

LONG TERM HEALTH EFFECTS OF MARIJUANA

EYES

- sleepy looking
- bloodshot eyes with dilated pupils

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

- increased risk of chest infections
- increased risk of lung, mouth and throat cancer
- chronic bronchitis and emphysema (damage to the air sacs in the lungs)

CIRCULATORY SYSTEM

- increased heart rate and blood pressure
- increased risk of heart failure
- poor circulation of blood flow (arms & legs)

IMMUNE SYSTEM

- Depress Immune Response
- Infection increases

PREGNANCY & BABIES

Regular use during pregnancy can cause:

- lowered birth weight
- foetal abnormalities
- small head, irritability, poor growth and development

CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM

Brain & Spinal Cord

- psychological disturbances
- worsening of schizophrenia & psychosis
- short term memory loss
- imagining and seeing things
- impaired ability to learn new things and do complex tasks
- sleep disturbances
- slower reactions
- anxiety or panic attacks
- loss of motivation
- poor concentration
- change in personality

STOMACH & INTESTINE

- lining becomes tender
- bleeding
- ulcers
- may lead to cancer

PANCREAS

- Increased risk of cancer

REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM

Male & Female

- decreased sperm count and movement
- lowered sex drive
- eggs damage
- altered hormone levels
- impaired fertility



TOWARDS A DRUG-FREE FIJI



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