



Together we can unleash the cure!™

PIERCEY NEUROLOGY POSITION STATEMENT ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA

At Piercey Neurology, we work hard to deliver the highest quality care each day to every patient.

It is said Medicine is ever changing and that certainly rings true today! Diseases common even 50 years ago are memories replaced by new problems and challenges. How medicine is delivered is ever changing as well. Changing technology, changes in our society, changes in governing rules and regulation are forces to be reckoned with but together we can navigate through. We share a common purpose of optimizing health and unleashing the cure!

We are committed to addressing the contemporary issues our patients face. Recently, Piercey Neurology has studied the latest and most reliable research and regulation influencing the use surrounding medical marijuana particularly in Oregon where recreational use has also recently been legalized.



Currently, there is no high-level medical research that suggest marijuana based products are useful in the treatment of neurological diseases or symptoms. There is also growing concern that the use of marijuana-based products may have long term unwanted side effects based on what we know. These concerns are noted in key position statements from the highest governing Boards including but not limited to American Academy of Neurology, The Oregon Medical Board, the American Medical Association, The American Society of Addiction Medicine. The links are provided are provided below for your review. The Oregon Medical Board further warns against the concurrent use of certain medications in patients who actively uses marijuana-based products.

Key positions statements on the use marijuana-based products for medical disease and symptoms.

- https://www.aan.com/uploadedFiles/Website_Library_Assets/Documents/6.Public_Policy/1.Stay_Informed/2.Position_Statements/3.PDFs_of_all_Position_Statements/Final%20Medical%20Marijuana%20Position%20Statement.pdf
- <http://www.oregon.gov/omb/Topics-of-Interest/Pages/Medical-Marijuana.aspx>
- http://www.dea.gov/docs/marijuana_position_2011.pdf
- http://www.cancer.org/treatment/treatmentsandsideeffects/physicalsideeffects/c_hemotherapyeffects/marijuana-and-cancer
- <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/00001143.htm>
- <http://www.nationalmssociety.org/Treating-MS/Complementary-Alternative-Medicines/Marijuana>



PIERCEY NEUROLOGY POLICY ON MARIJUANA BASED PRODUCTS

- Piercey Neurology and its providers do not endorse marijuana-based products in the treatment of neurological or other disorders. We however support legislation that would allow research to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of marijuana based products. This will require the DEA to reclassify marijuana from the current Schedule 1 status to improve access for research protocols.
- Piercey Neurology providers will not be continuing to prescribe Controlled Medications, as defined by DEA, to patients who continue to use marijuana-based products on any basis, medical or recreational.
- Piercey Neurology providers will review on a case by case basis whether it is reasonable to prescribe other non-controlled medication, as defined by the DEA, to patients who continue to use marijuana based products on any basis, medical or recreational. As medical professionals, we must weigh rules and regulations from governing authorities and may not be able to accommodate every patient request when these two are in conflict. Please refer to key positions statements provided for review.
- It is important Piercey Neurology patients are fully educated on the risks and benefits of marijuana-based products. It is well known and accepted that marijuana-based products are central nervous system depressants. In addition it may interact with other medications commonly prescribed in the treatment of neurological disorders. This interaction may contribute to sedation, fatigue, and drowsiness.
- We respect that some of our patients may have a different opinion on this subject and may disagree with our policy. In these cases, we will agree to disagree.