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## Marijuana as Medicine?: The Science beyond the Controversy

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National Academies Press, United States, 2000. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 234 x 163 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Some people suffer from chronic, debilitating disorders for which no conventional treatment brings relief. Can marijuana ease their symptoms? Would it be breaking the law to turn to marijuana as a medication? There are few sources of objective, scientifically sound advice for people in this situation. Most books about marijuana and medicine attempt to promote the views of advocates or opponents. To fill the gap between these extremes, authors Alison Mack and Janet Joy have extracted critical findings from a recent Institute of Medicine study on this important issue, interpreting them for a general audience. Marijuana As Medicine? provides patients--as well as the people who care for them--with a foundation for making decisions about their own health care. This empowering volume examines several key points, including: \* Whether marijuana can relieve a variety of symptoms, including pain, muscle spasticity, nausea, and appetite loss. \* The dangers of smoking marijuana, as well as the effects of its active chemical components on the immune system and on psychological health. \* The potential use of marijuana-based medications on symptoms of AIDS, cancer, multiple...



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