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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, Lynskey M, Leung J, Campbell G, Degenhardt L.
- [Does cannabis legalisation change healthcare utilisation? A population-based study using the healthcare cost and utilisation project in Colorado, USA](#). Delling FN, Vittinghoff E, Dewland TA, Pletcher MJ, Olgin JE, Nah G, Aschbacher K, Fang CD, Lee ES, Fan SM, Kazi DS, Marcus GM.
- [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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