TITLE: The Use of Medical Marijuana: Guidelines and Recommendations

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RESEARCH QUESTION

What are the evidence-based guidelines regarding the use of medical marijuana for specific medical conditions?

KEY MESSAGE

No relevant evidence-based guidelines regarding the use of medical marijuana for specific medical conditions were identified.

METHODS

A limited literature search was conducted on key resources including PubMed, The Cochrane Library (2012, Issue 12), University of York Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD) databases, Canadian and major international health technology agencies, as well as a focused Internet search. Methodological filters were applied to limit retrieval to health technology assessments, systematic reviews, meta-analyses and guidelines for a database search using broad search terms. No filters were applied to limit retrieval for an additional focused search for articles with key phrases such as “medical marijuana” in the title and abstract. Where possible, retrieval was limited to the human population. The search was also limited to English language documents published between January 1, 2008 and January 8, 2013. Internet links were provided, where available.

RESULTS

Rapid Response reports are organized so that the higher quality evidence is presented first. Therefore, health technology assessment reports, systematic reviews, and meta-analyses are presented first. These are followed by evidence-based guidelines.
No health technology assessment reports, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, or evidence-based guidelines were identified regarding the use of medical marijuana for specific medical conditions. Additional references of potential interest are provided in the appendix.

**Health Technology Assessments**
No literature identified.

**Systematic Reviews and Meta-analyses**
No literature identified.

**Guidelines and Recommendations**
No literature identified.

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APPENDIX – FURTHER INFORMATION:

Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analysis – Evidence for Use in Various Indications

   PubMed: PM21426373

   PubMed: PM21203440

   PubMed: PM20434623

   PubMed: PM19821373

   PubMed: PM19370677

   PubMed: PM19961570M

   PubMed: PM19732371

   PubMed: PM18625004

   PubMed: PM18806539

Randomized Controlled Trials


Review Articles


Additional References
