)



CBD And THC

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