

Comments about adding a debilitating condition process

When looking at debilitating conditions look to see what other states are doing that have a medical marijuana program. And there are countless research papers emerging now that the state laws have enacted medical marijuana programs. The list keeps growing as to the effectiveness of marijuana in conditions no one ever thought of. What if hash oil prevented necrosis of a brown recluse bite? it does. I know this as I had 17 bites and put hash oil on them all but the worst two were faded by the next day and it stopped the necrosis on one of the worst bites. This is non psychoactive applied topically. Go figure.

Thank you for affording the opportunity for patients to speak out - especially through this forum since so many people are not able to speak out about how cannabis can help for fear of losing their job, family, friends, ect. There are so many people who can benefit from growing free medicine in their backyard if government didn't have to intervene. Everyone should be afforded the opportunity to be healthy and not have to pay exorbitant prices for healthcare. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!

Should also include Bipolar disorder which can have very severe depression episodes and also mania. In California this disorder is eligible for medical marijuana and really does help the patient's suffering from this mood disorder rather than all those pills that psychiatrist prescribe.

Good process, thanks

I want to thank you for allowing public comment regarding medical applications for cannabis (marijuana)!

I truly appreciate the opportunity to share my comments concerning adding the above four proposed qualifying medical and mental health conditions. The physical and mental health of individuals is so important and many of the current medications are not effective at treating the above four debilitating conditions without unpleasant and potentially dangerous side effects. I realize much of what I wrote is based on my own experiences and self-report, however I felt it was important nonetheless. I know you also desire peer reviewed research, and I will be spending as much time as possible researching this in the next few years. It is currently difficult to research the many medical benefits of marijuana when it is illegal and so stigmatized. By as things change, and more research is possible in the United States, I'm sure you will see how beneficial marijuana can be to treat many different medical and mental health conditions. This is an exciting health advancement that can greatly benefit our country. I am a grandmother. I am healthier and more productive than I have ever been because my chronic pain is managed. I do not take any prescription drugs. I eat healthy organic food. I am a college student working on my MSW to help others. I am also employed. I am a medical marijuana patient and a marijuana advocate. If you seek out the current research concerning marijuana, you will find marijuana can be used for food, fiber, fuel and of course, medicine. (As a side note, hemp from the marijuana plant makes excellent paper without deforestation and the fiber made from hemp is much softer than cotton. In addition, my research thus far in how marijuana was initially classified a schedule 1 drug suggests this was done without the necessary scientific evidence. As you are aware, although marijuana is legal for medical use in a growing number of states, marijuana remains illegal under federal law. Marijuana is classified as a Schedule 1 drug according to the 1970 Controlled Substance Act (CSA). Factors used to classify both legal prescription and illegal drugs include the potential for abuse and dependence, the risk to public health, the medical value and safe use of the drug, and whether the drug is currently controlled (Lieberman, & Solomon, 2009, pp. 1-2; Patton, 2010, pp. 164-165). Current scientific evaluation and knowledge concerning these factors is required in order for a drug to be classified in the Schedule 1 category (Patton, 2010, p. 164). However, Cohen (2010, p. 654) reports marijuana was classified a Schedule 1 controlled substance in 1970 without the required scientific evaluation and knowledge. Cohen reports this process was circumvented when Congress placed marijuana in the same category as heroin, where it remains today. Because marijuana is classified in this manner, research is difficult to conduct and the classification adds to the ongoing confusion and conflict for states with laws legalizing marijuana for medical use, as well as the controversy surrounding marijuana in general (Murray et al., 2011, p. 5; Patton, 2010, pp. 163-164). Please consider the limitations in conducting research when marijuana is considered a Schedule 1 drug, Hopefully this will change as more states must face the struggles, controversies, conflicting laws, and growing health needs surrounding medical marijuana. People vote for these laws because they want to be able to choose an effective and safe medicine. Thank you again

for all your hard work in this very difficult and controversial area of health. I know it must be very difficult, but it is important and I thank you for the opportunity to express my comments.

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Peronally believe that Meniere's Disease and EXTREME tinnitus should also qualify. These are invisible disorders with nausea, vomiting, loss of balance and ever changing hearing patterns. These conditions are often accompanied with migraines, depression and anxiety.

Be compassionate for our citizens and patients.. Research further into our endocannabinoid system (ECS), discover the many important functions of this (ECS) system,then relate all the aliments which are affected by the ECS to needing supplyment Cannabinoids, and grant all who can/possibly benefit from cannabis the right to choose and use. Thank you

Anything as safe as cannabis should be considered when facing a debilitating condition. It can quickly lift the spirits and help people want to move forward. It can totally change one's outlook on life, which, in some cases, is all that's needed to start the healing process.

my left arm is paralyzed and in constant pain, pot helps relieve the pain.

This is not something that should be adminstered/regulated/decided through the state in the first place. This issue should be between the patient and doctor. Marijuana should be allowed for any medical condition so long as the patients physcian says there may be benefit.

I agree that "Debilitating Condition" should be added to the list of approved conditions for use of Medical Marijuana. It is something that a doctor can easily verify the patients condition. If someone has this condition I'm sure that the use of Medical Marijuana would ease not only the physical stresses on their body but also the emotional stresses that can accompany. Many people in these conditions are not only limited by their condition but by the usually many different prescription medications that their doctors have prescribed them. When you start taking so many different prescriptions you often feel so out of it that you can't function on or off the meds. Giving the people with this condition the opportunity to put a smile on their faces if only for a limited time is certainly worth adding them to the list of approved conditions.

Smoking marijuana does significant damage to the brain. That is why it works for some conditions. This information can be checked on Dr. Amen's web site.

Second hand smoke must be considered in all cases...do you?

Intake of marijuana is useful for a number of debilitating conditions that include stress relief, calming of nerves, helping a person sleep better and get better rest, and many other types of this nature not including the medical problems of MS, cancer, etc.

Fibromyalgia
it should be added
<p>I referenced a Mayo review of literature, entitled "Blurred Boundaries - The Therapeutics and Politics of Medical Marijuana" (released Feb, 2012) during my comments today, Friday, May 25th 2012. The link is below.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to speak, and all your hard work to make Arizona's Medical Marijuana Act one of, if not the best, current program in the United States.</p> <p>http://www.mayoclinicproceedings.org/article/S0025-6196(11)00021-8/fulltext</p>
I think that mental illnesses should considered more. Being someone who lives with a mental illness I find it difficult to work and just survive on pills.
I almost missed this comment process? I will re-subscribe to your sites! Thanks 12 news for getting information out to the public!
I also believe you should add Fybromyalgia to the debilitating conditions.
Compassionate and sensible to add the above and I would also consider insomnia as a qualifying disorder.
Thank you for giving the general public a voice to allow us to try to get some relief of debilitating issues that cause us not to be able to work, play, and Enjoy the freedom our country has to offer! Its processes such as these that allow myself and others hope that someday we will be able to live pain free, and even be able to enjoy life! Its so hard to deal with symptoms that cause such violent pain and loss of money due to not being able to function properly as humans. Thank you for listening!
<p>I don't believe that anyone, should interfere with any individuals healthcare preference, especially the medical field to deny a persons right to self-medicate with cannabis is criminal in itself.</p> <p>Thanks again for this opportunity to express my opinion on this ever evolving issue.</p>
Cannabis has been used as medicine for so many things for thousands of years. And it will continue to be used that way regardless of your cooperation.
Keep it going!
More research, clearly, needs to be done about medicinal uses of marijuana, as we are still discovering the breadth of its uses. I was aware that cancer patients sometimes used it to cope with the symptoms of chemotherapy, but I read yesterday that it can also inhibit tumor growth. Amazing!
Different stains for different conditions. Get to know the differences, there is a wide variety. Look deeper and deeper and you will find that some strain will work or concentration of it (hash etc.)
I suffer from chronic pain, chronic nerve pain, anxiety, depression, and P.T.S.D. from work related injuries forcing me to retire medically from law enforcement. Medical use of cannabis has kept me out of a wheelchair for my debilitating orthopedic conditions, per my surgeon. Mental health professionals have also recommended use of medical cannabis for treatment of my anxiety, depression, and P.T.S.D. I've been a medical cannabis patient since California passed SB 420. I moved to Arizona a year ago, and am happy to be able to continue with the medical use of cannabis. It has truly improved my quality of life beyond my wildest expectations. The benefits seem to be endless, and the damage to my body has been kept to a minimum. I've been so thankful to be qualified to use medical cannabis in lieu of the countless prescription medications I had previously been using. Prior to using medical cannabis, my anxiety levels

<p>were on the increase over known injuries I was causing to my internal organs from the use of prescription medications. Even though I'll need more surgeries in the future for my orthopedic conditions, I've been able to keep my prescription use of pain killers and muscle relaxers to the bare minimum. This is solely based on the ability I have to use medical cannabis.</p>
<p>Continue to add more as there are many common conditions that cannabis can benefit.</p>
<p>I appreciate that the government is attempting to do right by people.</p>
<p>I would suggest that you get the report from the state of Vermont regarding the patients survey. The report would give you in-site into the conditions being relieved by the use of Cannabis.</p>
<p>I think doing it this way is a great idea! However, I do believe it would have been beneficial to add a poll for possible other ailments to be considered or to even ask the question directly if people are already using marijuana for "off label" uses with or without doctor suggestion if they are a card holder or not.</p>
<p>I would hope that whatever "studies" need to be done (that have not already been done) will be done and allow for the medicinal benefits of marijuana for the above conditions. One of the studies that has been done is that the THC in marijuana has been proven to reduce tumours...look it up...if it can do that...</p> <p>Don't let big pharma influence your decision...that is all I ask!</p>
<p>If a doctor, certified in Cannabinoids, feels a condition(ANY condition!) may/will respond to cannabis, it is the doctors responsibility to make the recommendation! To not do so, would be blatant negligence on the part of the doctor! Is this not, what the doctor-patient relationship is about?</p> <p>Respectfully submitted!</p> <p>Az MMJ patient, and caregiver</p>
<p>Autoimmune Diseases vary and should be added to the list as they are certainly a problem later in life. In the UK if you have a thyroid Disease like Hashimoto's Disease you are exempt from paying for any and all prescriptions for life. Having an autoimmune disease one is more likely to rely upon medication like synthroid and the expensive cytomel for life. It is not for a few months it is for life. It means one has a weakened immune system and more likely to get ill than the person without an autoimmune disease. Other states have included Hashimoto's Disease particularly but AZ is backwards in time and just wants to block everything and insist on people drinking alcohol which will kill them. Then, arresting people for DUIs b/c the police seem bored in a state where they should be walking the border and not bullying the people who pay taxes. Maricopa County has one of the worst reputations and the police are so disliked for a reason. Give them duties on the borders and let them get to work. They won't stop people from drinking. Unless alcohol prohibition is also on the table. But, that never worked either did it ? All we saw was black market crime to get alcohol. Same song second verse. Prohibition does not work!</p>
<p>All of the above brain related illnesses are debilitating life changing health problems.</p> <p>A mild drug like marijuana can give these patients relief without further empowering pharmaceuticals to invade their lives with serious side effects.</p>
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<p>Cannabis alleviates so many conditions it should be widely available as a medicine and alternative to pills and alcohol dependence that many veterans suffer from.</p>
<p>Are you adding more debilitating conditions because the current conditions are not enough to fund the state program or are you adding to help raise money to go toward other failed state programs?</p>

I like how the general public is able to voice their opinion thru this survey. Thank you

AzPA Medical Marijuana Position Statement

Pharmacists are proven experts in medication therapy management. To ensure optimal treatment outcomes, it is critical that medication therapy management includes a review of all medications and all health conditions.

AzPA strongly opposes any law which bypasses the normal approval and distribution process for medications including the normal chains of custody for drug distribution and licensed pharmacies.

Since the new Arizona law allows for marijuana use for medical purposes, it should be treated as a medication/drug.

To best support the safe distribution and use of medical marijuana, AzPA supports changes to federal legislation that would re-classify marijuana from a C-I to C-II. The change would allow the distribution of medical marijuana through licensed pharmacies. AzPA commits to raise this issue with national pharmacy organizations and AZ Congressional delegation. Until federal legislation changes the classification, marijuana is a Class-I controlled substance. It is illegal and a violation of federal law to possess.

AzPA strongly recommends that pharmacists do not get involved in the dispensing of the medical marijuana to avoid a felony conviction that could put their license at risk.

Recommendations:

1. AzPA recommends that licensed users of medical marijuana be identified in a database that is accessible to health care professionals. This will give health care professionals an added resource to facilitate safer treatment options. AzPA would also support changing Arizona law to require that C-I medications are reported into the ASBP prescription monitoring program.
2. AzPA recommends that the state implement post marketing surveillance through pharmacists at the Arizona Poison and Drug Information Center at the University of Arizona to track adverse drug events and monitor quality, safety and efficacy.
3. AzPA recommends only dispensaries that have policy and procedures focused on patient safety and quality assurance standards focused on product quality and accurate dosing be granted a dispensary license. Policies and procedures must include a mechanism to assess the impact medical marijuana use will have on the patient's other medical conditions

Mr. Humble,

Please see the statement below from against adding new conditions to be able to get marijuana product approval cards.

As a member of the Board of Directors, and my obvious opinion already public through my Editor's Column, I would stand against any further expansion of what I already consider an irresponsible piece of consumer driven legislation. To continue to ask for the involvement of physicians in what is obviously a lifestyle choice takes us away from the compassionate yet evidence-based care we all strive to deliver. Smoked marijuana does not provide us with this ability--it only muddies the waters we hope to keep still.

Until excellent, allopathic based double-blind controlled studies are done and dosing schedules are solidified, I cannot support the legislation as is, nor expansion of the policy.

This is just my personal opinion. I am willing to testify to this on my personal behalf, or on the behalf of

the AzAFP if so desired by the Board.

Hello to Mr Will Humble Director ADHS and ADHS Team,

See response below from the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association (AOMA), received with much appreciation from AOMA Executive Director. It is a response to my questionnaire sent to a number of leading Physician/Pharmacist Organizations in Arizona concerning the question to be discussed at your May 25, 2012 Hearing: Should the 4 publicized mental function related diagnostic conditions be added to the approved diagnostic list as additional new conditions for being able to obtain the so-called "medical" marijuana cards in our state? Other physician/pharmacist health care organization responses will also be made available at that date.

The AOMA supports honoring the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) laws which does not recognize smoked marijuana as legitimate medical therapy for any diagnostic condition. Thanks for your leadership.

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I am a social science researcher who has conducted research for NATO in Afghanistan. I mention that only to give my comment some validity. There is a "Catch-22" in this process. Because marijuana is illegal for the most part, research is sparse. And, because pharmaceutical companies seem to prefer their medications, there is little funding available for research on marijuana and it takes a lot of time. (However, much research has shown that marijuana is less harmful than alcohol and has medicinal properties that elude alcohol.) More research will likely not occur until marijuana is legal. However, states want research to show it should be legal for some individuals. Please help eliminate this "Catch -22."

Dear Sir,

I have been a drug prevention activist for well over three decades not only nationally but internationally As such, I have become an expert on the strategy of the pro legalization lobby and their efforts to decriminalize ALL illicit drugs beginning with their infamous "Trojan Horse" medical marijuana scam that enabled them to legalize crude marijuana as medicine in several states in our nation.

The idea of adding more diagnoses to the list of ailments that would qualify people to receive a medical marijuana card in Arizona appears to be ill advised without sound proof that even the already list of ailments can circumvent the Federal law that prohibits the growth, sale, use and dispensing of Schedule 1 drugs.

Somehow, someone is making your department a part of a horrible scam that those who can and will bring about legalization of illicit drugs are already celebrating. Unfortunately the poison is already taking hold here in Arizona. Let us not add fuel to the fire.

I will attend the public hearing that you are presenting on the afternoon of May 25, 2012 with the hope that wise judgment will be seen.

I would hope that the process is conducted in a manner that is sympathetic to Patients. Please consider that the PEOPLE of Arizona passed this into law.

Sec. 2. Findings.

The People of the State of Arizona find and declare the following:

A. Marijuana's recorded use as a medicine goes back nearly 5,000 years, and modern medical research has confirmed beneficial uses for marijuana in treating or alleviating the pain, nausea and other symptoms

<p>associated with a variety of debilitating medical conditions, including cancer, multiple sclerosis and HIV/AIDS, as found by the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine in March 1999.</p>
<p>Medical grade marijuana is a miracle drug that relieves a plethora of symptoms. Patients who are in need should not be excluded</p>
<p>I see no reason</p>
<p>Is this a joke? The drug is debilitating. This is an addictive drug which only clouds the issues and not a problem solver. This is a very very general diagnosis. This is a way to give the drug to anyone who wants to smoke Pot. I once again feel this is only a reason to try to legalize and gain revenue for the drug sellers and unfortunately for the State.</p>
<p>I think there should be more notification, like to the news channels, or an advertisement in the New Times. This is a big deal, and has benefits, that are just now being found out. Thank you for taking the time to listen to patients.</p>
<p>We should be making it harder, not easier, to get medical mj</p>
<p>The general public should not decide which conditions can be treated by marijuana. There are studies that show the pro and con viewpoints on the use of marijuana for treating these conditions, but the FDA and the legitimate medical boards have not endorsed or approved smoking marijuana for any illness.</p>
<p>In general, if the current list of debilitating conditions is such that the use of MJ is required, IT SHOULD BE MANDATORY FOR EVERY CARD HOLDER TO MANDATORILY LOSE THEIR PRIVILEGE TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA. Let them smoke all the MJ they want, but give them no option to have the privilege of driving a vehicle and causing concern for the remainder of the general public who does not drive under the influence of an impairing drug like MJ.</p>
<p>Your lack of understanding of Boolean operators has made this a flawed process. You only had 5 submissions in this round because of your short window and requirements for patients to be clinical researchers in supplying information in your rules that were never made clear. Why is PTSD even a question to be added when New Mexico already went through this process and once it was accepted it should be automatic that another program run exactly the same way (state run, federal overrule). PTSD is not something unique to Arizona patients and you already indicated you were adding it and in fact patients are being approved right now putting that down as their medical condition. This is just another example of AZDHS gaming the system, getting their input from their friends in high places (Rose Law Group, Elements) and we are headed to litigation over this very disturbing pattern of having insiders write our rules and Mr. Humble will have to answer for this in a court of law.</p>
<p>This could cover a wide array of illness that is very subjective and could be used very easily to obtain an illegal drug. This is too loose of a topic and needs to be removed as a "condition"</p>
<p>Where will it stop? Bottom line, how can we allow an illegal drug--a drug known to be an open door for the use of other illegal drugs which cause many to become addicted AND LOSE THEIR LIFE, to be so easily prescribed for multiple ailments?</p>
<p>Should ADHS should even be considering adding more conditions for using a federally illegal substance?</p>
<p>I do not feel that any psychiatric condition should be considered or approved of for the use of medical marijuana. I feel that it's use in these disorders is unnecessary. I can't committ on this, I sorry all of these things are just crazy..... How many more people will be using and driving and how do we control it????????????????????</p>
<p>I would rather see the list shortened</p>

as above.
It is not appropriate for the Arizona Department of Health Services to add marijuana as a treatment for mental or physical conditions - knowing that marijuana remains an illegal substance under Federal Law.
As a Court Appointed Special Advocate for children who are dependents of the court, I strongly urge that the legal uses for marijuana not be broadened further without full, long-term clinical studies of each condition. There can be no doubt that the more people children see using marijuana the more acceptable it becomes to them.
I am one of that 88% group and a drug addict who has not used for 25 years. I know the problems and mental pain that marijuana can cause. I would rather suffer the pain, as I have with over the counter medication. I have the common sense of my own mind and the strength to resist illegal drugs. STAY CLEAN AND SOBER !!!
AOD Counselors, AOD Psychologists and Psychiatrists should be consulted before adding another debilitating condition.
Try to get the "fix" with counseling first. Why risk impaired drivers and teachers and medical providers and whatever else as a first measure?
It is not appropriate for the Arizona Department of Health Services to add marijuana as a treatment for mental or physical conditions - knowing that marijuana remains an illegal substance under Federal Law. Adding any debilitating condition such as PTSD, depression, GAD, migraines, and others means that the entire global population could be using marijuana legitimately. Is that the agenda? To push an illegal substance on the entire population for general mental and physical conditions that every person deals with at one point or another - sometimes regularly for which there are many options for relief that don't involve resorting to the use of an ILLEGAL substance!
It is not appropriate for the Arizona Department of Health Services to add marijuana as a treatment for mental or physical conditions - knowing that marijuana remains an illegal substance under Federal Law.
This is a fair way for people to have the opportunity to ease their suffering.
This should be determined by true medical professionals, not public comment of I am sure mainly people who smoke pot. Come on AZDHS, wake up!
I sincerely hope that the comments made through this channel will be read and considered as valid. I have taken the time to read the documents listed on the Arizona Medical Marijuana Program website for the four conditions considered for addition to the program, and believe my responses are informed and based on evidence and research. Medical marijuana is a treatment option available for so many illnesses, diseases, and disorders, that it truly can be thought of as a miracle drug. Plus, this drug is essentially free or extremely inexpensive when grown by patients or caregivers. It is all natural because it grows in the earth, and the benefits it gives to patients with many debilitating conditions far outweigh any potential negatives.
I appreciate the fact that this process exists and is being utilized. Notwithstanding the delay of the dispensary implementation, which was a top-down order, I believe that AZDHS has made a good faith effort to make a quality and fair medical marijuana program. Seems a no brainer. Politics and economic effects on the cotton industry, the paper industry and pharmaceutical industry must not be allowed to affect medical conditions. This natural product can not be "patented". Lets not let other departments affect our ability to provide the best, most cost effective natural treatments!
MMJ, needs to have more research to learn how extensive the variety of conditions it alleviates. And, for crying out loud, come to realize that "Organics" work as a total unit, not singular derivatives.

<p>Thank you for taking information from the public. I am a licensed psychologist. Please access peer reviewed journals for information to avoid the politization of the process. The pro-drug recreational bias lobby will attempt to make medical marijuana available for every condition involving human suffering or pain and it should be restricted to prudent medical diagnosis and not psychiatric ones.</p>
<p>this should be a non issue, and is nonsense, if someone benefits from marijuana let them use it for what ever ails you. its a natural god given earth grown plant for goodness sake,</p>
<p>I believe that adding or denying any additional conditions will likely be controversial. That's why I said it is damned if you do, damned if you don't. The easy way out would be to ignore the requests altogether, but even that would generate controversy. Please know that there are others who see the dilemma. But please remember, that any option you choose will face public scrutiny. I only ask that you vote your true conscience - be it for or against - and not on how others will react.</p>
<p>I believe that Mr. Humble will not approve any of these new conditions due to his political situation - wherein it appears to me - a public citizen - that he must to CYA to keep his job, etc. The health department has not done anything positive to even make the program better. All are more rules, nothing that enhances or improves the quality of medicine patients receive or anything. It is very dissapointing our government cannot do a better job for us due to government employees just needing to keep their jobs and feed their families. This is what causes everything to go haywire - and justice is not.</p> <p>Also, I heard AZCS was a "State Authorized" seller of TGA subcool seeds (which are not from Arizona). How is it that ADHS can do this? Is this not true? This was the cannabis club that was just raided - yet they alledgedly have some sort of arrangement with the State of Arizona to sell seeds? I think this is on the AZCS website still. Please - just help people - and not hurt them by trying to look like you are law enforcement or something.</p>
<p>Thank you, AZ DHS for offering the opportunity to provide real-world experience in this process.</p>
<p>Yes, i feel any condition that people are able to find relief using Medical Marijuana instead of pills, should be added to the list. It is a wonderful medicine that has been used for centuries and never killed a single person. Can you say that about Vicodin, Percocets, or even aspirin for that matter?</p>
<p>I think we should keep an open mind because there is very little research about it that is not propoganda!</p>
<p>Medical cannabis has been proven again and again through numerous studies and scientific evidence to be a harmless alternative to relieve pain. The Big Pharmacies make billions of \$\$ per year, as well as doctors, prescribing medication with a tremendous amount of negative side effect. Give people their 'quality of life' back by allowing them this natural medication.</p>
<p>I think the process could move along faster, but let's get through this first run and see how it goes.</p>