

Medical Marijuana testimony
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Side effects may include:

1. Redness:
2. Itching
3. Bruising
4. Pain or swelling in the place of injection
5. Stomach pain
6. Nausea
7. Headache
8. Back pain

Some side effects can be serious. The following symptoms are uncommon, but if you experience any of them or those listed in the IMPORTANT WARNING section, call your doctor immediately:

9. Numbness
10. Tingling
11. problems with vision
12. weakness in legs
13. chest pain
14. shortness of breath
15. rash, especially a rash on the cheeks or arms that is sensitive to sunlight
16. new joint pain

- 17.hives
- 18.itching
- 19.swelling of the face, feet, ankles, or lower legs
- 20.difficulty breathing swallowing
- 21.fever
- 22.sore throat
- 23.chills
- 24.other signs of infection
- 25.unusual bruising or bleeding
26. Pale skin
- 27.dizziness
- 28.red, scaly patches or pus-filled bumps on the skin
- 29.Receiving an injection may increase the risk of developing leukemia** (cancer that begins in the white blood cells)
30. And “Other types of cancer in adults and children “

Talk to your doctor about the risks of receiving an injection. Injection may cause other side effects Call your doctor if you have any unusual problems while using this medication.

What I have just described to you is the side effects of Humira, an FDA approved Medication for the treatment of Plaque Psoriasis and Arthritis. My Mother’s health care providers prescribed This Medication a little over 3 years ago. Medical Marijuana was not a legal option in Kansas so She decided to trust the advice of the FDA, and physicians, and as many other unquestioning citizens concluded that the law is the law and until the law is changed, she would abide and attempt the Dr.’s recommended treatment. The Humira treatment was successful the psoriasis was no longer an issue, and the Arthritis no longer caused her pain, because she was dead. It took 7 days and a little over \$100,000 for my 58-year-old mother to die a painful and unnecessary death due to side effects, of approved medications used to treat her symptoms.

It is time to accept that currently there is not an equal or effective modality to provide the safe and effective relief that is provide by medical Marijuana in its whole form. Concluding that Marinol (THC) in pill form is comparable to Marijuana in its raw and whole form is comparable giving a child a pile of sugar and then calling it a lollipop. The individual parts are not equal to the whole, no matter how you spin it.

I'm not here to complain about the Dr.'s or to ask you to go after the makers of Humira; I am here to ask you if we can do better. Patients in Kansas deserve the legal right to access a safer more natural medicine. I'm asking you as the responsible and caring legislators of this great state of Kansas to investigate the evidence of medical marijuana with an Un-bias and open mind. I'm asking you to recognize the rights of citizens to decide how and with what they will be treated. I implore you recognize the individual liberty to choose what goes into our bodies and how we as Kansans choose to live and die. You have the Power to work this bill into law in 2012. Please work this bill now.