Marijuana

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Also called: Cannabis, Ganja, Grass, Hash, Pot, Weed

Marijuana is a dry, shredded mix of flowers, stems, seeds and leaves of the hemp plant Cannabis sativa. People usually smoke it as a cigarette or in a pipe. It is the most commonly abused illegal drug in the United States.

Abusing marijuana can result in problems with memory, learning and social behavior. It can interfere with family, school, work and other activities.

Scientific studies are underway to test the safety and usefulness of cannabis compounds for treating certain medical conditions. Currently, smoking marijuana is not recommended for the treatment of any disease or condition.

NIH: National Institute on Drug Abuse

Start Here

- Also available in Spanish [http://www.drugabuse.gov/es/publicaciones/drugfacts/la-marihuana]
- Also available in Spanish [http://familydoctor.org/familydoctor/es/diseases-conditions/marijuana-use.printerview.all.html]

Overviews

- Cannabis and Cannabinoids (PDQ) [http://cancer.gov/cancertopics/pdq/cam/cannabis/patient/] NIH (National Cancer Institute)
- Also available in Spanish [http://www.drugabuse.gov/es/publicaciones/la-marihuana-lo-que-los-padres-deben-saber]

Latest News


Treatment

- Treatment Approaches for Drug Addiction [http://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/treatment-
approaches-drug-addiction] **NIH** (National Institute on Drug Abuse)
Also available in Spanish [http://www.drugabuse.gov/es/publicaciones/drugfacts/enfoques-de-tratamiento-para-la-drogadiccion]

- What Is Substance Abuse Treatment? A Booklet for Families [http://store.samhsa.gov/shin/content//SMA08-4126/SMA08-4126.pdf] (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) - PDF
Also available in Spanish [http://store.samhsa.gov/shin/content//SMA08-4098/SMA08-4098.pdf]

**Specific Conditions**

- Spice (Synthetic Marijuana) [http://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/spice-synthetic-marijuana] **NIH** (National Institute on Drug Abuse)
Also available in Spanish [http://www.drugabuse.gov/es/publicaciones/drugfacts/el-spice-marihuana-sintetica]

**Related Issues**

- Marijuana (Cannabis) and Multiple Sclerosis [http://www.nationalmssociety.org/about-multiple-sclerosis/what-we-know-about-ms/treatments/complementary--alternative-medicine/marijuana/index.aspx] (National Multiple Sclerosis Society)
Also available in Spanish [http://www.geteyesmart.org/eyesmart/living-es/marihuana-medicinal-y-glaucoma.cfm]

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**Clinical Trials**

- ClinicalTrials.gov: Marijuana Abuse [http://clinicaltrials.gov/search/open/condition=%22Marijuana+Abuse%22] **NIH** (National Institutes of Health)

**Research**

Also available in Spanish [http://www.drugabuse.gov/es/publicaciones/serie-de-reportes/abuso-de-la-marihuana/nota-de-la-directora]

**Journal Articles**

**References and abstracts from MEDLINE/PubMed (National Library of Medicine)**

• Article: Physician advice to adolescents about drinking and other health behaviors.

• Article: Marijuana use and long-term mortality among survivors of acute myocardial...


Directories
• Substance Abuse Treatment Facility Locator
  [http://findtreatment.samhsa.gov/TreatmentLocator/faces/quickSearch.jspx] (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)

Organizations
• Drug Enforcement Administration [http://www.justice.gov/dea/]
• National Institute on Drug Abuse [http://www.drugabuse.gov/] NIH
  Also available in Spanish [http://www.drugabuse.gov/es/inicio]
• Office of National Drug Control Policy [http://www.whitehouse.gov/ondcp]
• Partnership at Drugfree.org [http://www.drugfree.org/] (Partnership for a Drug-Free America)

Statistics
• Marijuana: Know the Facts
• Substance Abuse Treatment Admissions Aged 15 to 17
  [http://www.samhsa.gov/data/2k12/TEDS_061/TEDS_061_LateAdolescents_2012.htm] (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)
• Trends in Adolescent Substance Use and Perception of Risk from Substance Use
  [http://www.samhsa.gov/data/2k13/NSDUH099a/sr099a-risk-perception-trends.pdf] (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) - PDF

Children
• What You Need to Know about Drugs: Marijuana
  [http://kidshealth.org/kid/grow/drugs_alcohol/know_drugs_marijuana.html] (Nemours Foundation)

Teenagers
  Also available in Spanish [http://www.drugabuse.gov/es/publicaciones/la-marihuana-informacion-para-los-adolescentes]

Women
• Marijuana and Pregnancy [http://www.mothertobaby.org/files/marijuana.pdf] (Organization of Teratology Information Specialists) - PDF
  Also available in Spanish [http://www.mothertobaby.org/files/Spanish_Marijuana_2_12.pdf]
Patient Handouts

  Also available in Spanish [http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/spanish/ency/article/000952.htm]
  (National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information) - PDF

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