

Virginia

Organizations, Contacts and other Resources

▶ **Patients Out of Time** is a patient advocacy organization with a universal constituency. They support the rights of patients to have a legal and safe access to the therapeutic use of cannabis. The mission of their organization, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit, is the education of health care professionals and the public about the therapeutic use of cannabis. Their leadership is composed of medical and nursing professionals with expertise in the clinical applications of cannabis and five of the seven patients (two wish to remain anonymous) who receive their medical cannabis from the US government. Patients Out of Time is the only national non-profit in the United States that focuses only on therapeutic cannabis issues. Visit - <http://www.medicalcannabis.com/>

▶ **Medical Marijuana Meeting | Medical Marijuana Minds Gather in Charlottesville (5/28/04)** Charlottesville, Virginia, was home to a gathering of some of the best and the brightest doctors, nurses, and researchers studying medical applications of marijuana for three days last weekend. Beginning May 20, more than 120 people from across the country, as well as Canada, the Netherlands, Israel and the United Kingdom, met for the Third National Clinical Conference on Cannabis Therapeutics, an event cosponsored by the University of Virginia School of Medicine and Patients Out of Time, the Virginia-based medical marijuana research and advocacy group. Visit - <http://www.annicappleseedproject.org/medmarmmeet.html>

▶ **DRUG LAWYERS - Washington, DC, Maryland, Virginia | Practicing Law Throughout Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Virginia** ... By now, Maryland's new medical marijuana law is well known, but is still probably ... HIGHLY-RATED DRUG DEFENSE LAWYER / CRIMINAL DEFENSE / DRUNK DRIVING LAWYER, 17 YEARS FIGHTING TIRELESSLY FOR VICTORY FOR DRUG DEFENDANTS AND ALL CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS. visit - <http://katzjustice.com/DrugLawyers.htm>

ORGz Section

▶ **Americans For Safe Access (ASA) : VIRGINIA | Medical cannabis (medical marijuana) resources in Virginia** ... Howardsville, VA 24562. TEL (434) 263-4484. FAX (434) 263-6753. www.medicalcannabis.com ... visit - <http://www.safeaccessnow.org/article.php?id=268>

▶ **NORML Home / Medical Use by State. All States and Canada Mexico Europe Other ... See Map** Alabama Arizona Arkansas California Colorado Connecticut Delaware ... Alabama Arizona Am. Samoa Arizona Arkansas California Colorado Connecticut ... Supreme Court Rules Feds Can Arrest State-Recognized Medical Cannabis

Patients ... California Medical Cannabis Bill Headed to Assembly Floor -- Bill Would Forbid ... see: www.norml.org/index.cfm?Group_ID=3376 for more.

▶ **Medical Marijuana: Virginia Nurses Association Reiterates Its Support | The Virginia Nurses Association the first in the country to come out in favor of medical marijuana, has reconfirmed its support for therapeutic cannabis and called for immediate legislation to legalize its medicinal use.** Representing some 80,000 Virginia nurses, the association declared last week that it "will continue" to seek the regularization of medical marijuana as a therapeutic substance. "The Virginia Nurses Association will continue to support legislation that would legalize the medically prescribed use of cannabis/marijuana for the purpose of relieving pain and distressful symptoms of acute, chronic, or incurable illness," the group proclaimed. Visit - <http://stopthedrugwar.org/chronicle-old/402/vna.shtml>

▶ **cannabisnews.com: Virginia Nurses Again Demand Medical Cannabis | The Virginia Nurses Association, representing some 80,000 nurses, have recently reconfirmed their support for Medical Cannabis and are continuing their support for immediate legislation legalizing its medical use.** The VNA, at their October 2004 Delegate Assembly, resolved that: "The Virginia Nurses Association will continue to support legislation that would legalize the medically prescribed use of cannabis/Marijuana for the purpose of relieving pain and distressful symptoms of acute, chronic, or incurable illness." The VNA "will continue" to support this patient care position since the VNA was the first of now 14 state nursing associations that have taken written published positions in support of the therapeutic use of cannabis. The VNA leadership in 1994 has been echoed over the years by the American Nurses Association, the American Public Health Association, the National Nurses Society on Addictions, and dozens of other medically orientated groups. visit - <http://cannabisnews.com/news/21/thread21083.shtml>

FORUMs Section

▶ **Virginia (VA) - Cannabis.com Forums Message Boards - Medical | Cannabis.com Forums Message Boards** - Medical Marijuana, Cannabis Club, Dispensary, News > Cannabis World > United States of America ? Virginia (VA) ... visit - <http://boards.cannabis.com/virginia-va/>

▶ **ajmag.com - Marijuana Platform - Legalization, Medical Marijuana | ajmag is a marijuana activism, resource, and lifestyle network built by the people to help connect, educate, and empower individuals on the cultural, economic, and medicinal benefits of: legalization, decriminalization, production, regulation, distribution, and taxation of Cannabis.** Don Duncan/ Americans for Safe Access, Medical Cannabis, video by Carson Higby-Flowers ... and more. visit - <http://www.ajmag.com/>

▶ **Ya-Hooka; Health_and_Medicinal/Buyers_Clubs Organizations and Compassion Clubs providing access to medical marijuana** ... Click [here](#) for more.

NEWS and related Resources

▶ **Virginia General Assembly adjourns; medical marijuana patients still criminalized | The 2008 session of the General Assembly has adjourned, and not a single legislator had the courage to even introduce a medical marijuana bill.** Twelve states already have effective medical marijuana laws, and more than a dozen additional states recently considered medical marijuana legislation - including Maryland, South Carolina, and Tennessee. Please take a moment to contact your Virginia legislators and urge them to introduce a medical marijuana bill for the 2009 session. This site will automatically send your letter to your state delegate and senator. You just have to enter your zip code. Visit - <http://www.mpp.org/states/virginia/>

▶ **NORML News: Seized Medical Cannabis Returned in California and Colorado ... Cannabis and Driving: A Scientific and Rational Review. Over 100 Studies Support Medical Pot! ... Garden Grove, CA/Fort Collins, CO:** The California Court of Appeals has upheld a lower court decision ordering Garden Grove police to return one-third of an ounce of cannabis obtained legally under California's Proposition 215 to Felix Kha, a medical cannabis patient. Visit - http://norml.org/index.cfm?Group_ID=7443

some HISTORY

▶ **Prohibitionists Attacking Virginia Medical Marijuana Law | Prohibitionists in the state of Virginia have come out fighting by introducing a repeal of Virginia's long-standing compassionate use law, along with the standard drug war bills increasing penalties for minor offenses.** Please help prevent a successful backlash against prop. 215 in Virginia. Virginia's legislative season is extremely short, so we ask that Virginians write or call their legislators now. Visit - <http://www.drcnet.org/rapid/1997/1-16-1.html>

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▶ **News - American Alliance for Medical Cannabis | Conference on Cannabis Therapeutics - May 20-22, 2004 in Charlottesville, VA ... of Continuing Medical**

Education of the University of Virginia's Health System ... and more. Visit - <http://www.letfreedomgrow.com/news.htm>

Cannabis as Medicine

▶ **Modern research suggests that cannabis is a valuable aid in the treatment of a wide range of clinical applications.** These include pain relief, nausea, spasticity, glaucoma, and movement disorders. Marijuana is also a powerful appetite stimulant and emerging research suggests that marijuana's medicinal properties may protect the body against some types of malignant tumors, and are neuroprotective. For more information see NORML's Medical Marijuana section. See: norml.org/index.cfm?wtm_view=&Group_ID=4523 for more.

▶ **MedicalMJ.org - Medical Marijuana News and Facts | A California state appeals court has upheld that state's medical cannabis law.** ... The US Justice Dept.'s Drug Enforcement Administration raided ten medical cannabis dispensaries in Los Ang... visit - <http://www.medicalmj.org/>

▶ **Erowid Cannabis Vault : Medical - Cannabis is Safe Medicine | Proven : Cannabis is Safe Medicine, by Ian Williams Goddard.** In reaction to medical cannabis access referendums on the ballots in Arizona and California, former presidents Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, and George Bush signed a letter stating that they "categorically oppose" access to cannabis for its many proven therapeutic uses such as the prevention of blindness and epileptic seizures [1]. Their chief concern was that legal medical access would send the message that cannabis is safe. The presidents can, however, lay their safety concerns to rest because the scientific literature overwhelmingly confirms that cannabis is both an effective and safe medicine.

The Cannabis Safety Profile. The journal PHARMACOLOGICAL REVIEWS [2] reports that decades of research prove that, "Compared with legal drugs...marijuana does not pose greater risks." Yet based upon mortality statistics, we can safely conclude that cannabis is one of the safest medical drugs known, for, while prescription drugs, defined as safe by the FDA, kill up to 27,000 and aspirin up to 1,000 Americans per year, cannabis kills 0 per year [3]. visit - http://www.erowid.org/plants/cannabis/cannabis_medical_info2.shtml

▶ **LegalJoint: Medical Cannabis | Conference to Question Medical Cannabis. Pregnant women with morning sickness and children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder might try taking marijuana, according to experts who will speak at an international conference in Charlottesville.** Mary Lynn Mathre, president of Patients Out of Time, said it's well known that marijuana can reduce pain and stimulate appetite, which is helpful for AIDS patients. But she said people who attend the Third National Clinical Conference on Cannabis Therapeutics will hear about lesser-known benefits of the drug. ... Continuing Medical Education at the University of Virginia School of Medicine. ... visit - http://www.legaljoint.net/mmj/mmj_research/medical_cannibis.asp?p=mmj&mmj=4

► Factbook: Medical Marijuana

1. Since 1996, twelve states have legalized medical marijuana use: **AK, CA, CO, HI, ME, MT, NV, NM, OR, RI, VT, and WA.** Eight of the twelve did so through the initiative process. Hawaii's law was enacted by the legislature and signed by the governor in 2000, Vermont's was enacted by the legislature and passed into law without the governor's signature in May 2004, Rhode Island's was passed into law over the governor's veto in January 2006, and New Mexico's legislation was signed into law by Governor Bill Richardson on April 2, 2007. Source: National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML), from the web at http://www.norml.org/index.cfm?Group_ID=3391, last accessed Jan. 4, 2006, and the Marijuana Policy Project (MPP), from the web at http://www.mpp.org/RI_number_11.html, last accessed Jan. 4, 2006.

2. The Institute of Medicine's 1999 report on medical marijuana stated, "The accumulated data indicate a potential therapeutic value for cannabinoid drugs, particularly for symptoms such as pain relief, control of nausea and vomiting, and appetite stimulation."

And more. Visit - <http://www.drugwarfacts.org/medicalm.htm>

LINKs, Web Rings, and such

► **Marijuana Statistics and related Resources | by State: Virginia. 2002 Federal Drug Seizures: Marijuana: 27.5 kgs. Marijuana is widely available throughout the Commonwealth, and is imported into Virginia from a number of diverse trafficking groups from many different source areas.** The Southwest Border is frequently cited as the primary source area for marijuana smuggled into Virginia by Mexican trafficking organizations. visit - <http://parentingteens.about.com/library/sp/drugs/bl-marijuana-virginia.htm> for more.

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