

OHIO MEDICAL CANNABIS PATIENT ADDICTION & ABUSE RESOURCES

SIDE EFFECTS OF MEDICAL CANNABIS USE:

- Dry mouth
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Dry or red eyes
- Heart & blood pressure problems
- Lung problems
- Impaired mental functioning
- Headache
- Dizziness
- Numbness

UNDERSTANDING MEDICAL CANNABIS ABUSE, DEPENDENCE, & ADDICTION

DEPENDENCY is a chronic, progressive disease characterized by significant impairment that is directly associated with persistent and excessive use of a psychoactive substance. Impairment may involve physiological, psychological, or social dysfunction.

TOLERANCE is a pharmacological concept describing reduced reaction to a drug following repeated use.

WITHDRAWAL is an unpleasant physical reaction that accompanies the process of ceasing to take an addictive drug.

ADDICTION refers to a compulsive physiological need for and use of a habit-forming substance, characterized by tolerance and well-defined physiological symptoms upon withdrawal.

Prolonged exposure to high levels of THC increases the risks of physical dependence and addiction. Higher doses of THC can cause anxiety, agitation, paranoia, and psychosis.

SIGNS OF MEDICAL CANNABIS ADDICTION & ABUSE

- Making certain that you maintain a supply of the drug through legal or illegal means
- Not meeting obligations and work responsibilities, or cutting back on social or recreational activities
- Continuing to use the drug, even though you know it's causing problems in your life or causing you physical or psychological harm

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- Doing things to get the drug that you normally wouldn't do, such as stealing
- Driving or doing other risky activities when you're under the influence of the drug

GETTING HELP

For non-emergency situations contact:

- Your recommending physician

IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY:

- Stop using medical cannabis and seek medical assistance

ADDICTION & ABUSE RESOURCES

- Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
- Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System
- Prevention Action Alliance
- Partnership for Drug-Free Kids
- Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities
- Ohio Citizen Advocates for Addiction Recovery (OCAAR)
- Addiction Services Providers by County
- Generation Rx