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Cannabis for medicinal use in
Denmark – how do we move forward?



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About Cannabis Danmark

Cannabis Danmark's goal is to make Denmark a leading country in the development and use of cannabis for medicinal purpose for the benefit of treating patients by working throughout the value chain from plant to patient.



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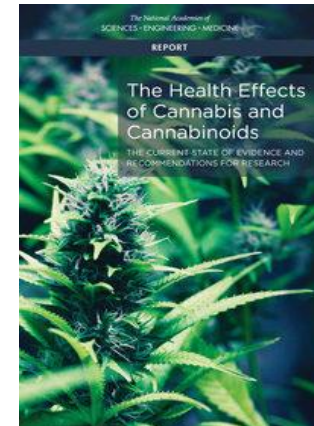
Status from our point of view

- We are at the same level as other countries when it comes to physicians who prescribe
- We are at the same level when it comes to the number of patients who receive prescriptions
- We lack:
 - Education of the physicians who wish to prescribe cannabis
 - Lower prices on cannabis
 - More investment in research



International research

- *The Health Effects of Cannabis and Cannabinoids: The Current State of Evidence and Recommendations for Research* from 2017 – what does it show



- Very limited research in plant based cannabis and very little on the different components combined
- Need of mapping of the endocannabinoid system



Prescription along with research

- Relatively safe prescription in regard to side effects
- The side effects may well be exaggerated as many come from research in recreational use.
- During the Danish trial period very few and insignificant side effects have been reported
- Always consider whether the patients' quality of life can be improved by switching to cannabis.
- Education of physicians so they feel safe prescribing cannabis



How can cannabis for medicinal use develop and become a future success in Denmark and abroad

- First and foremost recognition of cannabis as a medicinal tool within the life science area

- Cross country research collaboration - we can't walk alone
- Ground research in the endocannabinoid system
- Who has 'the big bag of money?' - will EU get involved?
- Implementation in Medical School





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