

## Medicinal Cannabis Program Patient Information Leaflet

PATIENT DETAILS	
Name:	Contact:
Address:	Date:
Email:	Prescription Number:

### 1. About your medicine

Patients are prescribed Medicinal Cannabis for a variety of reasons. Your doctor is likely to have completed a comprehensive clinical assessment and identified risk factors that will need to be addressed before applying for access to Medicinal Cannabis. Your initial treatment plan aims to determine the effectiveness of the medication for your condition/symptoms.

There are no precise dosing or established dosing schedules for Medicinal Cannabis at this point in time for the Australian setting. Dosing is highly individualised and generally starts at a low dose with monitoring of how well the medicine is tolerated. Finding the right dose, where therapeutic effect is maximised and adverse effects are minimised, requires patients, doctors, and pharmacists to work together to determine the efficacy of the product for the individual patient and their specific medical condition. If your doctor has provided you a plan to slowly increase the dose, this should be recorded by the pharmacist as this will impact when repeat prescriptions are due. There is a lead time for the ordering stock and the pharmacist will discuss ideal reordering time for your repeats with you.

Speak to your pharmacist or doctor if you experience side-effects such as disorientation, dizziness, loss of coordination, agitation, anxiety, rapid heart rate, low blood pressure, hallucinations or psychosis.

Unless your doctor has stated otherwise, it is important that you continue to take your other regular prescription medicines.

It is important you take your Medicinal Cannabis doses as prescribed by the doctor. Missed doses may impact the effectiveness of the medication. Speak to the pharmacist about medication reminder systems that the pharmacy has access to or that may be available via the MCP. If you have any questions about your medicine, please feel free to contact the pharmacy.

### 2. Medicinal Cannabis Patient Support Program

Our Pharmacist explained the following key elements to you regarding Medicinal Cannabis:

- Your medicine was provided to you at a cost of no more than the recommended price established in the Medicinal Cannabis Program (MCP).
- Our Pharmacist explained a few key quality use of medicines issues detailed above.
- The best way to manage your repeat prescriptions was discussed with you. For your repeats, the medicine will need to be paid for before the pharmacy can order the Medicinal Cannabis. The pharmacist will explain the expected arrival date of the stock. They will explain how you will be notified when the stock does arrive.

***Our pharmacist may also discuss additional information about Medicinal Cannabis which they believe is important.***

### 3. Pharmacist Recommendations

From our discussion, today the following professional pharmacy services may be of benefit to you:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy Follow-Up	<input type="checkbox"/> Home Medicines Review	
<input type="checkbox"/> MedsCheck Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Dose Administration Aid/Weekly Medicines Pack	
The pharmacy agrees to complete the requirements of this service in accordance with the Terms and Conditions.		
Pharmacist Initials:	Patients Name:	Date:

This pharmacy collects information about you, including information about your health, so that this pharmacy can provide the Medicinal Cannabis Program. Your prescribing doctor may seek information from MCP on when the medicinal cannabis has been dispensed by the pharmacy. PharmaPrograms facilitates the MCP and associated support program on behalf of the Medicinal Cannabis Manufacturer. No personal information collected through the MCP will be disclosed to Medicinal Cannabis Manufacturers or any other third party