

Medical Marijuana Consent Form

A qualified physician may not delegate the responsibility of obtaining written informed consent to another person. The qualified patient or the patient's parent or legal guardian if the patient is a minor must initial each section of this consent form to indicate that the physician explained the information and, along with the qualified physician, must sign and date the informed consent form.

a. The Federal Government's classification of marijuana as a Schedule I controlled substance.

_____ The federal government has classified marijuana as a Schedule I controlled substance. Schedule I substances are defined, in part, as having (1) a high potential for abuse; (2) no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States; and (3) a lack of accepted safety for use under medical supervision. Federal law prohibits the manufacture, distribution and possession of marijuana even in states, such as Florida, which have modified their state laws to treat marijuana as a medicine.

_____ When in the possession or under the influence of medical marijuana, the patient or the patient's caregiver must have his or her medical marijuana use registry identification card in his or her possession at all times.

b. The approval and oversight status of marijuana by the Food and Drug Administration.

_____ Marijuana has not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for marketing as a drug. Therefore, the "manufacture" of marijuana for medical use is not subject to any federal standards, quality control, or other oversight. Marijuana may contain unknown quantities of active ingredients, which may vary in potency, impurities, contaminants, and substances in addition to THC, which is the primary psychoactive chemical component of marijuana.

c. The potential for addiction.

_____ Some studies suggest that the use of marijuana by individuals may lead to a tolerance to, dependence on, or addiction to marijuana. I understand that if I require increasingly higher doses to achieve the same benefit or if I think that I may be developing a dependency on marijuana, I should contact Dr. Frank Filiberto.

d. The potential effect that marijuana may have on a patient's coordination, motor skills, and cognition, including a warning against operating heavy machinery, operating a motor vehicle, or engaging in activities that require a person to be alert or respond quickly.

_____ The use of marijuana can affect coordination, motor skills and cognition, i.e., the ability to think, judge and reason. Driving under the influence of cannabis can double the risk of crashing, which escalates if alcohol is also influencing the driver. While using medical marijuana, I should not drive, operate heavy machinery or engage in any activities that require me to be alert and/or respond quickly and I should not participate in activities that may be dangerous to myself or others. I understand that if I drive while under the influence of marijuana, I can be arrested for “driving under the influence.”

e. The potential side effects of medical marijuana use.

_____ Potential side effects from the use of marijuana include, but are not limited to, the following: dizziness, anxiety, confusion, sedation, low blood pressure, impairment of short term memory, euphoria, difficulty in completing complex tasks, suppression of the body’s immune system, may affect the production of sex hormones that lead to adverse effects, inability to concentrate, impaired motor skills, paranoia, psychotic symptoms, general apathy, depression and/or restlessness. Marijuana may exacerbate schizophrenia in persons predisposed to that disorder. In addition, the use of medical marijuana may cause me to talk or eat in excess, alter my perception of time and space and impair my judgment. Many medical authorities claim that use of medical marijuana, especially by persons younger than 25, can result in long-term problems with attention, memory, learning, drug abuse, and schizophrenia.

_____ I understand that using marijuana while consuming alcohol is not recommended. Additional side effects may become present when using both alcohol and marijuana.

_____ I agree to contact Dr. Frank Filiberto if I experience any of the side effects listed above, or if I become depressed or psychotic, have suicidal thoughts, or experience crying spells. I will also contact Dr. Frank Filiberto if I experience respiratory problems, changes in my normal sleeping patterns, extreme fatigue, increased irritability, or begin to withdraw from my family and/or friends.

g. The risks, benefits, and drug interactions of marijuana.

_____ Signs of withdrawal can include: feelings of depression, sadness, irritability, insomnia, restlessness, agitation, loss of appetite, trouble concentrating, sleep disturbances and unusual tiredness.

_____ Symptoms of marijuana overdose include, but are not limited to, nausea, vomiting, hacking cough, disturbances in heart rhythms, numbness in the hands, feet, arms or legs, anxiety attacks and incapacitation. If I experience these symptoms, I agree to contact Dr. Frank Filiberto immediately or go to the nearest emergency room.

_____ Numerous drugs are known to interact with marijuana and not all drug interactions are known. Some mixtures of medications can lead to serious and even fatal consequences. I agree to follow the directions of Dr. Frank Filiberto regarding the use of prescription

and non-prescription medication. I will advise any other of my treating physician(s) of my use of medical marijuana.

_____ Marijuana may increase the risk of bleeding, low blood pressure, elevated blood sugar, liver enzymes, and other bodily systems when taken with herbs and supplements. I agree to contact Dr. Frank Filiberto immediately or go to the nearest emergency room if these symptoms occur.

_____ I understand that medical marijuana may have serious risks and may cause low birthweight or other abnormalities in babies. I will advise Dr. Frank Filiberto if I become pregnant, try to get pregnant, or will be breastfeeding.

h. The current state of research on the efficacy of marijuana to treat the qualifying conditions set forth in this section.

_____ **Cancer**

- There is insufficient evidence to support or refute the conclusion that cannabinoids are an effective treatment for cancers, including glioma.

There is evidence to suggest that cannabinoids (and the endocannabinoid system more generally) may play a role in the cancer regulation processes. Due to a lack of recent, high quality reviews, a research gap exists concerning the effectiveness of cannabis or cannabinoids in treating cancer in general.

- There is conclusive evidence that oral cannabinoids are effective antiemetics in the treatment of chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting.
There is insufficient evidence to support or refute the conclusion that cannabinoids are an effective treatment for cancer-associated anorexia-cachexia syndrome and anorexia nervosa.

_____ **Epilepsy**

- There is insufficient evidence to support or refute the conclusion that cannabinoids are an effective treatment for epilepsy.

Recent systematic reviews were unable to identify any randomized controlled trials evaluating the efficacy of cannabinoids for the treatment of epilepsy. Currently available clinical data therefore consist solely of uncontrolled case series, which do not provide high-quality evidence of efficacy. Randomized trials of the efficacy of cannabidiol for different forms of epilepsy have been completed and await publication.

_____ **Glaucoma**

- There is limited evidence that cannabinoids are an ineffective treatment for improving intraocular pressure associated with glaucoma.

Lower intraocular pressure is a key target for glaucoma treatments. Non-randomized studies in healthy volunteers and glaucoma patients have shown short-term reductions in intraocular pressure with oral, topical eye drops, and intravenous cannabinoids, suggesting the potential for therapeutic benefit. A good-quality systemic review identified a single small trial that found no effect of two cannabinoids, given as an oromucosal spray, on intraocular pressure. The quality of evidence for the finding of no effect is limited. However, to be effective, treatments targeting lower intraocular pressure must provide continual rather than transient reductions in intraocular pressure. To date, those studies showing positive effects have shown only short-term benefit on intraocular pressure (hours), suggesting a limited potential for cannabinoids in the treatment of glaucoma.

Positive status for human immunodeficiency virus

- There is limited evidence that cannabis and oral cannabinoids are effective in increasing appetite and decreasing weight loss associated with HIV/AIDS.

There does not appear to be good-quality primary literature that reported on cannabis or cannabinoids as effective treatments for AIDS wasting syndrome.

Acquired immune deficiency syndrome

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Post-traumatic stress disorder

- There is limited evidence (a single, small fair-quality trial) that nabilone is effective for improving symptoms of posttraumatic stress disorder.

A single, small crossover trial suggests potential benefit from the pharmaceutical cannabinoid nabilone. This limited evidence is most applicable to male veterans and contrasts with non-randomized studies showing limited evidence of a statistical association between cannabis use (plant derived forms) and increased severity of posttraumatic stress disorder symptoms among individuals with posttraumatic stress disorder. There are other trials that are in the process of being conducted and if successfully completed, they will add substantially to the knowledge base.

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis

- There is insufficient evidence that cannabinoids are an effective treatment for symptoms associated with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

Two small studies investigated the effect of dronabinol on symptoms associated with ALS. Although there were no differences from placebo in either trial, the

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sample sizes were small, the duration of the studies was short, and the dose of dronabinol may have been too small to ascertain any activity. The effect of cannabis was not investigated.

_____ Crohn's disease

- There is insufficient evidence to support or refute the conclusion that dronabinol is an effective treatment for the symptoms of irritable bowel syndrome.

Some studies suggest that marijuana in the form of cannabidiol may be beneficial in the treatment of inflammatory bowel diseases, including Crohn's disease.

_____ Parkinson's disease

- There is insufficient evidence that cannabinoids are an effective treatment for the motor system symptoms associated with Parkinson's disease or the levodopa-induced dyskinesia.

Evidence suggests that the endocannabinoid system plays a meaningful role in certain neurodegenerative processes; thus, it may be useful to determine the efficacy of cannabinoids in treating the symptoms of neurodegenerative diseases. Small trials of oral cannabinoid preparations have demonstrated no benefit compared to a placebo in ameliorating the side effects of Parkinson's disease. A seven-patient trial of nabilone suggested that it improved the dyskinesia associated with levodopa therapy, but the sample size limits the interpretation of the data. An observational study demonstrated improved outcomes, but the lack of a control group and the small sample size are limitations.

_____ Multiple sclerosis

- There is substantial evidence that oral cannabinoids are an effective treatment for improving patient-reported multiple sclerosis spasticity symptoms, but limited evidence for an effect on clinician-measured spasticity.

Based on evidence from randomized controlled trials included in systematic reviews, an oral cannabis extract, nabiximols, and orally administered THC are probably effective for reducing patient-reported spasticity scores in patients with MS. The effect appears to be modest. These agents have not consistently demonstrated a benefit on clinician-measured spasticity indices.

_____ Medical conditions of same kind or class as or comparable to the above qualifying medical conditions

- The qualifying physician has provided the patient or the patient's caregiver a summary of the current research on the efficacy of marijuana to treat the patient's medical condition.
- The summary is attached to this informed consent as Addendum_____.

_____ Terminal conditions diagnosed by a physician other than the qualified physician issuing the physician certification

- The qualifying physician has provided the patient or the patient's caregiver a summary of the current research on the efficacy of marijuana to treat the patient's terminal condition.
- The summary is attached to this informed consent as Addendum_____.

_____ Chronic nonmalignant pain

- There is substantial evidence that cannabis is an effective treatment for chronic pain in adults.

The majority of studies on pain evaluated nabiximols outside the United States. Only a handful of studies have evaluated the use of cannabis in the United States, and all of them evaluated cannabis in flower form provided by the National Institute on Drug Abuse. In contrast, many of the cannabis products that are sold in state-regulated markets bear little resemblance to the products that are available for research at the federal level in the United States. Pain patients also use topical forms.

While the use of cannabis for the treatment of pain is supported by well-controlled clinical trials, very little is known about the efficacy, dose, routes of administration, or side effects of commonly used and commercially available cannabis products in the United States.

i. That the patient's de-identified health information contained in the physician certification and medical marijuana use registry may be used for research purposes.

_____The Department of Health submits a data set to The Medical Marijuana Research and Education Coalition for each patient registered in the medical marijuana use registry that includes the patient's qualifying medical condition and the daily dose amount and forms of marijuana certified for the patient.

_____I have had the opportunity to discuss these matters with the physician and to ask questions regarding anything I may not understand or that I believe needed to be clarified. I acknowledge that Dr. Frank Filiberto has informed me of the nature of a recommended treatment, including but not limited to, any recommendation regarding medical marijuana.

Dr. Frank Filiberto also informed me of the risks, complications, and expected benefits of any recommended treatment, including its likelihood of success and failure. I acknowledge that Dr. Frank Filiberto informed me of any alternatives to the recommended treatment, including the alternative of no treatment, and the risks and benefits.

Dr. Frank Filiberto has explained the information in this consent form about the medical use of marijuana.

Patient (print name) _____

Patient signature or signature of the parent or legal guardian if the patient is a minor:

_____ Date _____

I have explained the information in this consent form about the medical use of marijuana to _____ (Print patient name).

Qualified physician signature:

_____ Date _____

Witness:

_____ Date _____

Frank P Filiberto MD
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I, _____ (PRINT PATIENT NAME)

BIRTHDATE ___/___/___,

SOCIAL SECURITY# XXX-XX-_____

Authorize _____
(Doctor Name) (Doctors Phone or Fax Number)

to release and discuss any and all medical records and medical information that you have for me in your possession regarding my medical condition and my medical treatment, including but not limited to, my medical history, my medical treatment, your findings regarding my medical condition, records of consultations that I have had, records of medication prescribed for me, x-rays taken of me, my radiology reports, and hospital, and medical records to:

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for the sole purpose of medical records review and certification of my medical condition.

I understand the information to be released or disclosed may include information relating to sexually transmitted diseases, acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), or human immunodeficiency (HIV1) and drug abuse. I authorize the release or disclosure of this type of information.

This authorization is intended to be an unlimited, full, and complete Authorization for the release of any and all protected medical information as defined under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and the Medical Records Access Act, as amended, and under the rules and regulations thereof, and covers all protected information from primary and secondary providers, health plans, health care clearinghouses, emergency services, financial and administrative transactions, and business associates. A covered entity may not condition treatment, payment, enrollment, or eligibility for benefits on whether I sign this authorization when the prohibition on conditioning of authorizations in 45 CFR 164.508(b) (4) applies. It is understood that the person to whom this Authorization is given has my permission to use and disseminate this information in his or her sole discretion.

1. **Expiration.** This authorization expires 18 months after patient signed this release.

2. **Right to Revoke.** I have the right to revoke this authorization by signing and dating a written statement revoking this authorization, and it shall become effective on delivery to you. If this authorization is revoked, any person or entity acting in good faith in reliance upon it and lacking actual knowledge of its revocation shall be held harmless.

3. **Redisclosure.** Information used or disclosed pursuant to this authorization may be subject to redisclosure by the recipient and is no longer protected by this rule.

4. **Administrative Provisions.** I revoke any prior authorizations I have made to disclose health information that are inconsistent with this authorization. This document shall be governed by Florida law, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), Pub L No 104-191, and the Medical Records Access Act, MCL 333.26261 et seq. However, I intend it to be honored in any jurisdiction where it is presented and for other jurisdictions to refer to Florida law and HIPAA to interpret and determine the validity and enforceability of this document. Photocopies or facsimile reproductions of this signed authorization shall be treated as original counterparts. I am providing this authorization voluntarily and have not been required to give it to obtain treatment. I am at least 18 years old and of sound mind.

5. Any Billing for Medical Records is solely the patient's responsibility.

PATIENT OR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE

DATE



Department of Veterans Affairs

REQUEST FOR AND AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE MEDICAL RECORDS OR HEALTH INFORMATION

Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Information: The execution of this form does not authorize the release of information other than that specifically described below. The information requested on this form is solicited under Title 38, U.S.C. The form authorizes release of information in accordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164, 5 U.S.C. 552a, and 38 U.S.C. 5701 and 7332 that you specify. Your disclosure of the information requested on this form is voluntary. However, if the information including Social Security Number (SSN) (the SSN will be used to locate records for release) is not furnished completely and accurately, Department of Veterans Affairs will be unable to comply with the request. The Veterans Health Administration may not condition treatment, payment, enrollment or eligibility on signing the authorization. VA may disclose the information that you put on the form as permitted by law. VA may make a "routine use" disclosure of the information as outlined in the Privacy Act systems of records notices identified as 24VA10P2 "Patient Medical Record - VA" and in accordance with the Notice of Privacy Practices. You do not have to provide the information to VA, but if you don't, VA will be unable to process your request and serve your medical needs. Failure to furnish the information will not have any effect on any other benefits to which you may be entitled. If you provide VA your Social Security Number, VA will use it to administer your VA benefits. VA may also use this information to identify veterans and persons claiming or receiving VA benefits and their records, and for other purposes authorized or required by law. The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 requires us to notify you that this information collection is in accordance with the clearance requirements of section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. We may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB number. We anticipate that the time expended by all individuals who must complete this form will average 2 minutes. This includes the time it will take to read instructions, gather the necessary facts and fill out the form.

ENTER BELOW THE PATIENT'S NAME AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IF THE PATIENT DATA CARD IMPRINT IS NOT USED.

TO DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (Print or type name and address of health care facility)	PATIENT NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)
Veterans Health Administration Location:	
	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

NAME AND ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION, INDIVIDUAL OR TITLE OF INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM INFORMATION IS TO BE RELEASED

Frank P Filiberto MD 400 E Strawbridge Ave, Melbourne, FL 32901

VETERAN'S REQUEST: I request and authorize Department of Veterans Affairs to release the information specified below to the organization, or individual named on this request. I understand that the information to be released includes information regarding the following condition(s):

DRUG ABUSE ALCOHOLISM OR ALCOHOL ABUSE TESTING FOR OR INFECTION WITH HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV) SICKLE CELL ANEMIA

INFORMATION REQUESTED (Check applicable box(es) and state the extent or nature of the information to be disclosed, giving the dates or approximate dates covered by each)

COPY OF HOSPITAL SUMMARY COPY OF OUTPATIENT TREATMENT NOTE(S) OTHER (Specify)

Pertinent health information from electronic health records from the last 12 months including information created within 24 months after their signature date of this authorization.

PURPOSE(S) OR NEED FOR WHICH THE INFORMATION IS TO BE USED BY INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM INFORMATION IS TO BE RELEASED

Certification

NOTE: ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INFORMATION DESIRED MAY BE LISTED ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM

AUTHORIZATION: I certify that this request has been made freely, voluntarily and without coercion and that the information given above is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I will receive a copy of this form after I sign it. I may revoke this authorization, in writing, at any time except to the extent that action has already been taken to comply with it. Written revocation is effective upon receipt by the Release of Information Unit at the facility housing the records. Rediscovery of my medical records by those receiving the above authorized information may be accomplished without my further written authorization and may no longer be protected. Without my express revocation, the authorization will automatically expire: (1) upon satisfaction of the need for disclosure; (2) on _____ (date supplied by patient); (3) under the following condition(s):

Two years from the date of signature

I understand that the VA health care practitioner's opinions and statements are not official VA decisions regarding whether I will receive other VA benefits or, if I receive VA benefits, their amount. They may, however, be considered with other evidence when these decisions are made at a VA Regional Office that specializes in benefit decisions.

DATE (mm/dd/yyyy)	SIGNATURE OF PATIENT OR PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN FOR PATIENT (Attach authority to sign, e.g., POA) (Sign in ink)

FOR VA USE ONLY

IMPRINT PATIENT DATA CARD (or enter Name, Address, Social Security Number)	TYPE AND EXTENT OF MATERIAL RELEASED	
	DATE RELEASED	RELEASED BY

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Cancellation/No Show Payment Policy

We understand that there are times when you must miss an appointment due to emergencies or obligations for work or family. However, when you do not call to cancel an appointment, you may be preventing another patient from getting much needed treatment. Conversely, the situation may arise when another patient fails to cancel and we were unable to schedule you for a visit, due to a full schedule.

Cancellations

It is our policy that all appointments must be cancelled at least 48 hours in advance of the appointment. If an appointment is not cancelled 48 hours in advance, you will be charged the full appointment cost. Your credit or debit card on file will automatically be charged on the day of the cancellation if you are cancelling less than 48 business hours prior to your appointment. All patients will have the opportunity to show proof of an "urgent" reason as to why they were unable to make their scheduled appointment. Upon doing so, the patient will be reimbursed the charges incurred for late cancellations.

No Show

Patients who "No Show" their visit will be charged for that visit, AND will need to prepay future appointments. Your credit or debit card on file will automatically be charged on the day you "No Show" your appointment. All patients will have the opportunity to show proof of an "urgent" reason as to why they were unable to make their scheduled appointment. Upon doing so, the patient will be reimbursed the charges incurred for not showing for their scheduled appointment.

Follow Up Visits

Follow up visits are crucial to maintaining the state mandate of creating and maintaining a bonafide relationship with your provider. Patients who miss the scheduled follow up visits will be charged the \$60 for the missed appointment

Scheduled Appointments

We understand that delays can happen, however, we must try to keep the other patients and doctors on time. We request you come 30 minutes early to your appointment to account for traffic and to complete the required paperwork. If you are 15 minutes past your scheduled time, your provider may not be able to complete a full visit or we will do our best to accommodate you and fit you into the schedule later in the day. If you cannot complete your visit you will be charged for the full visit and you will be required to book a new visit.

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Account Balances

We will require that patients pay their account balances to zero (0) prior to receiving further services by our practice. We also require payment be rendered prior to services.

Acknowledgement of Receipt of Cancellation/No Show Policy

I, _____ do hereby acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Cancellation and No Show Payment Policy of Frank P Filiberto MD.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Authorization to Charge My Credit/Debit Card

I, _____ authorize Frank P Filiberto MD to keep my credit/debit card information on file and charge my credit/debit card in the event that I do not cancel my appointment with a 48 business hour notice OR no show for my scheduled appointment(s).

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Patients not authorizing Frank P Filiberto MD to keep their credit/debit card information on file will be required to prepay all follow-up and recertification visits.