

Global Burden of Disease

**Mental Disorders and
Illicit Drug Use Expert Group**



Appendix A

Cannabis Mortality Search Strings

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Search strings for peer-reviewed literature searches for cannabis dependence/use

Database	Search group	Search terms
Medline*	Cannabis	Cannabis OR cannabin\$ OR marijuana OR bhang OR ganga OR hashish OR hemp or cannabis indica OR cannabis sativa or hemp plant or marihuana Exp cannabis/
	Mortality	Mortal\$ or fatal\$ or death\$ exp DEATH/ or exp "CAUSE OF DEATH"/ or exp SUDDEN DEATH/ or exp Mortality/ or exp Hospitalization/ or exp Fatal Outcome/
	Cohort	"cohort" OR "longitudinal" OR "incidence" OR "prospective" OR "follow-up" exp cohort studies/ or exp longitudinal studies/ or exp follow-up studies/ or exp prospective studies/
	Drug Use	drug abuse\$ OR drug use\$ OR drug misuse\$ OR drug dependenc\$ OR substance abuse\$ OR substance use\$ OR substance misuse\$ OR substance dependenc\$ OR addict\$ Exp Substance-related disorders/
EMBASE#	Cannabis	Cannabis OR cannabin\$ OR marijuana OR bhang OR ganga OR hashish OR hemp or cannabis indica OR cannabis sativa or hemp plant or marihuana Exp cannabis addiction/ or exp cannabis smoking/ or exp cannabis/ or exp cannabis derivative/
	Mortality	Mortal\$ or fatal\$ or death\$ exp DEATH/ or exp "CAUSE OF DEATH"/ or exp ACCIDENTAL DEATH/ or exp SUDDEN DEATH/ or exp Fatality/ or exp Mortality/ or exp Hospitalization/
	Cohort	"cohort" OR "longitudinal" OR "incidence" OR "prospective" OR "follow-up" exp COHORT ANALYSIS/ or exp LONGITUDINAL STUDY/ or exp PROSPECTIVE STUDY/ or exp Follow Up/
	Drug Use	Drug abuse OR drug use\$ OR drug misuse OR drug dependenc\$ OR substance abuse OR substance use\$ OR substance misuse OR substance dependenc\$ OR addict\$ exp substance abuse/ or exp drug abuse/ or exp analgesic agent abuse/ or exp drug abuse pattern/ or exp drug misuse/ or exp drug traffic/ or exp multiple drug abuse/ or exp addiction/ or exp drug dependence/ or exp cocaine dependence/ or narcotic dependence/ or exp heroin dependence/ or exp morphine addiction/ or exp opiate addiction/
PsychINFO^	Cannabis	Cannabis or cannabin\$ or marijuana or bhang or ganga or hashish or hemp or cannabis indica or cannabis sativa or hemp plant or marihuana exp CANNABIS/ or exp MARIJUANA USAGE/ or exp MARIJUANA/
	Mortality	Mortal\$ or fatal\$ or death\$ exp "DEATH AND DYING"/ or exp Mortality/ or exp Hospitalization
	Cohort	"cohort" OR "longitudinal" OR "incidence" OR "prospective" OR "follow-up"

Database	Search group	Search terms
		Exp age differences/ or exp cohort analysis/ or exp human sex differences
	Drug Use	Drug abuse OR drug use\$ OR drug misuse OR drug dependenc\$ OR substance abuse OR substance use\$ OR substance misuse OR substance dependenc\$ OR addict\$
		Exp drug abuse/ or exp drug addiction/ or exp addiction/ or exp drug usage
<p>* 'key-words' in lowercase, 'MeSH' terms in bold # 'key-words' in lowercase, 'EMTREE' terms in bold ^ 'key words' in lowercase, explode terms in bold</p>		