



Kansas Medical Cannabis Network

Information and resources for medical cannabis patients, their caregivers, providers and advocates

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Who we are

Kansas Medical Cannabis Network is an informal coalition of prospective medical cannabis patients, caregivers, advocates and others asking for responsible regulation of medical cannabis/marijuana) in Kansas

Why we are here

Medical cannabis is an emerging industry with broad benefits to the economy, to the community and, most of all, to patients who are struggling with debilitating medical conditions. Current policies fail to establish responsible controls to protect our youth and proper regulations to ensure compassionate access for patients.

What we are doing

Today, Kansas has the opportunity to lead by example and set the industry standard in this emerging market. We are committed to working with legislators, communities, patients and providers to develop safe, sensible, and sustainable regulation. Continue to look to www.medcankan.org as your primary source for medical cannabis news and information related to medical cannabis reform and regulation in Kansas.

How you can help

Policy change begins with education. (See back of this flyer for some medical cannabis facts.) Learn all you can about the issue and then start the medical cannabis conversation with your legislators, governor, mayor, police chief and others in your community in positions of authority. Tell them it is time to allow patients compassionate access with responsible controls. Talk to members of your community, your church, your lodge or other such groups. Only by enlightening voters can there be any hope for medical cannabis legislation to be passed into law in Kansas.

Medical cannabis facts

- Cannabis has been used as medicine for more than 5,000 years.
- Cannabis as medicine was legal for far longer than it has been illegal.
- Every human being is born with cannabis receptors throughout his or her body.
- Although cannabis has been smoked widely in Western countries for more than four decades, there have been no reported cases of lung cancer or emphysema attributed to cannabis.
- No other medications have the same mechanisms of action as cannabis.
- Since 1996 sixteen states and the District of Columbia have legalized medical cannabis use. At least 15 more have pending legislation.
- A growing number of religious denominations and organizations support the use of cannabis as medicine with a physician's recommendation.*
- Among the respected criminal justice and health organizations supporting medical cannabis are the American Nurses Association; American Academy of Family Physicians; American Bar Association; American Medical Student Association; American Public Health Association; AIDS Action Council; Lymphoma Foundation of America; National Association of Attorneys General; National Association of People with AIDS; and the National Black Police Association.
- In a civilized society, seeking a better quality of life should not be considered a criminal act.

*These include: The Episcopal Church; General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA); Progressive National Baptist Convention; Union for Reform Judaism; Unitarian Universalist Association; United Church of Christ; United Methodist Board of Church and Society; and United Methodist Church. They endorse this statement: "Licensed medical doctors should not be punished for recommending the use of medical marijuana to seriously ill people, and seriously ill people should not be subject to criminal sanctions for using marijuana if the patient's physician has told the patient that such use is likely to be beneficial."

