

Marijuana

Marijuana is a mood-altering drug capable of producing dependency. While popularly thought to be a fairly benign “drug,” marijuana can have adverse effects on memory and learning, perception, behavior and functioning, and on pregnancy.

Research over the last twenty years, however, has suggested that there may be some therapeutic potential in cannabis and cannabinoids. These findings have, in part, encouraged more clinical research on the therapeutic potential of marijuana as well as state initiatives to decriminalize marijuana for “medical” use.

The following resources are intended to provide health care professionals and the public with evidence-based information about the risks, research, and policies associated with marijuana/cannabis.

RESOURCES

Drugs of Abuse: Marijuana, National Institute on Drug Abuse
Marijuana Resource Center, Office of National Drug Control Policy
Just the Facts: Marijuana, National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence
Adverse Effects of Marijuana, California Society of Addiction Medicine
Impact of Marijuana on Children and Adolescents, California Society of Addiction Medicine
Marijuana and Medicine: Assessing the Science Base, Institute of Medicine

PUBLIC POLICIES

State-Level Proposals to Legalize Marijuana
The Role of the Physician in Medical Marijuana, American Society of Addiction Medicine
Marijuana as Medicine, American Psychiatric Association
Policy Statement on Cannabis, American Medical Association
Opposition to Medical Marijuana, National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence

RESOURCES

- **ASAM Annual Conference Daily News - NEW!**

Over 1,400 professionals came to Austin, Texas, in late April to network and learn the latest science in addiction treatment at The ASAM Annual Conference. Read the [conference daily news](#) to catch up on everything that happened.

- **FDA-Approved Medications to Treat Opioid Addiction**
- **Medicaid Coverage of Medications for the**