

Abstract

BACKGROUND: Medical effects of cannabis have been known since ancient times. In oncology, hemp is primarily used to suppress nausea and vomiting during chemotherapy. Treatment by cannabis isn't legal in the Czech republic as well as it already is in several countries. Yet, there are some cancer patients who self-medicate by hemp themselves. **OBJECTIVES:** In this study, I engage in the problem of self-medication with cannabis within cancer patients. I am interested in what makes clients decide to self-medicate themselves and whether they observe any changes. Where they get hemp from, how they use it, and how they gauge legal measures of using cannabis. **METHODS:** The study is conducted qualitatively, through interviews. **FILE:** Research file consists of two clients who self-medicated with hemp. **RESULTS:** The circumstances that led sick people to self-medication by hemp are various. Also, the methods of use and insight into the future vary. **CONCLUSION:** This work provides evidence of self-medication by cannabis directly from cancer patients.

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