

Resolution 116-14

**REMOVE CANNABIS USE AS A RELATIVE
CONTRAINDICATION FOR TRANSPLANT RECIPIENCY**

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RESOLVED

That CMA oppose utilization of (1) reported marijuana use and (2) positive cannabis toxicology tests as a contraindication for potential organ transplant recipients, and use evidence based medical findings to guide any alterations in this CMA policy.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

**YOUR REFERENCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS
APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING SUBSTITUTE
RESOLUTION (FOR RESOLUTION #116-14) AND
ASKS FOR A "YES" VOTE ON IT.**

RESOLVED: That CMA supports that the eligibility for receipt of an anatomical gift be based on an individualized medical determination; and be it further

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That CMA urges transplant programs to clearly indicate their policies on the use of cannabis to waiting list candidates prior to evaluation of candidacy ; and be it further

RESOLVED:

That CMA opposes blanket restrictions of potential organ transplant donors and recipients based solely on reported or detected marijuana uses.

Reason(s) for Recommendation

A. The determination of transplant candidacy should remain a medical decision made by transplant physicians taking the totality of a patient's medical history into consideration.

B. If cannabis users are aware of transplant program restrictions, they can eliminate cannabis use prior to seeking candidacy