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## STUDY: SCANT EVIDENCE THAT MEDICAL POT HELPS MANY ILLNESSES

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### *Summary*

The first comprehensive analysis of research on marijuana for medical use has revealed there are scant medical benefits. The analysis is published in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Included also is a small study suggesting that edible marijuana products have inaccurate active ingredients listed. Forty seven brands of edible products including candy, baked good, and drinks from dispensaries in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle, found accurate amounts for only 13 of 75 products. One in four had higher amounts than labeled, resulting in possible ill effects.

Twenty-three states and Washington, D.C. permit medical marijuana use. Approved conditions vary but include Alzheimer's disease, epilepsy, glaucoma, kidney disease, lupus and Parkinson's disease.

An editorial in the Journal says that those states that have approved such laws have based their passage on poor quality studies, patients' testimonies and other non-scientific evidence.

Two Yale University psychiatrists suggest enthusiasm has outpaced research and it would be wiser to wait for better evidence.

Marijuana use can be addictive and there needs to be more research on the long-term health effects and whether its use is justified in children whose developing brains may be more vulnerable to its effects. ■

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