

CANNABIS 1A 18/1 Flos Instructions for Use and Dosage

CANNABIS 1A 18/1 Flos: 18% tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), ≤1% cannabidiol (CBD)

In line with Article 10 of the Drug Dependence (Treatment not Imprisonment) Act, Cap. 537, the use of medicinal preparations of cannabis in Malta is subject to a number of provisions. Medicinal preparations of the plant cannabis and synthetic cannabinoid products, licensed under the Medicines Act or manufactured under GMP, may be prescribed by licensed medical practitioners in Malta only on a named-patient basis as directed by the Superintendent of Public Health. The patient's medical practitioner shall apply through the relevant procedures for the necessary SPH approvals and permits. A control card is necessary and no urgent prescriptions may be issued.

The information given below is only issued as a guidance for CANNABIS 1A 18/1 Flos dosage and administration.

- The amount of cannabis per day should be determined on an individual basis.
- The starting dose must be low.
- The effective dosage is often different/lower than the dosage that causes psychological side effects.
- If a patient benefits from a higher dose, the dose of cannabis can be increased slowly.

Inhalation (vaporizer):

NOTE This is the usual recommended started dose, but always follows your Doctor's prescription

- The initial dose should be as directed by your doctor
- Place this in the container area of the vaporizer and switch on.
- Allow vaporizer to heat up, and then inhale once.
- Wait 5-15 minutes after the first inhalation and wait between inhalations.
- The recommended starting dose is 1-2 times a day.
- It is important that you gradually build up your intake. Inhaling several times a day can only be considered after 2 weeks. If undesirable effects occur, reduce frequency and number of inhalations.
- Patients must always consult their doctor since the dosage and amounts vary widely between individuals.

When vaporizing, it is important to consider the strength of the cannabis. Be careful about the dosage when you switch from one variety of cannabis to another, especially if you use cannabis with a higher content of THC.

With repeated administration of cannabis, it will take 2 weeks to achieve steady state. This must be kept in mind when determining the drug efficacy.

Contraindications:

Users with a tendency to experience psychotic disorders are advised strongly against the use of cannabis. Caution must be exercised with regards to patients with underlying psychological disorders.

Caution:

All Medical Cannabis preparations must be properly labeled and caution given to other household members. Medical Cannabis must be stored securely and kept away from children.

Driving and operating machinery: in terms of 15A, Traffic Regulation Ordinance, Cpt 65 of the Laws of Malta, and the eighth schedule (Minimum standards of physical and mental fitness for driving a power-driven vehicle) of subsidiary legislation 65.18 Motor vehicles (driving licences) regulations, including doctor's obligations to inform patient and the Police.

Smoking Medical Cannabis with or without tobacco is illegal in Malta.

Further Information

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