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Medical marijuana cited as effective pain relief therapy.

Most of MediCann's 200,000 patients use cannabis as alternative to prescription drugs.

San Francisco, CA---Reports from tens of thousands of MediCann medical marijuana patients confirm that the most frequent use of cannabis is to treat the pain associated with medical problems such as cancer, multiple sclerosis, arthritis, HIV/AIDS-related pain and neuropathy. MediCann is the nation's largest provider of medical marijuana evaluations with more than 200,000 patients in California.

MediCann physicians report that many patients try marijuana because prescription drugs either don't work for them or have serious negative side-effects. Cannabis has an excellent safety record while prescription drug misuse is the cause of more than 20,000 deaths each year---equivalent to a fully loaded jetliner crashing every week. There are no reported deaths due to medical cannabis use in recorded history. The safety record for cannabis is even better than plain aspirin.

While there is seemingly a prescription drug recall every week due to dangerous side-effects, and statistics that point to everything from suicide to violent behavior caused by synthetic drugs, medical grade cannabis has an enviable safety record and is well tolerated by most patients.

Cannabis has been used for thousands of years to treat pain and was a legal drug in most states, approved by the American Medical Association, until 1937 when Congress passed laws effectively outlawing it during the "reefer madness" hysteria. Despite evidence of its efficacy, the Federal government reclassified cannabis as a Schedule 1 drug in 1970, placing it alongside cocaine and heroin.

The cannabis plant produces more than 80 unique “cannabinoids” that have therapeutic effects. Nearly all cannabinoids do not produce the “high” associated with recreational marijuana use.

The medical use of cannabis has been legal in California since 1996 when Proposition 215 was passed. Currently 14 other states (and Washington DC) allow the medical use of cannabis.

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ABOUT MEDICANN

MediCann, a physician owned and operated company, was founded in 2004. The company operates 21 medical clinics throughout California staffed by highly trained physicians. MediCann has provided professional medical marijuana evaluations to more than 200,000 patients. Patients must provide a recommendation from another health care provider. Once approved to use cannabis to therapeutically treat their medical condition, patients are provided an identification card that allows them to purchase medical marijuana from a legal dispensary. MediCann is presently researching the topical usage of cannabis to treat pain. MediCann also provides education about medical marijuana. The company headquarters are in Oakland, California.

ABOUT DR. JEAN TALLEYRAND/FOUNDER, CEO

Dr. Jean Tallyrand, CEO/Founder of MediCann of California, founded the company in 2004 after realizing that many patients could be helped by alternative medical therapies, including cannabis. In addition to cannabis, MediCann offers alternative therapies such as massage, acupuncture and chiropractic services. Often a combination of these safe therapies is more effective than prescription drugs to treat pain.

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