

Medication Information

Marijuana (cannabis)

The more Marijuana is used, the shorter its effects last. Tolerance to the psychoactive effects develops with continued use.

Precautions: Risk of adverse reactions is greater for persons who have had schizophrenia or other psychotic disorder, depression, or bipolar disorder. Tar content of marijuana is significantly greater than cigarettes, with more carcinogens.

Potential adverse effects include:

Accidents caused by distortions in perception of time, body image, and distance.

Impairment of recent memory, confusion, decreased concentration.

Decreased muscle strength and balance.

Impaired ability to perform complex motor tasks.

Increased appetite.

Impaired judgment and impulsivity.

Fast heart rate and lower exercise tolerance.

Dry mouth and throat.

High doses may cause: Hallucinations, Depersonalization, Paranoia, Agitation, Extreme panic

Chronic use may cause:

Psychological and mild physical dependence.

Bronchitis, sinusitis, pharyngitis, emphysema.

Decreased sex drive, impotence, infertility, birth defects.

Impaired immune system functioning.

Impaired motivation.

Depression.

Weight gain.