



Is cannabis addictive?

- YES, both physiologically and psychologically.
- The younger a person begins using cannabis (say before adulthood), the higher the chance of addiction.
- Cannabis users tend to take a higher dosage or use other illicit substances to maintain their high.



Can cannabis be used as medicine?

- Cannabis plant is not medicine itself.
- Strict regulation is required even if a dangerous drug has medicinal value: Although certain cannabinoids and ingredients of other drugs (e.g. opium) are used in individual registered pharmaceutical products (e.g. analgesics and tranquilisers), these drugs are still highly dangerous and must not be abused. Strict regulation is required.
- Pharmaceutical products must be registered: At the moment, there is no registered pharmaceutical products containing cannabinoids in Hong Kong.
- Not being first-line therapy drugs: pharmaceutical products containing cannabinoids launched in other places are not first-line therapy drugs.



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