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## Cannabinoids Kill Cancer and Our Government Has Known for 36 Years

by GSA on May 18, 2010 | [89 Comments](#)



Below is a repost of an article published on Americans for Safe Access website: [www.safeaccessnow.org](http://www.safeaccessnow.org) in November of 2003. The article describes how cannabinoids, the active components of marijuana, inhibit tumor growth in laboratory animals and also kill cancer cells. Then it finishes off by saying that the US government has known for more than 35 years and that the media which would normally go crazy about a cancer cure story like this, doesn't at all and in fact seem to be burying the story rather than promote it in any way. I for one am amazed at the government's stance on marijuana and their failed war on drugs, which is more like a war on it's own country. I guess too many people get rich off of the war on drugs.

by Steve Kubby, [Sierra Times](#)  
November 10th, 2003

A new study published in [Nature Reviews-Cancer](#) provides an historic and detailed explanation about how THC and natural cannabinoids counteract cancer, but preserve normal cells.

The [study by Manuel Guzmán of Madrid Spain](#) found that cannabinoids, the active components of marijuana, inhibit tumor growth in laboratory animals. They do so by modulating key cell-signalling pathways, thereby inducing direct growth arrest and death of tumor cells, as well as by inhibiting the growth of blood vessels that supply the tumor.

The Guzman study is very important according to [Dr. Ethan Russo](#), a neurologist and world authority on medical cannabis: "Cancer occurs because cells become immortalized; they fail to heed normal signals to turn off growth. A normal function of remodelling in the body requires that cells on cue undergo a process called apoptosis, or programmed cell death. That process fails to work in tumors. THC promotes its reappearance so that gliomas, leukemias, melanomas and other cell types will in fact heed the signals, stop dividing, and die."

"But, that is not all," explains Dr. Russo: "The other way that tumors grow is by ensuring that they are nourished: they send out signals to promote angiogenesis, the growth of new blood vessels. Cannabinoids turn off these signals as well. It is truly incredible, and elegant."

In other words, this article explains several ways in which cannabinoids might be used to fight cancer, and, as the article says, "Cannabinoids are usually well tolerated, and do not produce the generalized toxic effects of conventional chemotherapies."

Usually, any story that even suggests the possibility of a new treatment for cancer is greeted with headlines about a "cancer cure" – however remote in the future and improbable in fact it might be. But if marijuana is involved, don't expect any coverage from mainstream media, especially since mainstream editors have been quietly killing this story for the past thirty years...

That's right, news about the ability of pot to shrink tumors first surfaced, way back in 1974. Researchers at the Medical College of Virginia, who had been funded by the National Institutes of Health to find evidence that marijuana damages the immune system, found instead that THC slowed the growth of three kinds of cancer in mice — lung and breast cancer, and a virus-induced leukemia.

The Washington Post reported on the 1974 study — in the "Local" section — on Aug. 18, 1974. Under the headline, "Cancer Curb Is Studied," it read in part: "The active chemical agent in marijuana curbs the growth of three kinds of cancer in mice and may also suppress the immunity reaction that causes rejection of organ transplants, a Medical College of Virginia team has discovered." The researchers "found that THC slowed the growth of lung cancers, breast cancers, and a virus-induced leukemia in laboratory mice, and prolonged their lives by as much as 36 percent."

"News coverage of the Madrid discovery has been virtually nonexistent in this country. The news broke quietly on Feb. 29, 2000 with a story that ran once on the UPI wire about the Nature Medicine article," complained MarijuanaNews.com editor Richard Cowan, who said he was only able to find the article through a link that appeared briefly on the Drudge Report Web page. "The New York Times, The Washington Post, and Los Angeles Times all ignored the story, even though its newsworthiness is indisputable: a benign substance occurring in nature destroys deadly brain tumors," added Cowan.

On March 29, 2001, the [San Antonio Current](#) printed a carefully researched, bombshell of a story by Raymond Cushing titled, "POT SHRINKS TUMORS; GOVERNMENT KNEW IN '74." Media coverage since then has been nonexistent, except for a copy of the [story on Alternet](#).

It is hard to believe that the knowledge that cannabis can be used to fight cancer has been [suppressed for almost thirty years](#), yet it seems likely that it will continue to be suppressed. Why?

According to Cowan, the answer is because it is a [threat to cannabis prohibition](#). "If this article and its predecessors from 2000 and 1974 were the only evidence of the suppression of medical cannabis, then one might perhaps be able to rationalize it in some herniated way. However, there really is [massive proof](#) that the suppression of medical cannabis represents the greatest failure of the institutions of a free society, medicine, journalism, science, and our fundamental values," Cowan notes.

Millions of people have died horrible deaths and in many cases, families exhausted their savings on dangerous, toxic and expensive drugs. Now we are just beginning to realize that while marijuana has never killed anyone, marijuana prohibition has killed millions.

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you are ruled by parasites who poison you on a thousand levels for their own profit

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The drug manufacturing companies would not be able to sell their \$100,000 drugs to these patients if cannabis were legal. It would put them out of business. The Senators and Congressmen that get campaign contributions from these industries vote how they are told by big pharma. If not, they don't get the campaign contributions. That is how our government works. Government does not work for the benefit of the citizens as government does not represent the citizens, it represents business. That is called Facism.

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yep.always about hungry for money corporation.

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It's always about the money, always.

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Be smart. If you have cancer or a loved one does. You can get medical marijuana and make your own cure.

Go to "Run from the cure" by Rick Simpson and see how it's done.

I watched both my parents die from cancer. This is before I knew anything. Thank you big pharma and thank you my kind, caring government. Screw all of you.

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"Nascent Iodine" is critical to thyroid function, and many people are no longer getting any iodine as they are encouraged to wean themselves from Salt.

"Nascent" is the only type that you can ingest orally, and it really works to target sick cells, functioning as a 'marker' for immediate attention by the blood stream's replenishing enzymes.

Synthroid, (the chemical thyroid-booster) causes skinny people (like me) to go batty after a while, and they would be well advised to try the combination of iodine and 'nature-throid.' –Massive emotional changes may follow, such as quitting a lifetime habit, (smoking,) and much more cordial relations with others...

Smoking herb is especially soothing, when it's really pure. I question this indoor stuff that makes people get cottonmouth. It seems to contain more than simple 'Bat guana,' fertilizer, etc.

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You forgot to mention...cancer cures would hurt the depopulation agenda. The medical association is OWNED by proponents of depopulation.

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5. *dan* says:

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Combine the pot with vitamin C, more than ten grams a day, according to the level of your bodies tolerance. Go to [www.doctoryourself.com](http://www.doctoryourself.com) and see what's available to treat what ails you.

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6. *neodsa* says:

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Marijuana grows as a free gift from nature or god depending on your beliefs , yet our governments do not allow us to have it or grow it , surely by any logic this is a denial of our basic human rights .

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7. *TSGordon* says:

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"God's medicine" is, by nature, extremely plentiful and was never meant to be taxed. What was it that Jesus had said, which had so greatly upset the "Wait, 10% for me!" -Jews?;

"Get the money-changers out of the temple!"

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8. *tommus* says:

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screw the gov't and the pharms.

don't waste your energy fighting them.

grow your own cannabis.

smoke it.

give it to your friends and family.

it's simple.

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o *DragonTat2* says:

[08/01/2010 at 3:17 PM](#)

One or two plants a year would suit me fine, as I use less than three ounces a year.