

Allow for the Continued Sale of Edible Marijuana Products in Medical Marijuana Dispensaries: Patient Rights

**Patient
Rights**

vs.

**Vancouver
CoastalHealth**
Promoting wellness. Ensuring care.



Coastal Health's
Dr. Patricia Daly dictates that
sick and weak patients be
denied ready made edibles
and should smoke their
medical marijuana.

Patients Have the Following Rights:

- The United Nations has decreed that people have the right to opportunities to enhance their quality of life in ways that they see fit in accordance with principles of autonomy and self-determination, inclusive of all abilities.
- "Recognizing the importance for persons with disabilities of their individual autonomy and independence, including the freedom to make their own choices" (United Nations: Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities)<http://www.un.org/disabilities/convention/conventionfull.shtml>
- Patients have the right to choose the form(s) of self medication without further compromising their health.

Medical Marijuana Edibles Aid Patients in the Following Ways:

- A more effective analgesic (painkiller), anti-emetic (anti-nausea), anti-seizure, appetite stimulant, and sleep aid therapy than smoking.
- Produces steady, continuous, and longer lasting therapeutic levels and benefits throughout the body than smoking.
- Minimizes known health risks associated with inhalation and minimizes exposure to others of second hand smoke.
- Provides an alternative delivery source of medicine for Patients unable to smoke.

Regulation of Medical Marijuana Edibles Aid Patients in the Following Ways:

- Mandatory potency testing enables Patients to accurately dose themselves.
- Food safety standards protect public health.
- Establishes safe and vetted sources of Edible Medical Marijuana products, limiting risks to patients associated with unsafe street level production and distribution.
- Promotes transparency and accountability of the Medical Marijuana Edible Producers and Dispensaries.
- Proper labeling, restricted access, and child-resistant opaque medicine containers provides for the protection of youth.

Ready Made Medical Marijuana Edibles Aid Patients in the Following Ways:

- Patients unable to cook for themselves have access to ready made and accurately dosed medication.
- Prevents inexperienced Patients from over-medicating themselves due to recipe mistakes.
- Complaints over the smell of cooking cannabis are reduced from Patients not having to cook in their homes.

Recipient: Vancouver City Council

Letter: Greetings,

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Comments

Name	Location	Date	Comment
puraz shirzad	North Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-08	right thing to do...
Alexandra johnstone	Vancouver	2015-05-08	Edibles have the most medicinal value ... why would we change that?
Tommy L	Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-08	I'm signing this petition because all medical marijuana patients should have access to edibles.
shirley lockhart	Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-08	cause the ban is ridiculous.. & eating edibles is one of the more healthier ways to enjoy marijuana ..
Michelle Leach	Vancouver	2015-05-09	I believe that edibles are the most effective way for patients who don't smoke. I use them for my severe back pain to sleep. Smoking just isn't the same.
Julie Leach	surrey, Canada	2015-05-09	I support anyone who wishes to use alternative treatments that are not as harsh on the body the way pharmaceuticals are.
Leo Rallis	Langley	2015-05-09	I am free
aimee gillespie	Langley	2015-05-09	I believe in medical marijuana, especially taking it in ways that are not smoking. Edibles offer great pain relief without the negative of smoking
Marc Levesque	Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-09	We have a right to the medicine
Colby Cox	Gresham, OR	2015-05-09	Because I agree we need regulation not for edibles to be pulled from shelves. Some people can't or don't want to smoke and shouldn't be forced to get medicated.
Patient Rights		2015-05-09	Edibles are my preferred method of medication. I am not only an edible producer, I am foremost a patient as well. I do not want to smoke. - Brina
Joan Bethune	Vancouver	2015-05-10	I support the right of all Canadians to self medicate based on their own personal experience, educational initiatives, focused determination, coupled with goal-oriented purpose & intent, in light of today's failing medical system!
Makayla Bailey	Vancouver	2015-05-10	not everyone can smoke weed, the edibles make it so anyone is able to reap the benefits of marijuana.
Harold Shannon	New Westminster, Canada	2015-05-10	I require medicinal edibles to help with various ailments.
Bowzer Black	NORTH VANCOUVER, BC	2015-05-10	People needs medicine and prefer to ingest it rather smoke it.
Kyla Angon	Surrey	2015-05-10	My grandma died of lung cancer. Stopped eating all together. Was losing weight drastically and becoming weak and thin rapidly. Her doctor gave her marijuana pills as she was not able to smoke it. She began eating again and lasted another 8 months when it looked like she was on her way out. She would have loved to have been given the opportunity to eat delicious edibles. I think it should be a choice, just as smoking cigarettes and drinking are choices. I'm not a user but if I got cancer and lived in pain. I would definately want the option to have something natural to help with my ailments. I am an adult afterall
Nick Agelidis	Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-10	Get with the times and stop stressing the sick!
Wesley McKenna	burnaby, BC	2015-05-10	It's what I believe is right
Jim Leslie	Christina Lake, Canada	2015-05-10	prohibiting medical cannabis edible products is unnecessary and harms patients

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Liz Coons	Summerville, SC	2015-05-10	as if cigarettes are any better for you....they are legal. let the sick people do what they want.
CHRIS HENDERSON	Lawrencetown	2015-05-10	EVERYONE NEEDS TO EXPERIENCE THE POSITIVE BENEFITS OF CANNABIS. SAFE ACCESS FROM RESPONSIBLE RETAILERS WOULD BE AN ASSET FOR SOCIETY AND THOSE IN NEED.
Jennifer Beaver	Dartmouth	2015-05-11	Only takes two second to sign people!
Buddy Wysezard	VANCOUVER, Canada	2015-05-11	Everyone is original, no one doctor fits all sizes, no one medicine fits ailments, I am doctor one in my life until death due i depart. Anyone else is doctor number 2 and only a tiny fraction as aware as I am about me.
Jerry Martin	Whitewood, SK	2015-05-11	I am a dispensary owner
Gayle Leslie	Radium Hot springs, Canada	2015-05-11	Smoking is bad for a person. Medicine should be available in edible and topical forms.
lee goodwin	Langley	2015-05-11	As.a patient I prefer to eat my medicine rather then smoke it.
Brian Simpson	Calgary, AB	2015-05-11	Eating is much healthier then smoking
Rob Davis	Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-11	I see first hand every single day how much edibles help patients who are experiencing chronic pain. Many of these people can't smoke and they do not have the energy to bake there own edibles. The answer is testing, labeling, educating and proper packaging.
			Weeds Social Club
Chris Feuer	Maple Ridge	2015-05-11	I know from personal familial experience that edible marijuana helps patients control Epileptic seizures when the only alternative is multi-chemical compound drugs with ever increasing DETRIMENTAL health AND side effects
Katie Sewell	Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-11	I feel that edibles are a much more effective way to medicate for most patients because not everyone smokes, you should be able to have the option to ingest the medicine instead of smoking it. One of my close friends, her mother, had cancer. The oncologist that she was seeing took 6 months off to study the benefits of medicinal marijuana and after that 6 months he then came back and told her that she should be ingesting and or either vaporizing to help her through the pain and help her to have an appetite. Please take these words into consideration and don't ban this amazing way to ingest medical marijuana.
Katie Sewell	Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-12	I feel that edibles are a much more effective way to medicate for most patients because not everyone smokes, you should be able to have the option to ingest the medicine instead of smoking it. One of my close friends, her mother, had cancer. The oncologist that she was seeing took 6 months off to study the benefits of medicinal marijuana and after that 6 months he then came back and told her that she should be ingesting and or either vaporizing to help her through the pain and help her to have an appetite. Please take these words into consideration and don't ban this amazing way to ingest medical marijuana.
Neil Magnuson	Surrey, Canada	2015-05-12	People deserve to be able to choose to purchase cannabis edibles
Jordan johnson	Bedford, Canada	2015-05-12	i'm signing because there's a lot of people who have tried all of the possible avenues and have no choice, most of which cannot even use inhalation as a manner of ingestion. it can be hard enough to cross over into the cannabis industry let alone learning how to make butter and edibles by them selfs. I understand there's always going to be people will abuse any system. But for the people who truly needed it generally makes a substantial change in their way of life allowing them to have some peace in an otherwise general uphill battle.
Dale Strohmaier	Edmonton, Canada	2015-05-12	people have the right to medicate in any way that is helpful to them

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Jason Muir	Brampton, Canada	2015-05-12	I agree that they should have the option. It's not easy and takes some skill so it's not just a matter of convenience.
Sarah Baker	Burnaby	2015-05-13	It's the right thing to do. Things have got to change.
Jessika Villano	Vancouver	2015-05-13	I require 30 milligrams of THC twice daily and my preferred method of ingestion is through edibles, smoking hurts my lungs however cannabis is nature's best and safest medicine and I feel that if I want to eat my medicine rather than smoke it; my needs should be met. Thank you in advance for hearing and understanding my needs
Amanda Costo	Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-13	Everyone has the right to medicate to their preference. I think it's ridiculous that edibles are being banned!
Craig Stout	Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-13	You are actually forcing people who may need this medication to ingest it in a possibly and likely more harmful way by smoking. Many patients will have medical issues that make smoking/vaping not an option and need this medication to greatly improve their quality of life. Really makes absolutely no sense at all.
gregg henderson	west vancouver, BC	2015-05-13	I need marijuana to ease my severe arthritic pain. when I smoke it I experience inflammation in my lungs which lasts for hours
Kelsey Johnson	Nanaimo, Canada	2015-05-13	Patients should have the right to choose their medicine!! Many people that need cannabis medicine rely on edibles because they can't inhale smoke or vapour. I also use edibles for pain management and a variety of other uses with less harmful side effects than other pills and medication. Please keep us access to a better quality of Life!!!
Andrew Ewart	Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-13	Edibles are the best delivery method for long lasting pain relief. The "high" from edibles is a lot easier to manage than the sudden "high" from smoking.
Dean Mangion	vancouver, Canada	2015-05-13	Many patients requiring medical marijuana physically cannot or prefer not to ingest their medicine by smoking. Patients should have the right to choose whichever method they prefer to ingest their medicine.
Brent Boates	Vancouver	2015-05-13	I don't like to smoke
Jeff Minuk	Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-13	People should be able to medicate however they find works best.
Alex Boates	Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-13	I'm signing because everyone deserves access to medication that can positively affect their life.
Mel Mack	Colchester, United Kingdom	2015-05-13	Edibles (especially canna caps) are a discreet, effective pain reliever without the negative effects of smoking. Eg smoking can actually worsen the migraine I am trying to dissipate. It seems ridiculous to take away a safer way of consuming our medication. We should have the right to choose.
Pamela Smith-Gander	Vancouver	2015-05-13	This is a human rights issue.
Melody Noble	Delta, Canada	2015-05-13	I want to constitutional right to use Cannabis in what ever form I choose the form I want to ingest !!!!!
amanda stajan	Port Moody, Canada	2015-05-13	I ingest edibles Rather than smoking.
Daniel Shih	Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-13	I'm signing because I want to keep edibles!
Lori Johnson	Vancouver, BC	2015-05-13	I want the right to continue to take my medicine in a way that works for me.
Sierra Wright	Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-13	Everything in moderation. If it helps some people then it should not be taken away
Bruce Waldron	Vancouver	2015-05-13	Edibles are extremely effective for treating many illnesses
Shayna a Collins	Prince Rupert, Canada	2015-05-13	We have the right to choose that option

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Bonnie Anderson	Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-13	As a 25 year user of this medicine, which has healed me from numerous physical and mental ailments, I 100% believe in it's healing properties.
Tom Fenton	Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-13	Edibles need to be available, but must be controlled to avoid inconsistencies and problems
Scott Purdy	Calgary, Canada	2015-05-13	The insanity of this government making people smoke their medicine!
Theresa Edwards	Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-13	People have the right to natural and alternative forms of medicine.
Kim Talbot	Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-13	Smoking doesn't work for everyone. Edibles are important medication for many people.
Dr Devon Christie	Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-13	I support choices in health care and want sick people who could benefit to have access
Kristy Gardner	Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-13	I'm signing this petition because I have family members with severe medical conditions (HIV, anxiety and depression) who find relief in medical marijuana and I don't believe (nor do they) that they should have to smoke it to fight the symptoms of their illnesses. Why should they fill their lungs with smoke and other harmful chemicals when there's an easier - a safer - way to take their medicine?
			We have a right to health care and to choose the form of self medication that relieves us of pain, without further compromising our health.
Philippe Henry	Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-13	I think its strange that the law would advocate smoking this medicine. This petition supports patients in the real world
Rhys Clark	Vancouver	2015-05-13	Edibles are medicine.
Lauren Tesch	Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-13	I need access to non inhaled medicine
Helen Taylor	Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-13	This is our right
Trish Paterson	Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-13	I have parents 85 and 87 who have found for the 1st time in years for their arthritis, sleeplessness and loss of appetite. They made it clear they would not smoke marijuana.
Chris Farnsworth	Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-13	We should have the right to choose how we consume!
Adri Virtue	Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-14	Choice. Freedom. Medicine. Awareness
Laura scott	Granite Falls, WA	2015-05-14	I'm signing this because I love edibles and I can't make them myself. As long as they are labeled and not sold to minors, as with any other adult substance or medication, it's nobody's business how the rest of us choose to consume cannabis. Some people can't tolerate smoke or vaporizers. Edibles last much longer and have other specific advantages.
			Please keep your laws out of our personal choices. We are not hurting you, so stop hurting us. This is OUR choice- not yours. And since cannabis is also medicinal, it's especially important to not take away people's treatment options.
Cameron Sielski	West Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-14	Banning cannabis has no basis in medicine, harm reduction or any identifiable best practice. The arguments, and lack thereof, put forward by the legislators indicate a woeful misunderstanding of the basics of medical cannabis use.
Frank Reashore	Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-14	As a medical marijuana user I should be able choose between ingestion and inhalation. A restriction makes no sense.

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Shirley Linfitt-Paget	Langley	2015-05-14	My mother has lung cancer, she can not breath well enough to en hale smoke or vaper. The rx pain killers the doctors make her somach bleed complicating her situation further. You can not sit back and make ridiculous laws for things you don't have a full under standing of. Having gotten cancer from second hand smoke she has no desire to start smoking at 78
Tami Kersch	Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-14	It's my right, as a Canadian, to medicate how I see fit. The fact that those in power need to be educated on our rights is an embarrassment.
Ron Erdman	West Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-14	I'm signing because smoking is bad for me and I don't want to support organized crime
Merv Gilbert	Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-14	Ig w
Jack Shew	Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-14	Citizens should be allowed to take medication in oral and edible forms.
Sharon Robinson	Langley, Canada	2015-05-14	I believe all statements made in the petition to be true, therefore there should be choice.
Judy Losberg	Richmond, BC, BC	2015-05-14	Our health issues should not be stressed or endangered.
A Howe	Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-14	I think people have the right to chose how they want to inject their medicine.
Donald Druin	Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-14	Any adult who wishes to ingest Medical Marijuana Edibles, should have that Right guaranteed by the Canadian government. People like me, with chronic pain and suffering, due to someone else breaking the Law, should have access to these very helpful compounds.
Taylor Brian	Grand Forks, Canada	2015-05-14	I am an eatable user
Kevin Kam	coquitlam, Canada	2015-05-14	People have the right to obtain marijuana for medical and recreational use no matter what form its made into
Marlaina Beaudoins	Sechelt, Canada	2015-05-14	I'm signing because I have a family member (84 yr. old mother) and two friends who have greatly benefitted from using edible cannabis for pain relief when other medications were not helping them!!
jerry couch	Stockton, CA	2015-05-14	I BELIEVE IN THE cause!!!
Chris Box	Toronto, Canada	2015-05-15	I believe people should have the right and freedom to ingest their medicine.
tristan hansen	North Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-15	I believe in the cause.
Jessica Stotts	Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-15	I shouldnt have to smoke my medicine.i have asthma
Marilyn Bachmann	Sidney, Canada	2015-05-16	I am a 59-year-old woman with Primary Progressive MS... There is no treatment for me by the way, no pharmaceutical drugs. [Not that I am interested anyway because I don't see them being effective or safe. I have smoked Indica for many years, but then I discovered Rick Simpson oil and it is a miracle! It treats my spasticity like nothing else, including baclofen, Zanaflex, you name it. prevent me from treating my condition naturally and effectively... This is the charter of rights issue, and I believe, sitting in a wheelchair, that I have the right to choose what I best respond to. This oil is too expensive, and it should be covered by BC Pharmacare in the same way that injectable drugs like CRAB drugs are covered. To the tune of \$1400 a month and a kill people by suppressing the natural killer cells, which THC does not do. There is enough scientific studies out there, including amazing studies in Israel and Spain to prove that it treats brain cancer this oil. The ignorance is unbelievable, and I demand the right to choose what helps me, not what makes me sicker. Read some of the scientific literature before you make these ridiculous claims of no medicinal value.

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Curtis Geary	Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-17	I believe we should have the right to choose how we consume our medical products as adults, and not be punished for others missuses of a product. We don't ban alcohol every time a teenager needs their stomach pumped from over drinking. Dr. Patricia Daly can keep her Dictation to her self and piss off! This shitty attitude will push it underground and then be more of an issue.
Robert Stafford	Langley	2015-05-18	I am a chef and business owner of a medicinal edibles company want ppl to understand what the benefits of their needs
Aaron Taylor	Merritt, Canada	2015-05-18	It should not be illegal.
Leah Michaelchuk	Langley	2015-05-18	I suffer from chronic pain from scoliosis of the spine, pelvic floor hypertonicity and interstitial cystitis. These disorders all cause severely debilitating hip, bladder muscle and back pain that makes even sleeping difficult. I see a physiotherapist every week as well as a registered massage therapist and nothing has helped my muscle spasms and pain related anxiety/depression more than high CBD marijuana edibles. Pharmaceutical muscle relaxants are psychoactive while CBD is not which means I'm able to remain psychologically unaffected while controlling my pain enough to sleep through the night. This medication needs to be available to others with chronic pain disorders like mine because they are incurable and debilitating. Marijuana edibles have allowed me to get my life back and return to school as a counseling student. Patients of the medical system like myself need access to this medication in various forms, all of which should be made safely available to us.
Judy Skarbo	Peachland, Canada	2015-05-18	I need marijuana to treat serious osteoarthritis, pain disorder, sleep disorder, depression & fibromyalgia. I am opposed to the long term side effects of narcotics & pain killers on my organs. I'm an adult & a retired probation officer. I should have the right to choose how to treat myself. I make my own 'budder', 'oil', and make my own edibles. Can we please catch up with the rest of the world?
Tim Chisholm	Vancouver, BC, BC	2015-05-19	Everyone should have the right to access their medicine.
Jordan mancini	Sherwood Park, Canada	2015-05-19	as a member of a bc dispensary I use edibles for my ptsd! I find smoking buds too intense for me . Buds had exact mg dosing for easy all day medication ! Easy to take and not as smelly ! Taking away this form of medicine is going to cause many inconveniences for myself and I'm sure many other mmpr patients !
Errol Nyce -Wilson	Kitimat, Canada	2015-05-19	Both my parents rely on edibles because my dad has hepatitis C and has to take multiple pills and it's also damaging his liver still and he also has arthritis in his knees and also has emphysema so he cannot not smoke marijuana, pot ,weed grass whatever you want to call it nor can he smoke concentrates so he takes edibles to help with all his sicknesses instead of taking 8+ pills everyday. My mother has been sick for over 4 years doctors don't really know what's going on with her but they sure like to load her up with pills the gave her over 15 pills to take 2 times a day so she takes edibles instead of damaging her kidneys and liver so edibles are a great medicine they feel much better now that they don't take pills anymore
Rebecca Salisbury	Vancouver	2015-05-19	Not right that elderly people or regular people that may not know what the proper dosages should be or how to correctly make edibles for themselves, when they can buy it safely and know exactly what they are putting in their bodies

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Linda Wiggins	New Westminster, Canada	2015-05-19	i find that the edible products provide relief for arthritis pain in my hips that inhibits restful sleep. It is a slower release and seems to have a lasting effect through the night, as opposed to smoking or vapourizing, which is quicker but does not last as long and interrupts my sleep when the effects wear off. Please reconsider!
Sandra Colasanti	Maple Ridge, Canada	2015-05-19	Not everyone has the ability to make it themselves in there homes.
Justin Twan	Burnaby, Canada	2015-05-20	I use edibles for my condition.
Mark Hauk	Saskatoon, Canada	2015-05-24	I think people have the right to chose how they want to inject their medicine. Yes there needs to be regulation, but an outright ban is NOT the answer. The market for edibles will exist no matter what. Best to have it regulated above board, then drive it to the black market where they will be next to regulation.
Robert Rushton	Vancouver	2015-05-25	I believe that people have the constitutional right to. Organic medicinal products if they feel that that is preferable to pharmiceutical drugs.
Jacob Gordin	Vancouver	2015-05-25	I am a medical patient with marijuana and I'm one who uses enables at work to keep me uplifted and pain free from aches in the back and aches in the lags. If it was banned I could loose the abilities to work at the rate I work for
Louise Gaudet-Lebrun	Ottawa, Canada	2015-05-26	Medical marijuana is prescribe to patient and it is up to the patient to ingest this medicine the way he/she wishes. As a medical user myself, I bake edibles all the time and there is nothing dangerous about them. They should be regulated like everything else.
Louie Moran	Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-27	Edibles are good alternatives for cannabis patients who can't smoke weed
David Edge	White Rock, Canada	2015-05-27	This alternative method to cannabis consumption is ideal for those whom are unable to smoke or vapourise dried herbs. To remove this method would cause a great deal of inconvenience for the people who rely on edibles.
Christopher Skidmore	Port Coquitlam, BC	2015-05-28	I use edible cannabis products which significantly reduces need to smoke and provides greater efficacy of medicine for most of my medical needs.
Tom Mageee	Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-28	I don't smoke at all. I enjoy eating the medicine because i used to be a smoker and I don't want to take up smoking again.
Amanda Martins	Vancouver, Canada	2015-05-29	I need my edibles!
Garth Pharand	Calgary	2015-05-29	because I feel a patient has the right to choose what type of relief they may want to use.
Michael Hallson	Nanaimo, Canada	2015-06-02	People deserve to have choices and options.
Travis Wohlford	Warman	2015-06-02	To put an end to the monopolization of cannabis in the drug war, we deserve the right to choose our own medication and not be told yes or no!!
Delanie Jones	Warman	2015-06-02	This ban is upsetting to patients everywhere who benefit from edible medical marijuana! It is wrong to take away the only medicine that helps!!!! I know that it works as I am a patient who is able to enjoy my life pain free & insomnia!!!
manderz T	saskatoon, Canada	2015-06-02	Cannabis has healed my stage 3 Hidradenitis and given me back my life. Health Canada's licenced producers are over priced and rarely in stock. The amount of recalls there has been is discouraging.
Rande Treen	Saskatoon, Canada	2015-06-02	I have MS. I don't like to smoke and I find edibles the best way to consume my medicine a and get the best results.
Arianna Berthold	Saskatoon, SK	2015-06-05	Medicine should be available to everyone that needs it. Marijuana is a fantastic medicinal plant!
Jules Burt	North Vancouver, Canada	2015-06-06	Patients should not be smoking their medicine.