

Dear Potential Member,

Please find enclosed:

- A letter to your Physician, Naturopath or Doctor of Traditional Chinese Medicine
- Legal and medical information for both you and your Health Care Practitioner
- “Effective Use of Medicinal Cannabis” pamphlet
- A Health Care Practitioner’s Statement form

In order to become a member of the British Columbia Compassion Club Society, we require that your health care practitioner complete the Practitioner’s Statement, and fax it to us directly from their office.

While many doctors are recognizing the effectiveness of cannabis as a medicine, we realize that there are some who still may feel uncomfortable recommending cannabis or even completing the form. Some may fear professional repercussions or that they do not have enough knowledge about this herbal medicine. Please encourage them to fill out the form anyway by checking off the box indicating that they do not recommend cannabis, and explaining their reasons for not recommending cannabis for you. Depending on your condition * (see below), we may still accept this form with the confirmation of your diagnosis, as long as the reasons the doctor stated are not of a medical nature. In order to maintain the confidentiality of our members and their health care providers, we are not able to refer you to doctors who have signed statements in the past. Don’t give up!

* Conditions for which confirmation of diagnosis only is accepted:

AIDS/HIV	Epilepsy	Nausea - Chronic and Debilitating
ADHD	Fibromyalgia	Pain - Chronic
Arthritis	Glaucoma	Paraplegia/Quadriplegia
Brain/Head Injury	Hepatitis C	Parkinson’s Disease
Cancer	Irritable Bowel Syndrome	Radiation Therapy
Colitis	Migraines	Seizure Disorders
Chemotherapy	Multiple Sclerosis	Sleep Disorders
Crohn’s Disease	Muscular Dystrophy	Substance Addiction and Withdrawal

* *Note: We will accept mental health conditions with a recommendation from your health practitioner.*

Because of the overwhelming need for our services, there is a wait list. After we have received the completed fax from your practitioner, and it is confirmed, you will have met the criteria for membership. You will automatically be placed on a waiting list for a membership registration and orientation appointment. To find out the approximate length of the wait, please contact us. Please understand that everyone on the waiting list is in need of this medicine and we are doing our best to accommodate everyone. We appreciate your patience.

If you have any questions, or are having difficulties, please contact us for further information at 604-875-0448 or check our website www.thecompassionclub.org. For more information on the use of cannabis for specific symptoms and conditions, call us or check <http://safeaccess.ca/research>.

Thank you,
The Staff of the BCCCS