



Marijuana Use and Addiction Prevention

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

The recent history of marijuana in public health is changing rapidly, from an illegal drug to an alleged medicine, through politics and not the usual route of research and science. Laws governing marijuana are in flux and contradictory.

The overriding questions are do we have viable public health policies for marijuana? Does public health even matter in the face of demand for an addicting drug? What will be the costs of addiction to marijuana? Will addiction to marijuana become another opioid epidemic? Will profits and big Business drive addiction as do cigarettes? Will big pharma take over production and marketing as with narcotic medications?

Our Special Issue on marijuana will focus on answers to these core questions. The issue will present evidence, analyze policy, and propose strategies central to prevention and public health for marijuana. The issue will describe prevalence and risks for marijuana addiction and models for its prevention. It will also provide the latest support for marijuana and other cannabinoids as medicines.

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