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What Do You Know About “Medical Marijuana”?



Answer the following questions to show what you learned in the student article.

- Which of the statements below is **not true**?
 - The FDA must approve any medicine before it can be sold in the United States.
 - Marinol®, an FDA-approved medication, is a synthetic (i.e., human-made) version of THC.
 - A new drug must pass only one phase of clinical testing to be approved by the FDA as a medicine.
 - Drug companies must prove to the FDA that they can produce a medication of a consistent quality.
- Phase 2 clinical testing of a drug involves testing the drug in _____.
 - the general population
 - teenagers
 - the elderly
 - patients with the disease or condition the drug is meant to treat
- The process for getting FDA approval for a new medication can take more than _____.
 - 15 years
 - 15 months
 - 15 weeks
 - 2 years
- Which of the following is a **true** statement?
 - THC is the plant name for marijuana.
 - THC stands for *top health concern*.
 - THC is one of the active ingredients in marijuana.
 - THC is a slang term used for marijuana.
- Why hasn't marijuana been approved as a medicine by the FDA?
 - Using marijuana in its raw plant form may pose more risks than benefits.
 - Marijuana does not have well-defined and measurable ingredients that are the same each time it is used.
 - Marijuana has not gone through the FDA approval process to show that it offers more benefit than harm.
 - All of the above are correct.
- Clinical testing of new drugs in humans is done on both healthy people and sick patients.
 - True
 - False
- Drug companies must prove that the benefits of a drug outweigh any harmful side effects before it can be FDA-approved.
 - True
 - False
- The first step toward approval of a new medication is testing it on several hundred people.
 - True
 - False
- Marijuana contains more than 400 different chemicals, including THC.
 - True
 - False
- Marijuana is not a medicine, but some of the chemicals found in marijuana are used in medicines.
 - True
 - False
- The U.S. government recognizes marijuana as a legal medication.
 - True
 - False