

# KINGSTON HEALTH SCIENCES CENTRE

## CLINICAL POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	Management of Recreational and Medical Cannabis	<b>NUMBER</b>	M-1505
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### **Introduction:**

Changes in legislation necessitate policy for both recreational and medical use of cannabis on hospital property to ensure adherence to current legislation. This policy is to guide the use of cannabis for patients. There is a separate policy guiding the use of cannabis for staff, physicians, learner, affiliates and volunteers. Administrative Policy 02-135 Fitness to work and Use of Substances.

### **Policy:**

1. All smoking of cannabis will adhere to Administrative Policy 02-100 Smoke Free Policy.
2. Recreational use of cannabis on hospital grounds is forbidden. Patients who have legal amounts of cannabis (30 gm or less) on admission are encouraged to send home with family.
  - 2.1. If cannabis cannot be sent home, security will be called and cannabis will be locked up as per Administrative Policy 17-062 Contraband Management.
  - 2.2. If security deems the amount of cannabis to be greater than 30 gms, security will contact the police.
3. Patients presenting with medical cannabis will be assessed by the prescriber for appropriateness of continued use while in hospital.
  - 3.1. KHSC will not supply medical cannabis while in hospital.
  - 3.2. Patients will provide documentation of medical cannabis authorization and evidence of purchase from authorized producer.
  - 3.3. Patients who are to continue use of cannabis while in hospital will have cannabis ordered by prescriber with order to use own supply.

### **Procedure:** Medical Cannabis

1. Verify prescriber order.
2. Order for medical cannabis may be entered on the medication administration record.
3. Confirm cannabis is from an authorized licenced producer.
  - 3.1 There will be a label describing contents of cannabis.
4. Explain process to patient and family.
5. Medical cannabis may be stored in the medication room.

**NOTE:** Areas such as the Detoxification Centre with specific policies regarding substances will abide by the policies applicable in those areas.

6. Documentation as per Clinical Policy D-5710, Documentation Medication Administration.
7. All medical cannabis should be returned to the patient on discharge.

**Related Policies and Procedures:**

Administrative Policy 02-100 Smoke Free Policy

Administrative Policy 17-062 Contraband Management

Administrative Policy 02-135 Fitness to work and Use of Substances

Clinical Policy D-5710 Documentation Medication Administration

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