

Office of Compassionate Use

LOW THC INFORMATION

Patients diagnosed with cancer or a physical medical condition that chronically produces symptoms of seizures or severe and persistent muscle spasms are eligible to receive an order for non-euphoric, low-THC cannabis. In order to receive an order for low-THC cannabis, a patient must:

1. Schedule a face-to-face consultation with a qualified physician who has undergone the training required to order cannabis for patients. You can find a complete list of qualified physicians [HERE](#). Physicians may only order low-THC cannabis for a patient if he or she has treated that patient during the immediate preceding three months.
2. The physician must determine that the risks of ordering low-THC cannabis are reasonable in light of the potential benefit for that patient. If a patient is younger than 18 years of age, a second physician must concur with this determination, and such determination must be documented in the patient's medical record.
3. The physician must obtain voluntary, informed consent in writing from the patient, or the patient's legal guardian, to treatment with low-THC cannabis after sufficiently explaining the current state of knowledge in the medical community of the effectiveness of treatment of the patient's condition with low-THC cannabis, the medically acceptable alternatives, and the potential risks and side effects.
4. An ordering physician must enter an order of low-THC cannabis for the named patient into the Compassionate Use Registry, and update the registry to reflect the contents of the order. The physician must deactivate the patient's registration when treatment is discontinued.
5. The ordering physician must maintain a patient treatment plan that includes the dose, route of administration, planned duration, and monitoring of the patient's symptoms and other indicators of tolerance or reaction to the order for low-THC cannabis. The physician submits the patient treatment plan quarterly to the University of Florida, College Of Pharmacy, for research on the safety and efficacy of low-THC cannabis on patients.
6. Finally, a patient may fill their order at a qualified dispensing organization. The dispensing organization will verify the identity of the patient or legal representative, as well as the existence of an order in the Compassionate Use Registry. A dispensing organization may not dispense more than a 45-day supply of low-THC cannabis.
7. The medical use of low-THC cannabis does NOT include the following:
 - The possession, use or administration of low-THC cannabis by smoking.
 - The transfer of low-THC cannabis to a person other than the qualified patient for whom it was ordered.
 - The use of low-THC cannabis on any form of public transportation, in any public place, in a qualified patient's place of employment, if restricted by his or her employer, in a state correctional institution, on the grounds of a preschool, primary school, or secondary school or any school bus or vehicle.

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