



Dear Health Care Practitioner,

Your patient is requesting membership with the B.C. Compassion Club Society (BCCCS). The BCCCS has created safe and supportive access to clean, high quality, affordable cannabis for those in medical need. We also provide the services of natural health care practitioners at our Wellness Centre.

In order to maintain the level of legitimacy expected from our organization, the BCCCS requires a confirmation of diagnosis and/or recommendation from a Physician, Naturopath or Doctor of Traditional Chinese Medicine as a condition of membership.

Many practitioners recognize the effectiveness of cannabis in their patient's treatment, and are referring their patients to us. We currently have over 4000 registered members and have been operating for 10 years.

As part of our orientation to the BCCCS, members learn about the safe and effective use of cannabis and the variety of alternative delivery methods available to them, such as smokables, edibles and tinctures. See attached *Safe & Effective Use of Medicinal Cannabis* pamphlet.

We have attached some legal and medical information for you to read. For more information on the use of cannabis for specific symptoms and conditions, please contact us or check <http://safeaccess.ca/research>.

In the Canadian Medical Association Journal (issue 161(8), pg. 1024 October 19, 1999), Dr. Morris Van Andel, then deputy registrar of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC, advises doctors to write a "confirmation" of a patient's medical condition rather than an illegal prescription. "I would say 'I am writing to confirm that Mr. Smith is HIV positive and that he has indicated that his chronic pain is helped by marijuana and therefore should such a substance be available to him, that on the basis of my knowledge of him, he should be eligible for that type of help.'"

Please fill in the attached Practitioner's Statement and fax it into our office. If you feel uncomfortable recommending cannabis due to medical, legal, or other concerns, please indicate this in the space provided. If you only feel comfortable confirming your patient's diagnosis, you may do so on our form or fax us a confirmation of your patient's diagnosis with the date and your name and signature on your letterhead or a prescription pad. We will call you to verify that the fax did indeed come from your office.

For more information, please contact us at 604-875-0448, or by email at info@thecompassionclub.org.

Respectfully,
The B.C. Compassion Club Society