



# Patient Information Bulletin: **CANNABIS & DENTAL PROCEDURES**

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## **1 STAY SAFE: TALK TO YOUR DENTIST**

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## **5 PLAN AHEAD, AVOID CANNABIS BEFORE YOUR APPOINTMENT**

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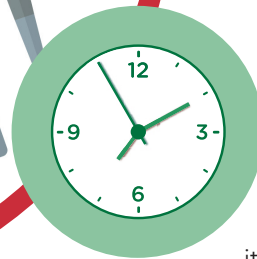
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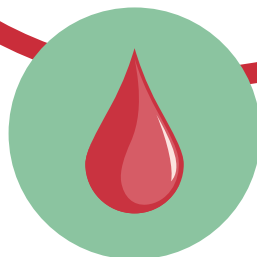
## **4 CANNABIS EFFECT VARIES**

Various strains of cannabis have different amounts of THC. The amount of THC in your system is determined by the strain, the amount and the way it is consumed. When smoked or inhaled as vapour, the effects tend to peak sooner and dissipate more rapidly. When eaten, the drug effect takes longer to appear, lasts longer and is less predictable.



## **3 INCREASED BLEEDING**

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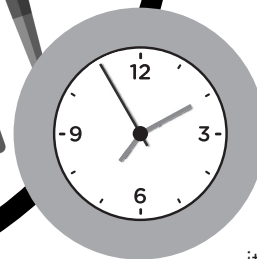
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