### EVERY BRAIN MATTERS IS A COMMUNITY OF SUPPORT & ADVOCACY, BASED ON SCIENCE

#### **SUPPORT (HOPE)**

We acknowledge that the general public and many support groups don't understand the true and devastating impacts of marijuana. We respectfully invite you to an online group,

#### **ADVOCACY (CHANGE)**

This group has been created for those who want to advocate to help curtail the widespread acceptance, commercialization, and normalization of marijuana.

#### **SCIENCE (TRUTH)**

Every Brain Matters is driven by science. We only educate and advocate facts. Please visit our library.

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### THE EVERY BRAIN MATTERS STORE

We call for a cultural change with the widespread use of our logo to bring public visual awareness that unites us, symbolizes "freedom from marijuana," and promotes optimal brain and environmental health.





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"This is not about a War on Drugs. This is about a Defense of our Brains, the repository of our humanity."

Dr. Bertha Madras

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### Learn about Cannabis-Induced Psychosis (CIP)



Freedom From Marijuana and the Drug Culture Expansion

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# What is Cannabis Induced-Psychosis (CIP)?

A mental health disorder characterized by the loss of connection with reality induced by THC (Tetrahydrocannabinol) in the cannabis plant.

#### What are the symptoms of CIP?

Symptoms can be mild or severe and can occur for a few minutes or years. Symptoms can be:

- Paranoia
- Hallucinations (especially auditory)
- Delusions
- Grandiosity
- Irritability
- Anxiety and agitation
- Depersonalization
- Disorganized thinking, speech, behavior
- Racing thoughts
- Obsessive ideation

# Is it safe to use low-concentrated THC products?

The THC in marijuana, even in low concentrations, can cause Cannabis-Induced Psychosis.

#### Who is most at risk to develop CIP?

- Youth under the age of 25
- Higher frequency of use
- Use of higher concentration THC products
- Earlier the age of use, the higher the risk

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# Can CIP lead to a schizophrenia diagnosis?

Temporary psychotic symptoms from THC can result in permanent psychotic disorders like schizophrenia or bipolar disorder with psychosis. For those who experience a transient psychotic break, the rate of conversion to a chronic psychotic disorder depends on the drug being used. Cannabis tops the list.

#### Drug Conversion Rate (chronic

<u>psychosis)</u>: Cannabis 47% Amphetamine 32% Hallucinogens 28% Opioids 21% https://ajp.psychiatryonline.org/doi/10.1176/appi.ajp.2017.17020223

#### Is it safe for adults to use marijuana products and not develop CIP?

THC is destructive to critical neuronal pathways in the developing brain. Youth under the age of 25 are more at risk for CIP, but adults are not immune.

#### Will I develop CIP if I use marijuana a few times a week or a month?

We can't predict who is susceptible. Some experience symptoms after using THC only a few times.

#### Why is CIP not understood by the medical community and the general public?

Due to the lack of education, combined with well-funded ad campaigns, the public is being deceived.

#### Is there a cure for CIP?

No, there is no cure for CIP, but the brain can heal, and recovery is possible.

We recommend that the person experiencing CIP, and the family members, get help and support as soon as possible.

### Is Cannabis Induced-Psychosis common?

CIP is becoming more common. Statesanctioned potent marijuana products like dabs are now more accessible. Vapes provide turbo-fast hits of highconcentrated THC to the brain, which has created a public health crisis and can have severe consequences, including loss of life.

#### Can CIP increase the risk of suicide?

Science finds cannabis use is associated with a higher prevalence of suicidal ideation, plan, and attempt among U.S. young adults (ages 18 -25). https://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/news-releases/2021/06/cannabisuse-may-be-associated-with-suicidality-in-young-adults

To read more about the science of CIP.



Please refer to Every Brain Matters to find support for recovery.





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