



Definitions:

Cannabis Medical Terminology

agonist Substance that initiates a physiological response when combined with a receptor

antagonist Substance that interferes with or inhibits the physiological action of another

binding affinity Strength of the binding interaction between a single biomolecule and a drug or inhibitor

bioavailability The proportion of a drug or other substance that enters the body's circulation, making it able to have an active effect

biphasic Having two distinct stages

cannabinoid Compounds found in the cannabis plant that affect the endocannabinoid system

CB1 receptors Receptors, primarily located on neurons in the brain and nervous system, that are affected by cannabinoids

CB2 receptors Receptors, primarily located on the cells of the immune system, that are affected by cannabinoids

endocannabinoid Cannabinoid created by the human body

endocannabinoid system System in the body that regulates homeostasis, abbreviated as ECS

entourage effect Synergistic effects of cannabis compounds when used together

first-pass metabolism Phenomenon of drug metabolism whereby the concentration of a drug is reduced and/or modified in the liver before it reaches the systemic circulation

isomer Compounds with the same formula but a different arrangement of atoms in the molecule and different properties

metabolite Substance formed in the metabolism



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micro-dosing Administration of doses so low ("sub-therapeutic") they are unlikely to produce whole-body effects

nano-emulsion Stabilized mixture of water and oil with very small droplets

palliative Treatment that relieves symptoms without dealing with the underlying cause

pharmacokinetics Branch of pharmacology concerned with the movement of drugs within the body

phytocannabinoid Cannabinoid created by a plant

sublingual Administered under the tongue

suppository A solid medical preparation in a roughly conical or cylindrical shape, designed to be inserted into the rectum or vagina to dissolve

titration Method of determining the smallest amount of a medicine that is required to bring about a given effect

transdermal patch A medicated adhesive patch that is placed on the skin to deliver a specific dose of medication through the skin and into the bloodstream