

STUDY: MARIJUANA MAY INCREASE PSYCHOSIS RISK

Using marijuana seems to increase the chance of becoming psychotic, researchers report in an analysis of past research that reignites the issue of whether pot is dangerous.

The new review suggests that even infrequent use could raise the small but real risk of this serious mental illness by 40%.

Doctors have long suspected a connection and say the latest findings underline the need to highlight marijuana's long-term risks. The research, paid for by the British Health Department, is being published Friday in medical journal *The Lancet*.

http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2007-07-26-marijuana-study_N.htm

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HOUSE TURNS ASIDE BID TO ALLOW MEDICINAL POT USE

Advocates of barring the use of federal funds to combat legalized medicinal marijuana picked up only two more votes this week in their dogged but longshot annual effort to gain the approval of Congress, leaving them deeply disappointed and searching for answers.

The medicinal pot forces, who cite public opinion polls and votes of the public in such states as California as they lobby lawmakers, were particularly angry that such freshman Democrats as Rep. Jerry McNerney of Pleasanton voted late Wednesday night against the proposal, which was an amendment to the annual Justice Department spending bill.

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2007/07/26/BAGNGR7F3N6.DTL&tsp=1>

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