

ICHP Position Statement - Medical Cannabis (Marijuana) and non-FDA Approved Cannabinoids

ICHP supports the following regarding the use of medical cannabis:

- ICHP encourages healthcare organizations to develop policies and procedures regarding the handling of medical cannabis consistent with applicable laws, regulations and accreditation standards
- ICHP supports that the DEA and/or Congress review the classification of cannabis and consider a schedule that allows for further research of cannabis and its individual components
- ICHP advocates for further research and clinical trials involving the safety and efficacy of medical cannabis and its individual components.
- ICHP advocates for the standardization of cannabis containing products and its individual active components. All CBD products, including non-FDA approved cannabinoids should have a certificate of analysis available, which is a certified lab report that provides CBD product testing results. The patient should easily view testing result details including total amount of each cannabinoid, presence of contaminants, etc.
- ICHP advocates for the development of screening methods to assess the level of impairment caused by cannabis use, as is applicable to particular duties (i.e operation of motor vehicles, workplace duties)
- ICHP supports pharmacist and technician education on the current Federal and State regulations pertaining to the use of medical cannabis
- ICHP supports pharmacist education on medical information or literature pertaining to medical cannabinoids approved by the FDA to better counsel patients and families with questions or concerns.
- ICHP advocates the education of purchasers on known health risks associated with the use of cannabis at the time of purchase.

In addition, ICHP opposes the use of cannabis for recreational use (recreational marijuana) and discourages the use of CBD-containing products, which are not regulated by the FDA and may not be labelled correctly for the amount of CBD in the product.

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