



IASIC ADVOCACY

We encourage consideration of the medical implications of increased availability of potent cannabis/ marijuana products on our youth and community.

IASIC, the International Academy on the Science and Impact of Cannabis, are doctors who educate on cannabis. Our international experts provide science, data, plus clinical expertise. We are a non-partisan and non-political group who educate on the harms of cannabis based on science, data and clinical experience. We developed an easy-to-use medical resource library for the general public that includes key findings of over 15,000 medical publications on cannabis/ marijuana. In comparison, the surgeon general issued a warning on tobacco based on only 7,000 publications. Many medical organizations have issued warnings on cannabis/ marijuana. The IASIC resource includes a wide array of medical conditions that affects individuals and public health.

Here is a sample of findings from the medical literature:

- Youth marijuana addiction is higher than alcohol and opioid addiction.
 - At 3 years after trying marijuana 20.1% of kids age 12-17 developed cannabis use disorder compared to 10.6% of kids of the same age who started with opioids.
- Marijuana/ Cannabis can result in psychosis that can cause permanent schizophrenia based on numerous studies.
- Youth who suffered major depression in the past year were more likely to be marijuana users (24.6% vs 11%).
- Youth who live near cannabis dispensaries use more pot.
- People with a cardiac history should be advised against using marijuana due to risk of heart attack and stroke.

We witness daily medical adverse effects of marijuana/ cannabis/ THC. Please consider these facts when making decisions that increase access to these products.

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