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90% of all addictions start in adolescence and young adult years. 1

There is little evidence that marijuana reduces pain or the use of opioids. 2

Marijuana use increases the likelihood of opioid dependence. 3

Past-year marijuana users:

3x more likely to misuse prescription opioids. 4

2x the chance of developing prescription opioid dependence. 5

Early use of marijuana reduces reactivity of the brain’s reward center in adulthood causing vulnerability to opioid and other drug addiction. 5, 6

Marijuana prepares the brain for heightened responses to other drugs. 7

SOURCES: