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Hello,

I am an Arachnoiditis sufferer. In fact I have what is called Adhesive Arachnoiditis. This is chemically induced condition which has left me in chronic severe pain 24/7.

and will have it for the rest of my life. Its like cancer but without the certainty of death. I am on large doses of Methadone, Gabapentin, Cymbalta, Valium and Epilum. I have been on Morphine, Endep, Jurnista, Tramadol and list goes on. Nothing and I mean nothing can take the pain away. So I smoke marijuana. This helps me eat, relax and rest and deal with life and people.

The only down side is availability and quality. It is hard to get and also expensive.

. So money is scarce. If it becomes available as medicinal I would be happy to grow my own as well as buy. I have been researching constantly and the benefits of marijuana outway the cocktail Im on now. I would love to be able to get rid of the meds and use something that works. Marijuana works for me. In the past I have accidentally overdosed on my meds. A doctor played with my meds and sent me into Serotonin Sydrome which nearly killed me. To my knowledge and from my own experience overdosing on marijuana would be impossible. I have tried making the oil and the benefits from this would definitely make my life so much more bearable. I struggle everyday to get up. Im in constant agonising pain. If there is something that works WHY cant we have it? My meds will kill me before my condition does, I am constantly monitored via bloodtests to check my liver and kidneys. This condition cuts at least 12 years off my life span. So please lets get behind this medicinal marijuana and stop dragging the chain. It works!

Thank you