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Health Impacts of Recreational Marijuana Legalization

On March 31st 2021, New York State passed a law legalizing recreational cannabis. The bill allows for possession of up to 3 ounces of marijuana, with stipulations in place for establishing a regulated market. This law follows several other states’ legalization measures beginning with Washington in 2012. Below is a selection of articles examining the health effects of legal recreational cannabis.

- **The impact of legalization of access to recreational Cannabis on Canadian medical users with Cancer**. Hawley P, Gobbo M, Afghari N.
- **Exploring the effect of Colorado's recreational marijuana policy on opioid overdose rates**. Alcocer JJ.
- **Public health implications of legalising the production and sale of cannabis for medicinal and recreational use**. Hall W, Stjepanović D, Caulkins J, Lysnskey M, Leung J, Campbell G, Degenhardt L.
- **Lessons learned after three years of legalized, recreational marijuana: The Colorado experience**. Ghosh TS, Vigil DI, Maffey A, Tolliver R, Van Dyke M, Kattari L, Krug H, Reed JK, Wolk L.

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