

# CDA CLINICS

CDA Clinics was founded to assist doctors and patients in navigating the complex approval process and sourcing of medical cannabis. Our experienced team of doctors and nurses can assist patients with access to medical cannabis treatment Australia-wide and support doctors with education and training through BHC's online platform, CanView ([canview.com.au](http://canview.com.au)).

Any registered medical practitioner can access unapproved medical cannabis products for the treatment of appropriate patients (outside of clinical trials) via the Special Access Scheme (SAS) or Authorised Prescriber (AP) Scheme. However, many doctors have not completed the necessary education to confidently prescribe and therefore refer to CDA Clinics.

To date, the TGA has approved SAS applications including, but not limited to:

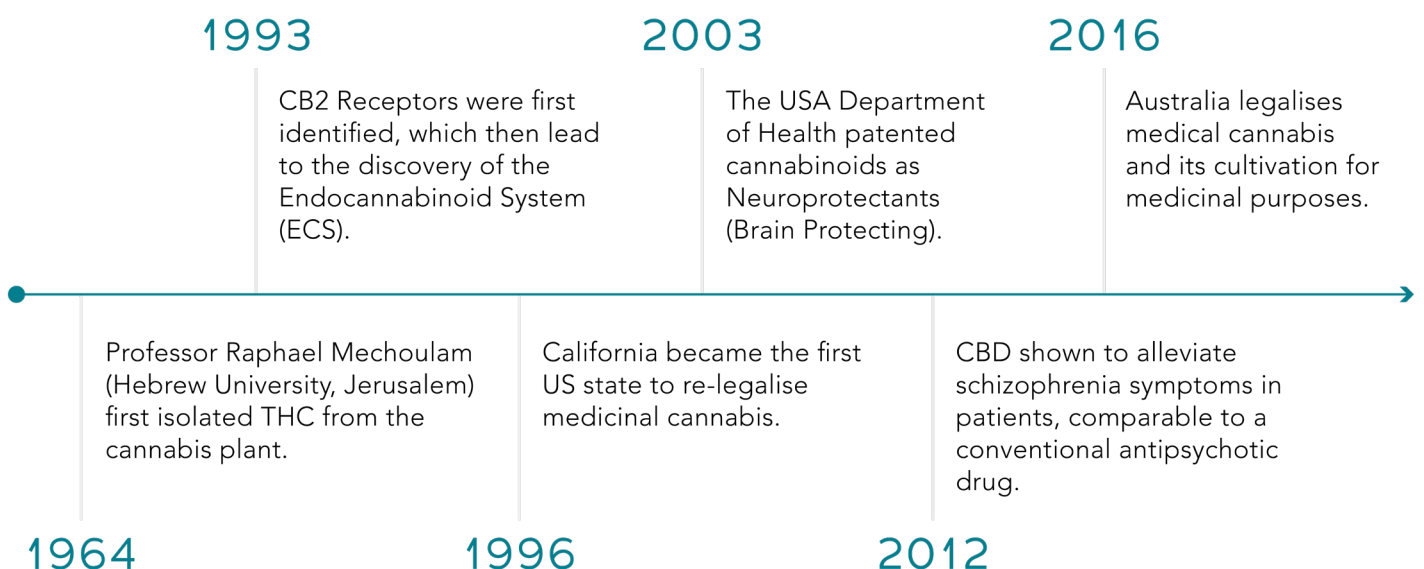
- Chronic pain
- Cancer pain / symptoms
- Insomnia
- Mental health disorders
- Inflammatory disorders
- Chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting

## Why does CDA Clinics need a referral?

Referrals are best practice and are important for our team to understand your patient's medical cannabis needs and to look for P450 metabolised medications that can be affected by cannabinoids. To ensure duty of care is undertaken, our team must receive a Referral and Health Summary to consult with your patient.

If you require further information before referring your patient or are interested in learning about how you can prescribe, please email us at [practitioners@cdaclinics.com.au](mailto:practitioners@cdaclinics.com.au).

## The History of Cannabis



# What happens when you refer your patient to CDA Clinics?

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## Documentation

To ensure diagnoses, appropriate treatment, and informed consent, the following forms are required to be sent to CDA Clinics. In addition to this, the patient must have registered on the CDA website so we can create a patient profile.



### Referral

This can either be a CDA referral found [here](#) or a referral on your own clinic letterhead marked attention to CDA Clinics.



### Health Summary

Please ensure the Health Summary contains:

- a) Patient contact details
- b) Current medications and treatments
- c) Previous medications
- d) Active past history



### Consent Form

The patient will receive a CDA Consent Form via email in the information pack. This can also be accessed on our website. This document is also required for our team to consult with the patient.

## Booking in a Consultation

Once we've received and checked the required paperwork, the patient will receive an email from the CDA team to contact us to arrange a booking. Alternatively, we can be contacted on 07 5689 3740 to book a consultation. We have both Telehealth and in-clinic consultations available.

## Visit CDA's Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on our website

There is a lot of information to take in during the consultation. Therefore, we advise all patients to visit the FAQ section on our website to read through commonly asked questions.

## Consultation

The nurses and doctors from CDA will consult with your patient and discuss potential treatment options available. The length of time between payment of a consultation and a patient receiving a call from the pharmacy with their medicine is approximately 10 business days.

## Prescription and Dispensing of Medication

Once approval has been received from the TGA for the medical cannabis product, the doctor will write a script. They will send this to the nominated pharmacy as discussed during the consultation.

## Correspondence

After the initial consultation and 6-week follow up, the Clinical Care Team will fax a letter to your medical clinic.

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As we receive a high volume of Referrals and Health Summaries each day, we advise all patients to register on our website at [cdaclinics.com.au](http://cdaclinics.com.au) prior to booking. To book your consult, contact our Patient Care Team on 07 5689 3740. Please visit our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) on our website for further information.