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What are the different forms of **medical marijuana**?

Smoking

Medical marijuana can be consumed in a variety of different ways. The most common way people consume medical marijuana is by smoking the dried leaves rolled up in paper or through a smoking device like a pipe or vaporizer. This method is the fastest acting and patients can feel effects almost immediately. It's also easier to regulate the needed amount when you smoke it.

Extracts & Concentrates

Many patients will choose to smoke concentrated THC, also known as shatter. Shatter is just one of the many cannabis concentrates available. The concentrates are extracted by using a solvent like CO2 or butane which strips the THC and other cannabinoids off the plant. The solvent is then burnt off and the result is a wax, oil, or hard product. It's important to note that extracts and concentrates range between 50 to 85% THC, as opposed to dried leaves which range from 10 to 25%. So just a little dab is all that's necessary to get the desired benefits.



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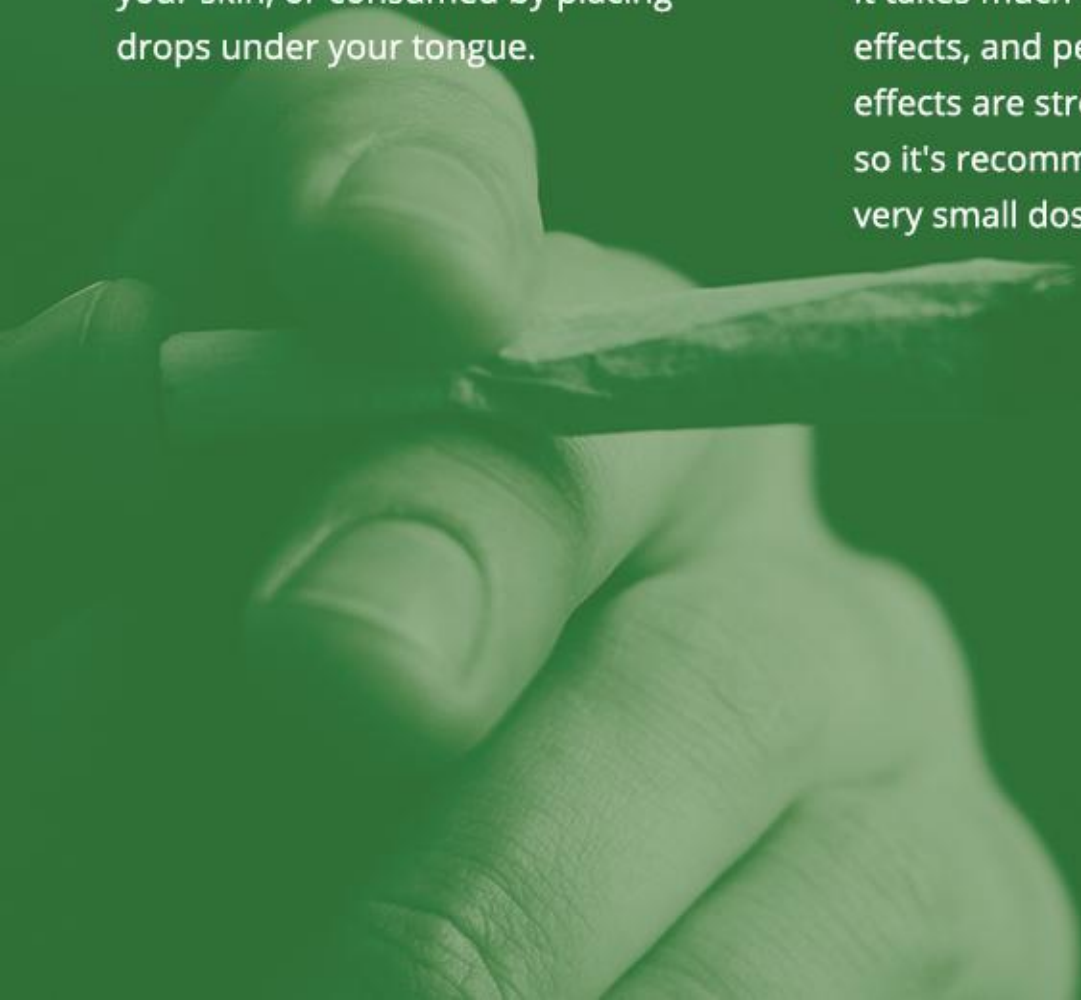
Tinctures & Tonics

A tincture is another concentrated form of medical marijuana that is made in an alcohol solution. The leaves are soaked in alcohol and then put through a fine strainer that creates a potent liquid infused with THC and other cannabinoids.

Tinctures are convenient and can be added to food or drinks, applied to your skin, or consumed by placing drops under your tongue.

Edibles

Another popular option for consuming medical marijuana is to ingest it. The process often involves using a cannabis-infused butter or oil and using it to make baked goods. You can also grind the dried leaves into a powder and mix it with other ingredients before baking. One point of caution with edibles is it takes much longer to feel the effects, and people report the effects are stronger and last longer, so it's recommended to start with very small doses.



Can **smoking marijuana** give you lung cancer?

Surprisingly, regular smoking of marijuana does not seem to cause any significant changes in lung function.

In addition, it does not appear to increase the risk of COPD – an independent risk factor for lung cancer. A 2017 study looking at the effects of smoking marijuana on the lungs to be used for transplant found that a history of smoking marijuana did not have any effect on transplant outcomes.

Because the legal restrictions definitive studies on the link between smoking marijuana and lung cancer are still not crystal clear. Marijuana smoke has many of the same harmful substances as tobacco including Benzo(a)pyrene, Benz(a)anthracene, Phenols, Vinyl chlorides, Nitrosamines, and Reactive oxygen species. There have been no studies that have shown a link between smoking marijuana, alone with Lung cancer.

However people who smoked both marijuana and tobacco have the same incidence of lung cancer as tobacco users alone. Using a vaporizer to avoid marijuana smoke decreases the amount of toxic harmful substances. However, not all vaporizers are created equal, you should look carefully to make sure the vaporizer oil is “clean” without the harmful substances that can lead to popcorn lung.



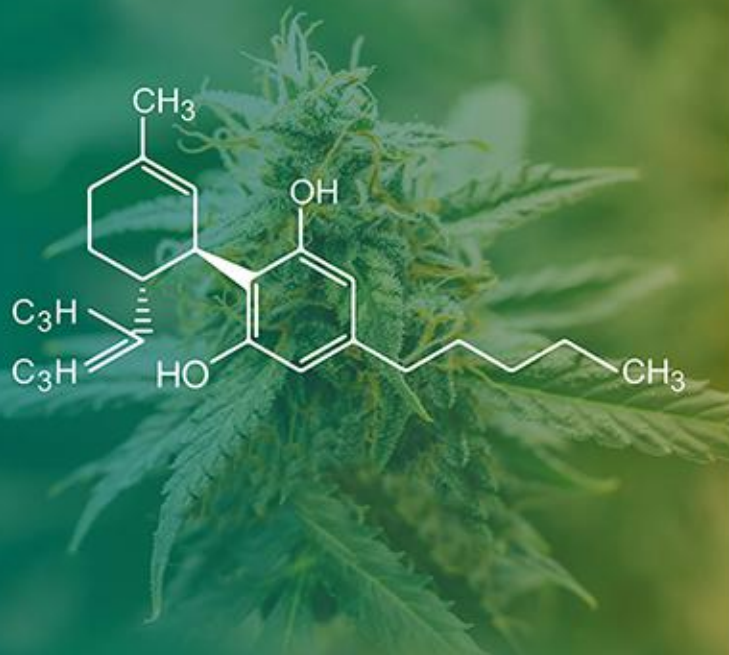
Does **CBD** get you high?

No. CBD is 100% non-psychoactive. CBD will not impact your mind or mental process in any way. In other words, CBD will not get you "high."

When people hear that CBD does not produce a "high" sensation, they wonder how it works. The short answer is CBD affects multiple sets of receptors, including CB1 found more in the central nervous system, as well as CB2 receptors, which are found in the periphery. Instead of binding to the cannabinoid receptors directly, like THC, CBD indirectly influences the same receptors which increases the levels of the other endocannabinoids produced naturally by your body. Many patients describe the result as a wave of relief or relaxation.



What is the Endocannabinoid system?



The three main components of the **Endocannabinoid system** are:

The endocannabinoid system (ECS), is a homeostatic regulatory system that was unknown until it was discovered only within the last 30 years. Apparently it influences or modulates multiple physiological processes Homeostasis is a concept that describes the body's ability to regulate temperature, blood sugar levels, and many other factors the create an ideal environment for the body's cells to function at an optimum level.)

ECS can be found in all vertebrate species throughout the animal kingdom.

▶ **Cannabinoid Receptors**

These are found on the surface of cells.

▶ **Endocannabinoids**

Small molecules that activate cannabinoid receptors

▶ **Metabolic Enzymes**

These breakdown endocannabinoids after they reused

Where is the Endocannabinoid System?

The Endocannabinoid system is throughout your entire body. Cannabinoid receptors sit on the surface of cells and monitor conditions outside the cell. They transmit information about changing conditions to the inside of the cell which starts the appropriate cellular response.

The two major cannabinoid receptors are CB1 and CB2. They aren't the only ones but were the first ones discovered and are the best-studied. CB1 receptors are one of the most densely concentrated receptor types in the brain. They are the receptors that interact with THC to produce a "high" feeling. CB2 receptors are found more outside the nervous system in places like your immune system. However, both receptors are found throughout the entire body.



How do I get Medical Marijuana?

Because on the federal level marijuana is still classified as illegal, **every state with legalized medical marijuana has created their own unique set of laws and legislation to govern their marijuana industry.** While there are many similarities between states, no two states will share the exact same laws.

In Florida, the use of Marijuana for medicinal use was passed in 2016. If you'd like to become a marijuana patient in Florida, you must:

Be a legal resident of Florida with proof of residency.

Must have tried traditional treatment methods with documented proof
Obtain a prescription from a qualified Florida physician affirming you have a qualified condition and traditional treatment has not been effective.

If you meet the requirements and receive a prescription, all you need to do is take your prescription to any Florida licensed Medical Marijuana Treatment Center (MMTC).

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