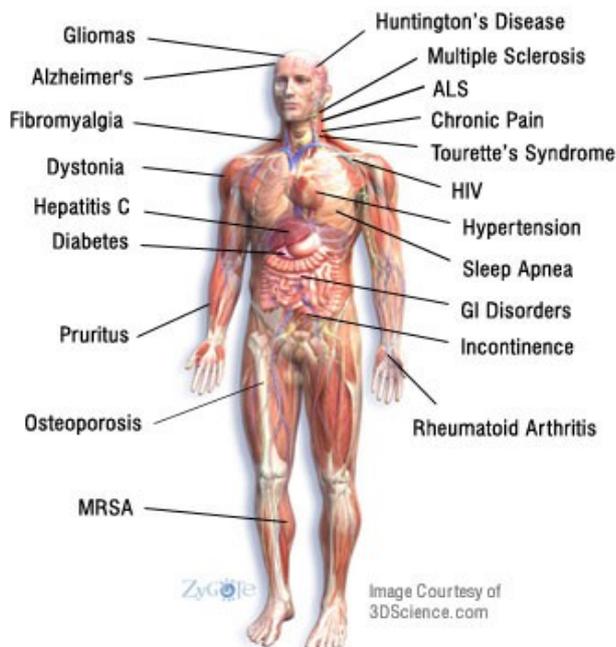


Cannabis as a Cure

Can Cannabis be used as a natural cure for serious illnesses?

Modern research has found that Cannabis or *Marijuana* is a natural counterpart to the Endocannabinoid Regulatory System, which has a series of receptors located around the bodies Endocrine system that lack delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (or THC for short!). THC is the active chemical in Cannabis called *Cannabinoids*. So you could say that our bodies and Cannabis fit naturally together!

This was publicly announced in February 2010 by investigators at the [University of California Center for Medicinal Cannabis Research](#). The studies, which utilized the so-called 'gold standard' FDA clinical trial design, concluded that marijuana ought to be a "first line treatment" for patients with neuropathy and other serious illnesses. Of particular interest is the cannabinoids' ability to relieve the symptoms of Multiple Sclerosis, Rheumatoid Arthritis and inflammatory bowel diseases, which are hard to treat with conventional drugs, and which almost always have some very debilitating side effects.



Potential Therapeutic Uses of Medical Marijuana



Cannabis is also leading the way in anti-Cancer research, as it is known to dramatically reduce the spread of Cancer cells, known as Apoptosis (programmed cell death) and by the inhibition of Angiogenesis (the formation of new blood vessels).

Cannabis has a remarkable safety record compared to conventional drugs, with only a few side effects such as euphoria or some adverse psychological episodes in people with a history of mental illness, and a slight increased risk in people with a history of heart disease, people with decreased lung function, people with a history of Stroke or Hepatitis C.

Always seek professional medical advice if you're in doubt as to use Cannabis or not, but bear in mind most conventional medical doctors will not encourage use of Cannabis, despite the fact that to date, nobody has ever overdosed from Cannabis. You would have to consume vast amounts and would probably die of asphyxiation, as if you were eating very large amounts of cabbage.

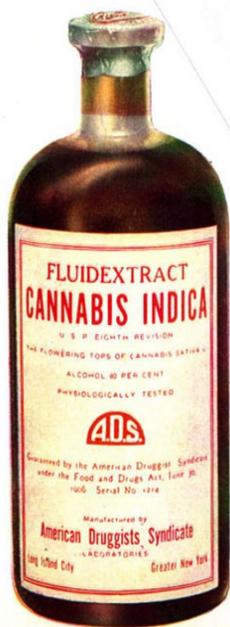
Cannabis can be taken in a variety of ways, from inhaling it in a vaporised form, ingesting it orally as an essential oil or tincture liquid, to simply smoking it. Clinical trials have recently produced a commercially available treatment for Multiple Sclerosis sufferers called Sativex, which utilizes the active chemical in THC. But it's very expensive, and not affordable to most.

So why are we not seeing much progress in this field of research?

As this wonderfully natural medical "magic bullet" gains popularity from scientists around the world, the biggest problem holding this field of research back is that it's not widely accepted in the medical profession as viable or productive, with doctors often considering it to be "snake oil" or "quack medicine", mostly

because of society's prejudices about Marijuana. Often used as a recreational drug, and having many stigmas attached to it from the 1960's, Cannabis has received much negative press from politicians to Police Commissioners alike.

But new research shows that Cannabis was probably used as a medicine as far back as 7,000 years. Sumerian clay tablets tell of a medical herb called Quunabu, which was used for pain relief and to relieve the effects of Rheumatoid Arthritis, the same plant was also referred to as Azalla (A-ZAL-LA) in Assyrian. The ZAL part of the word means "to spin" which could be reference to the thread and cloth making properties of Hemp. (Hemp or Indica is another strain of Cannabis).



Cannabis was being used worldwide as early as the 1930's (see picture) as a cure-all, and was openly sold across the counter, until a vicious attack by politicians and law enforcement authorities demonised it completely, ending up with the release of a 1937 film in the USA called "Reefer Madness" which portrayed Cannabis smokers as criminals, social misfits and unintelligent sub-humans.

This smear campaign against Cannabis and its users (almost certainly initiated by the big pharmaceutical industries, as it still is today), drove the use of Cannabis underground as government legislations made it illegal not only to possess but also to grow.

We believe the real reason for this political demonisation of Cannabis stems from the fact that the big pharmaceutical companies could potentially lose a considerable amount of revenue from sales and research grants if people knew that a cure for Cancer grew from the ground and anybody could grow it! Given that the average cost of one person to

undergo a series of Chemotherapy treatments is somewhere between £1,000 to £20,000 its hardly surprising that "big pharma" hate this benign and harmless plant so much! However, the deliberate suppressing of information about Cannabis and its healing properties (with the drug companies lobbying the government to do what the "legal" drug companies want) is not only cruel and immoral, it's tantamount to criminal behaviour because people are being deprived of health or their lives.

Although the government sometimes grants only a handful of people a licence to use and grow medical Cannabis, being caught with large amounts without a licence can often result in some very harsh punishments, particularly in the US.



About 10 years ago, a 60 year old Canadian man called Rick Simpson devised a cheap and effective way of making an essential oil from the bud of the Cannabis plant, which was particularly effective in treating or curing Cancer. (For more information, please see the film "Run From The Cure" in our video section of this website).

He is now almost exiled from his own country, relentlessly hounded by the authorities that appear to want to put him in jail for a very long time. His crime? Curing and bringing pain relief to countless people with auto-immune diseases, various types of Cancer, MS, severe Arthritis, Chrones disease, Lupus, Leukaemia, and even Cataracts, all by giving away his oil to those that need it most to treat themselves.

This insane behaviour on behalf of law enforcement concerning Cannabis is indicative of the fear that “big pharma” will someday lose their control over the medical industry as more and more people find out that they themselves can play a major part in healing themselves. Apart from Cannabis, there are many other natural healing herbs such as Aloe Vera, Oregano, Coriander and Cumin, which have been used effectively for thousands of years.

How can we change the way we look at conventional medicine?

First of all, its worth noting that most conventional medicine is *Allopathic*. Dorlands Medical Dictionary describes Allopathy as: “*A system of therapeutics in which diseases are treated by producing a condition incompatible with or antagonistic to the condition to be cured or alleviated*”. Basically meaning that it tends to treat only the symptoms of the problem, and not really the cause.

On the other hand, preventative, complementary and alternative medicine such as Cannabis can be used to mobilize the body's own resources to heal itself, which is particularly effective on the treatment of the underlying causes, not only the symptoms of the disease. Medical opinion is controversial if not dismissive on this, believing that the human body does not have the necessary elements, both physical and spiritual, *within itself* to cure itself naturally.

But the truth is, the entire human population as it is at the moment, is exposed to a never ending barrage of chemicals, carcinogens and harmful toxins in our food, in our water and in the air that play a big part in many of the illnesses we suffer from (whether on purpose or not, the big pharmaceutical industries are making a lot of money from this).

In the long term, the limitation of these harmful elements would be more beneficial to us in terms of health. Modern medicine merely pays lip service to many of the ailments that strike us

down, never really addressing the real issues, and applying Allopathic remedies that some of the time are no more than 'hit and miss'.

It's up to the individual to gain as much knowledge about natural healing as they can and help themselves with the abundance of good cures such as Cannabis that grows from the ground, not made in a lab!



Further research:

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