



THE ALTERNATIVES TO SMOKED MARIJUANA AS MEDICINE

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Legalization advocates would have the public and policy makers incorrectly believe that crude marijuana is the only treatment alternative for masses of cancer sufferers who are going untreated for the nausea associated with chemotherapy, and for all those who suffer from glaucoma, multiple sclerosis, and other ailments. Numerous effective medications are, however, currently available for these conditions. There has been a recent study by the Institutes of Health to compare Metoclopramide with Marijuana to control vomiting and have found the former to 4 to 7 times better than marijuana.

Below is a list of the medications currently available for chemotherapy, and for all those who suffer from glaucoma, multiple sclerosis, and other ailments.

Serotonin Antagonists	Scopolamine (Trans Derm Scop)
Ondansetron (Zofran)	Butyrophenones
Granisetron (Kytril)	Droperidol (Inapsine)
Tropisetron (Navoban)	Haloperidol (Haldol)
Dolasetron	Domperidone (Motilium)
Phenothiazines	Benzodiazepines
Prochlorperazine (Compazine)	Lorazepam (Ativan)
Chlorpromazine (Thorazine)	Alprazolam (Xanax)
Thiethylperazine (Torecan)	Substituted Benzamides
Perphenazine (Trilafon)	Metoclopramide (Reglan)
Promethazine (Phenergan)	Trimethobenzamide (Tigan)
Corticosteroids	Alizapride (Plitican)
Dexamethasone (Decadron)	Cisapride (Propulsid)
Methylprednisolone (Medrol)	Antihistamines
Anticholinergics	Diphenhydramine (Benedryl)

SOURCE: 2001 WL 30659 (Appellate Brief) Brief of the Institute on Global Drug Policy of the Drug Free America Foundation; National Families in Action; Drug Watch International; Drug-free Kids: America's Challenge, et al., as Amici Curiae in Support of Petitioner (Jan. 10, 2001,), U.S. v. Oakland Cannabis Buyers' Cooperative, 121 S.Ct. 1711 (2001)

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