

Medical Marijuana Certification Consent Form



The patient, or the patient's parent or legal guardian (if the patient is a minor), must sign this form.

What You Need to Know about Medical Marijuana

The federal government lists marijuana as a Schedule I controlled substance. That means growing, selling and having marijuana on you, or bringing it across state lines is a federal crime, even in states with medical marijuana laws. If you carry medical marijuana, you – or your caregiver – must also carry a medical marijuana card with you at all times.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) does not consider marijuana a drug – like Tylenol, aspirin or something you would get at a pharmacy – so they don't test the marijuana plants for THC – which is the chemical in the plant that makes you feel "high." They also don't test for any other chemicals that may harm you.

Some studies say that you might get addicted to marijuana, and you may think you need to use more of it over time to get the same feeling you get the first time you use it, which can lead to addiction.

Using marijuana can make it hard to walk, talk or think properly. It can also make it hard to make good choices. You shouldn't use marijuana and drive because it doubles your chances of getting into a crash. If you drink alcohol and use marijuana, the chances of a crash go up even more. You shouldn't use alcohol and marijuana at the same time.

Some of the possible side effects of using marijuana include, but are not limited to:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anxiety • Confusion • Feeling tired • Loss of short-term memory and other memory problems • Long-term memory problems • Trouble standing, walking, running or going up and down stairs • Mental health problems like schizophrenia or paranoia • Euphoria: a feeling of being really excited or really happy • Difficulty learning new things • Increased risk of cancer or lung disease | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dizziness: the feeling of spinning • Trouble doing difficult things • A weaker immune system • Your body making less sex hormones • Not being able to focus • Low blood pressure • Talking too much • Eating too much • Abusing other drugs • Breathing problems |
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Experts say that many of these side effects are worse for people under the age of 25

By signing this form, you agree to contact the doctor or practitioner who certified you for medical marijuana if you get any of the side effects listed above, or if you:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get depressed • Start thinking about suicide (killing yourself) • Start to cry a lot • Have trouble breathing • Feel psychotic (start seeing things that aren't there or hearing voices) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have trouble sleeping or sleeping too much • Get mad at people or things more than normal • Want to stay away from friends and family more than normal • Feel really tired all of the time |
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Marijuana Withdrawal Symptoms

- Depression or Sadness
- Anger or Irritability
- Can't sleep
- Want to sleep too much
- Aren't hungry
- Can't concentrate or think clearly
- Are agitated (can't sit still)

Marijuana Overdose Symptoms

- Nausea (a feeling like you need to throw up)
- Vomiting (throwing up)
- Hacking cough (a short, dry cough)
- Too fast or too slow of a heartbeat
- Numb hands, feet, arms or legs
- Anxiety attacks
- Feeling weak or can't move

Contact the doctor or practitioner who certified you or go to the nearest emergency room if you have any of these symptoms.

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A lot of different drugs can hurt you if you take them at the same time you smoke, vape or eat marijuana. Mixing marijuana with other medicine can be very dangerous and can, in rare cases, increase your risk of dying. This includes medicine you can buy (non-prescription or over-the-counter medication) and medicine given to you by a doctor (prescription medication).

Be sure to tell any other doctor you see for any injury or sickness that you use medical marijuana.

Marijuana might make your risk of bleeding higher, make your blood sugar rise and lower your blood pressure. It can also hurt your liver and other parts of your body if you take it with herbal or dietary supplements, which are pills and/or powders made from plants or oils, roots, berries, flowers or other vitamins and minerals.

Medical marijuana may have serious risks to pregnant women, and may cause low birthweight or other problems in babies. You need to contact the doctor or practitioner who certified you for medical marijuana if you get pregnant, are trying to get pregnant or start breastfeeding.

If you use oxygen, or have someone in your house who uses oxygen, you should not smoke marijuana or anything else near the oxygen tank because it can cause a fire or an explosion.

By signing this form, you're saying that you:

- Read and understand this entire consent form,
- Had the chance to talk about the information in the consent form with the doctor or practitioner and
- Got a chance to ask questions about anything you didn't understand.
- Agree to inform the doctor or practitioner that certified you if you no longer have the debilitating medical condition for which you were certified for a medical cannabis card.
- Agree to follow up with the doctor or practitioner that certified you for medical marijuana in 3 months.

By signing this form, you also agree that the doctor or practitioner who certified you for medical marijuana told you about:

- Other medicine that could help you,
- The risks and benefits of the other medicines and
- The risks and benefits of medical marijuana.

Patient (print name) _____

Patient or Parent/Legal Guardian Signature (if the patient is a minor)

Date