

Studies reported in the media about the possible effectiveness of cannabis

1. Alzheimer's Disease

POT MAY BE BOOST TO OLDER BRAINS | New York Daily News (NY) | October 19, 2006 | "Anti-inflammatory compounds in pot deflect the memory loss associated with the illness [Alzheimer's] and could ultimately slow its progression, said psychology Prof. Gary Wenk of Ohio State University." <http://www.mapinc.org/drugnews/v06/n1421/a04.html?317098>.

2. Cancer – Brain Tumors

REPORT SUPPRESSED THAT MARIJUANA COMPONENTS CAN INHIBIT CANCER GROWTH | The Coastal Post (CA) | November 1, 2004 | "Clinical research touted by the journal of the American Association for Cancer Research that shows marijuana's components can inhibit the growth of cancerous brain tumors is the latest in a long line of studies demonstrating the drug's potential as an anti-cancer agent." <http://www.mapinc.org/drugnews/v04/n1518/a07.html?317341>.

3. Epilepsy

CANNABIS 'COULD HELP EPILEPTICS' | BBC News (UK Web) | October 4, 2003 | "Further evidence has emerged that an ingredient of cannabis could help prevent epileptic seizures." <http://www.mapinc.org/drugnews/v03/n1520/a03.html?317372>.

4. High Blood Pressure

ISRAELI RESEARCHER LOWERS BLOOD PRESSURE WITH CANNABIS COMPONENT | Jerusalem Post | June 14, 2006 | "A new method for lowering blood pressure with a compound that synthesizes a cannabis (hashish or marijuana) plant component has been developed by a Hebrew University doctoral student in pharmacology." <http://www.mapinc.org/drugnews/v06/n771/a02.html?317064>.

5. Hepatitis C

US CA: STUDY: MEDICAL MARIJUANA CAN HELP PEOPLE WITH HEP C | Bay Area Reporter | September 21, 2006 | "Medical marijuana can help people with hepatitis C stay on treatment longer, leading to better outcomes, according to a study published in the October 2006 issue of the European Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology." <http://www.mapinc.org/drugnews/v06/n1262/a01.html?317072>.

6. Multiple Sclerosis

STUDY SUGGESTS MARIJUANA MAY EASE MS SYMPTOMS | Sacramento Bee (CA) | November 7, 2003 | "A marijuana pill appeared to relieve some of the symptoms of multiple sclerosis in the first scientifically rigorous study of the strongly debated drug." <http://www.mapinc.org/drugnews/v03/n1756/a04.html?317344>.

7. Nausea - Chemotherapy

ONE DRUG, TWO TAKES | Los Angeles Times | May 1, 2006 | "For nausea, the panel examined about a dozen studies that looked at THC or marijuana's ability to quell nausea during chemotherapy. For example, in one study, 56 cancer patients who did not respond to other anti-nausea and vomiting drugs were given marijuana. More than one-third rated the plant as moderately or highly effective." <http://www.mapinc.org/drugnews/v06/n546/a05.html?317260>.

8. Nausea - Morning Sickness

MORE PREGNANCY HIGHS THAN LOWS | National Post (Canada) | January 17, 2006 | "Almost all of the B.C. women surveyed at the University of Victoria and University of British Columbia said smoking marijuana helped curb the nausea of pregnancy." <http://www.mapinc.org/drugnews/v06/n076/a05.html?317238>.

9. Pain – Peripheral Neuropathy (in AIDS)

SMOKING POT REDUCES PAIN, STUDY SHOWS | Washington Post | February 13, 2007 | "AIDS patients suffering from debilitating nerve pain got as much or more relief by smoking marijuana as they would typically get from prescription drugs -- and with fewer side effects -- according to a study conducted under rigorously controlled conditions with government-grown pot." <http://www.mapinc.org/drugnews/v07/n177/a01.html?317089>.

10. Pain – Post surgical

CANNABIS 'REDUCES SURGERY PAIN' | BBC News | June 2, 2006 | "A cannabis plant extract provides pain relief for patients after major surgery, research has shown." <http://www.mapinc.org/drugnews/v06/n722/a07.html?317162>

11. Psychosis

CANNABIS 'COULD REVERSE PSYCHOSIS' | Daily Telegraph (UK) | December 1, 2005 | "AUSTRALIAN researchers believe cannabis, a drug believed to increase the risk of psychosis, may also be able to reverse psychotic behaviour." <http://www.mapinc.org/drugnews/v05/n1879/a03.html?317362>.

12. Schizophrenia

MARIJUANA MOOD SWING | NOW Magazine (CN ON) | September 21, 2006 | "The strongest data out there is that CBD [a component of cannabis], in strong enough doses, controls schizophrenia." <http://www.mapinc.org/drugnews/v05/n1879/a03.html?317362>.