Use of Medical Marihuana in Residential Care

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Is it OK?
Should people living in residential care have the same access as others to medical marihuana for symptom management?
What guides us?

- Federal Legislation - MMAR
- Knowledge/evidence
- Philosophy
- Health Authority policies
- Professional guidelines & standards
- Context
- Medical declaration
- Authorization to possess
- Government authorized provider
- Providing assistance

Reference MMAR for further details:
Current to April 29, 2013
Last amended on March 11, 2010
Protocol Parameters

- Resident responsibilities
- No smoking on facility property
- Individualized Care Plan in place
- Physician Order
- Formal agreement
Process

- Physician support
- Team meeting
  - Plan for administration, handling & storage
  - Sign agreement
- Physician Order
- Resident provides copy of “Authorization to Possess”
- Individualized plan of care
- Nurse documents resident participation
- Care plan reviewed
Individualized Care Plan

- Defines specific parameters of use
- Nurse may provide assistance to self-administer
- Ongoing reassessment
Resident responsibility and accountability

- Ability to obtain authorization
- External support
- Not to compromise the health or well-being of others
- Have knowledge and adherence to MMAR
- Agree to plan
Balanced approach

- Demonstrate respect for the rights of residents to safely provide access while at the same time considering the rights, safety and health and comfort of other persons in the facility
Should people living in residential care facilities have the same right to use marihuana as others in the community?
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Reference:
