

Medical Marijuana in Pennsylvania

What is medical marijuana?

Pennsylvania’s Medical Marijuana Program was signed into law on April 17, 2016. “Medical marijuana” refers to the use of the cannabis plant as a medical treatment. Cannabis is made up of chemicals called cannabinoids, and two of the most prevalent cannabinoids are THC and CBD.

THC

Delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol is known for producing physical and mental effects.

CBD

Cannabidiol is known for producing similar effects, without the high feeling.

Who can use it and how does it affect them?

Pennsylvania has approved the use of medical marijuana for residents with one of 17 conditions: ALS, autism, cancer, Crohn’s, nerve tissue damage, epilepsy, glaucoma, HIV/AIDS, Huntington’s, inflammatory bowel disease, intractable seizures, multiple sclerosis, neuropathies, Parkinson’s, PTSD, severe/chronic pain, and sickle cell anemia.

Marijuana affects all patients differently, depending on their:



Condition & Symptoms



Medication Regimen



Genetic Makeup

Will it make me feel high?

It depends on which formulation of medical marijuana you take. Every medical marijuana product has a different formulation that produces different effects.

Formulation: Chemical Makeup + Consumption Method

Each formulation falls into one of three categories:



Sativa

Higher in CBD, sativas have energizing effects and are recommended for daytime use.



Indica

Higher in THC, indicas have relaxing effects and are recommended for nighttime use.



Hybrid

The result of crossbreeding indicas and sativas, hybrids have combined effects.

How do patients in Pennsylvania use it?

Legal consumption:



PILLS



OILS



TOPICALS



TINCTURES



LIQUIDS

*Also available in forms medically appropriate for administration by vaporization or nebulization, excluding dry leaf or plant form.

Common dosages:

- Once a day
- Multiple times a day
- A few times a week
- Less than once a week
- As needed

I want to try it. Where do I start?

1. Create a profile

Register for the Medical Marijuana Program at bit.ly/2CsLYTD. You'll start by creating a profile in the Patient and Caregiver Registry.

2. Obtain a certification

Get a certification from a practitioner who is participating in the medical marijuana program. You can find a list of registered practitioners at bit.ly/2EtJNvQ.

3. Purchase an ID card

Return to the Patient and Caregiver Registry and complete your application by paying \$50 for a medical marijuana ID card. Some patients may be eligible for a discounted card.

4. Visit a dispensary

You can find a list of Pennsylvania dispensaries at bit.ly/2Ad06yf. Each one will have a different variety of products. Reports suggest average prices range from \$2-\$3 per dose.

Which formulation is best for me?

There are a variety of factors that determine which formulation will work best for you, namely your condition, symptoms, medication regimen, and genetic makeup.

For resources on choosing a formulation, visit us at

RemedyMetrics.com

