



**Parkinson Canada Position Statement on the
Medical Use of Marijuana
(also referred to as cannabis)**

Marijuana (also referred to as cannabis), is legally accessible in Canada for medical purposes. To-date, it has not been conclusively demonstrated by science based evaluation that marijuana can directly benefit people with Parkinson's disease. There is a need for larger, controlled studies to better understand the efficacy of medical use of marijuana for Parkinson's.

If you are considering medical use of marijuana for Parkinson's, we recommend you consult with your health care professional to carefully weigh potential risks and/or benefits for your individual situation.

Parkinson Canada provides credible, up-to-date information on Parkinson's and care management. We do not provide medical advice. Our purpose is to meet the needs of Canadians living with Parkinson's by enhancing their knowledge in order to make informed decisions. We will continue to monitor the topic of marijuana for medical purposes and will update our resources as new information becomes available.

For more information on treatment options for Parkinson's disease, please consult the Canadian Guidelines on Parkinson's disease at: <http://parkinsonclinicalguidelines.ca>

Supporting documentation for Parkinson Canada's position statement is at www.parkinson.ca

For more information about Parkinson Canada and its advocacy work, including more information about this position statement, contact advocacy@parkinson.ca