

Medical Marijuana Position Statement

The Nebraska Medical Association (NMA) believes that there is limited evidence that suggests marijuana and its related derivatives may have therapeutic benefits for patients with certain medical conditions, but negative long-term and abuse potential risks remain very concerning.

As such, the NMA calls on the Food and Drug Administration and the Drug Enforcement Administration to revise marijuana's classification from a Schedule 1 controlled substance in order to facilitate evidence-based, scientifically valid clinical research to evaluate its efficacy and safety as a pharmaceutical. The NMA believes this evidence is needed to make sound clinical decisions regarding its use.

As physicians, we remain committed to the health of all Nebraskans and seek to improve understanding of the potential negative side effects and long-term complications from marijuana use for medical purposes.