

Case Study 1 – David

- 54 yr old, has long standing back pain
- Successfully treated with Norspan patches used for the last 4 years
- Previously had hip replacement, has osteoarthritis
- He is unable to work without the Norspan patches due to the pain in lumbar spine and right hip
- Finding it difficult to sleep at night and feels anxious most of time due to pressures at work
- Looking for non pharmacological treatment for his anxiety
- Has read blogs about medicinal cannabinoids and others who have found relief for their chronic pain

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Case Study 2 - Mary

- 40 yr old woman, long time heavy smoker who presents with increasing thoracic back and rib pain
- Diagnosed with stage 4 small cell lung cancer and has been given a course of palliative chemotherapy over 6 weeks
- Has started using marijuana for both her nausea and her developing pain
- Ondansetron that was given to her does not seem to be helping her nausea
- Has heard from friends about benefits of medicinal cannabinoids in people with cancer related nausea and vomiting
- Discussed with her Oncologist who said that there is no evidence that medicinal cannabinoids makes any difference to any of her symptoms
- About 6 months after her last visit with her specialist, she is now entering latter stages of her disease and now having significant back pain. Finds opioids is making her drowsy and constipated
- She asks palliative care specialist for prescription for medicinal cannabinoids

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Case Study 3 - Willow

- 3 year old girls who has been having epileptic seizures since she was fist diagnosed after having two seizures at 11 months
- Has approx. 10-15 epileptic seizures every day
- Has tried a number of different anti-epileptic medications without success
- Family feels financial pressure as Willow requires full time care
- Parents are also concerned about their 4 yr old son as they feel he does not receive the care and attention he should because they are busy taking care of Willow
- Willow's parents read an article in newspaper about the success of using medicinal cannabinoids for children with epilepsy. Although they were a little confused about the effectiveness, as the child in the story still fitted frequently, the parents in article stated that "it is much less than before starting the cannabinoids"

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