Medical Marijuana

Marijuana is a topic that has received a lot of attention recently, even more so since medical marijuana was on the Florida election ballot in 2014. As more states begin to legalize recreational and medical marijuana, our opinions regarding this drug are changing. We would like to share some information regarding medical marijuana that you may not be aware of, to help you understand the terms. First, it is important to note that there is a difference between “medical marijuana” and “marijuana-based medicines.” Medical marijuana is not FDA approved and is not something a doctor can prescribe, nor can pharmacies sell. Doctors can only recommend them or certify that a patient has a disease or condition that laws claim medical marijuana will cure. Medical marijuana would be sold by storefront dispensaries, not in medically controlled circumstances, and not monitored by physicians. Marijuana-based medicines, such as Marinol, are synthetic THC and were approved in the 1980s to treat chemotherapy-related nausea and AIDs. These medicines are already legal for patients to possess and use with a prescription. “Opium has medical value, and it is called morphine. Marijuana has medical value, too—but just as we don’t smoke opium to receive beneficial effects, we need not smoke marijuana to get its medical value.” -Project SAM (Smart Approaches to Marijuana).

The Pot Quiz!

Marijuana Use and Attitudes: Help Us Understand

Take the Survey: It is completely anonymous and voluntary! You will not only contribute to general knowledge about trends on campus, but play an important role in ongoing change in policies and perspectives regarding marijuana use and beliefs.

Why take it?
- Inform policy and perspectives
- Help us understand marijuana use and attitudes

How long will it take?
- Complete it in less than 5 minutes
- Can be completed on any device that connects to the internet

Diary Know?

Get the facts about marijuana so that you can promote positive change, allowing our society to utilize the benefits of marijuana while reducing the harm and unintentional consequences.

- A goal of Project SAM is to promote research on marijuana in order to obtain FDA-approved, pharmacy-dispensed, cannabis-based medications.
- Marijuana use directly affects the parts of the brain responsible for memory, learning, attention and reaction time.
- 25% of all drug-related fatal incidents in the US involve the use of marijuana.
- Anxiety and panic attacks are the most common negative side effects of marijuana use.
- Research shows a permanent drop in IQ when marijuana is used regularly before age 18.
- Marijuana can be addictive. Research has found that 1 in 11 of all marijuana users will become addicted. If a person begins using under the age of 18, that number rises to 1 in 6.
- If you’re a man, heavy marijuana use could lower your testosterone levels, and your sperm count and quality.

PUPPYPALOOZA

21st-10-1pm; Cohen Center Lawn
22nd-1-4pm; Cohen Center Lawn

Please see our online calendar for a full, updated schedule.

WELLNESS FACT

Due to genetic breeding, THC, the psychoactive chemical in marijuana, has more than tripled since 1960.

Question of the Month

What is the scientific name for marijuana?

Email Diane at dodeh@fgcu.edu with the correct answer to enter into a drawing for $10 of Eagle Dollars!