

## **Some major organizations endorsing medical cannabis:**

- AIDS Action Council
- American Academy of Family Physicians
- American Nurses Association
- American Public Health Association
- Arthritis Research Campaign
- Lymphoma Foundation of America
- National Association for Public Health Policy
- National Nurses Society on Addictions
- National Black Police Association
- US Conference of Mayors
- The Episcopal Church
- The Presbyterian Church USA
- The United Church of Christ
- The United Methodist Church's Board of Church and Society
- The Union of Reform Judaism
- The Unitarian Universalist Association

**Groups are now forming statewide, contact us for information in your area.**

## **Our mission**

**People deserve to know the truth. The primary goal of the Kansas Medical Cannabis Network is to make available accurate information about medical cannabis to every Kansan interested in such information, and to provide the tools they need to express their need for or support of medical cannabis.**

**Our secondary goal is to build a useful network for every individual and organization working on compassionate use in Kansas, so that we may coordinate our efforts and achieve our ultimate goal for seriously ill Kansas patients.**

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# **do you or someone you know need to use cannabis (marijuana) for medical reasons?**

**perhaps we can help...**



# Why is it a crime to want to feel better or live in less pain?

Have you ever wondered why it is not a crime for your doctor to knowingly prescribe for you an endless array of dangerous compounds?



Many of these substances are known to carry risks of side effects ranging from a mild rash to

a serious illness, to a life-changing medical condition, or even to death.

It is widely acknowledged that commonly-prescribed opiates—such as morphine and codeine; and their synthetic equivalents—Oxycodone and Hydrocodone—often cause dependency when used as directed.

How can this be considered acceptable health care while a benign, natural plant, virtually free from unpleasant side effects; and used successfully throughout the ages to treat a wide range of ailments, is abundantly available but forbidden?

## What could medical cannabis do for you or someone you love?

The results of more than four decades of intensive research in Israel and elsewhere have left little doubt that cannabis is therapeutically effective in the treatment of a long and growing list of medical conditions:

- Alzheimer disease
- Appetite/nausea
- Chemotherapy
- Chronic pain
- Crohn's disease
- Epilepsy/seizures
- HIV/AIDS
- Hepatitis c
- Multiple sclerosis
- Spinal injury
- Tumor reduction



This is a partial list of the conditions which have been shown to be medically responsive to cannabis therapy. Talk to your doctor or other medical professional about this remarkably versatile medicinal plant.

The first step in changing the law is to raise public awareness of the issue. On [www.medcankan.org](http://www.medcankan.org) we have posted suggestions for ways to bring the medical cannabis question into mainstream consciousness.

There are tips and tools for writing effective messages to legislators and newspaper editors, and links to state and national-level lawmakers making it easier than ever before to communicate with them.

We have also posted some pre-formed messages that can be sent to legislators or newspaper editors with a minimum of editing to customize the message to fit your situation.

Learn all you can about the issue and then start the medical cannabis conversation with your legislators, governor, mayor, police chief and others in your community in positions of authority.

Talk to members of your community, your church, your lodge or other such groups. Only by enlightening people do Kansas patients have any hope for medical marijuana legislation to pass into law.