

Marijuana as Medicine



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Isn't marijuana sometimes used as a medicine?

Research shows that some of the chemicals in marijuana — called **cannabinoids**—can help people with **cancer** and other serious diseases. But this doesn't mean that everyone who is sick should use marijuana. The government has approved a few medicines in pill form that have marijuana chemicals in them but don't make you high. Only a doctor can prescribe these medicines. This is *not the same type* of marijuana that people usually smoke.

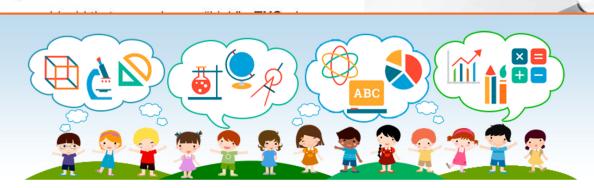
Scientists continue to investigate safe ways that THC and other marijuana ingredients can be used as medicine.



Cannabinoids as Medicine

Here are some samples of **cannabinoids** that have been approved or are being tested as **medicines**:

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ingredients can vary a lot from plant to plant, so it is difficult to get an **exact dose**.



Is marijuana legal?

Laws about marijuana for recreational use vary state by state but it is *not* legal for teens in any state in the USA.





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