

# Medicinal cannabis treatment information sheet and consent form

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## What is medical cannabis treatment?

Medicinal cannabis is generally considered an experimental drug, and, in many cases, there is limited data from which to draw specific recommendations for treatment.

Medicinal cannabis drugs are not registered medicines in Australia. The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) permits access to medicinal cannabis medicines through a Special Access Scheme (SAS) pathway. The TGA has discretion to allow such approvals under the TGA Goods Act 1989.

Please read this information carefully. Ask questions about anything that you don't understand or want to know more about.

## What are the risks of this treatment?

There are risks and possible complications with medicinal cannabis. They include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Medical cannabis should not be used by persons who:
  - have hypersensitivity to cannabinoids.
  - have a substance addiction or may intentionally use drugs for non-medical purposes.
  - are on a drug-dependent register.
  - have a known or suspected personal or family history of schizophrenia or psychotic illness.
  - have a known or suspected personal history of severe personality disorder.
  - have a known or suspected severe or unstable cardio-pulmonary disease.
  - have a known or suspected liver and kidney dysfunction.
- Medicinal cannabis may be harmful to infants and children and should not be used by those pregnant or breast feeding.
- Medical cannabis use with vaporisers or other modes of use may cause known or unknown side effects.
- Possible known side-effects of medicinal cannabis compounds, principally with Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), may include and are not limited to: nausea, light-headedness, uncontrolled laughter or euphoria, dry mouth, increased or decreased appetite, vomiting, relaxation, sedation, drowsiness, abnormal blood pressure, physical weakness, confusion, disorientation, dizziness, vertigo, fever, coordination imbalance, memory changes, cognitive impairment, bowel changes, anxiety, depression, hallucinations, paranoid thoughts, psychosis, mental disturbance, abnormal heart rate, lethargy, seizures, and chronic bronchitis (if inhaled).
- You should avoid alcohol, intoxicants, or recreational drugs while using medicinal cannabis as it may well interact with medicinal cannabis treatment.

## What do I need to know about medication?

### **MEDICINAL CANNABIS MAY INTERACT WITH OTHER MEDICATIONS AND CAUSE SIDE EFFECTS.**

It is important to tell the clinical team staff about any medications you may be taking, including prescription and non-prescription medications, vitamins or herbal supplements.

**What are the benefits of this treatment?**

Medicinal cannabis is an experimental treatment therefore we cannot guarantee that you will receive any benefits from this treatment; however, possible benefits may include an improvement in your symptoms and quality of life.

**Consent to communications**

By signing the consent form you consent to: CDA Clinics obtaining, using, and disclosing **your health information** for the purposes of providing medical treatment and in relation to research into the use of medicinal cannabis; and **personal information** being used by CDA Clinics for administrative purposes including your use of the Services.

Consent (or opting out) to direct marketing and other promotional messages occurs during the account registration process. Your consent preferences can be changed at any time.

**Patient’s responsibilities and declaration**

1. I have read the Information Sheet, or someone has read it to me in a language that I understand.
2. I will carefully follow the advice of my doctor and clinicians on medicinal cannabis dosage and frequency.
3. I understand the potential risks, possible side effects and complications of medicinal cannabis treatment.
4. I understand no guarantee has been made that medicinal cannabis treatment will improve my symptoms or condition and that if I take medicinal cannabis, it is at my own risk.
5. I understand it is my responsibility alone to ensure I comply with all laws, employment contracts, safety guidelines and other warnings etc regarding medicinal cannabis treatment and THC/other cannabinoid levels within my body.
6. I understand that I must NOT drive anything motorised nor operate heavy machinery while using THC or medicinal cannabis products.
7. I understand that it is illegal to share, sell, lend or trade medicinal cannabis or give my medicinal cannabis to any other person.
8. I understand that if I suffer any adverse event, side- effect or reactions I should immediately report these to the clinical team.
9. I understand that I can ask questions at any time and do not have to proceed with treatment until I am satisfied with the answers I have received.
10. I voluntarily agree to medicinal cannabis treatment and understand that I am free to change my mind at any time without affecting my future care.

<b>Name of participant</b> (please print)			
<b>Signature</b>		<b>Date</b>	
<b>Name of parent/legal guardian</b> (if applicable)			
<b>Signature</b>		<b>Date</b>	