Cannabis for Medical Purposes

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Limitations:
The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) recognizes the urgent requirements of 100,000 Canadians suffering from terminal illness or chronic disease for which conventional therapies have not been effective and for whom cannabis (marijuana) might offer relief.

However, there is a need for controls to ensure safe and effective use of this therapy. It is important that public health authorities and physicians collaborate to ensure the safe and effective use of cannabis as a medication. The need for research is also highlighted to provide evidence-based guidelines for the use of cannabis in medical contexts.

The CMA states the following recommendations:
1. Increase support for the advancement of scientific knowledge about the medical use of cannabis, in particular regarding the mechanism of action and the potential benefits to patients.
2. Support the establishment of an advisory panel to provide guidance on the use of cannabis for medical purposes.
3. Increase support for the development of guidelines for the use of cannabis for medical purposes.

The CMA has also emphasized the importance of ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the use of cannabis for medical purposes to ensure its safety and efficacy.

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