

Toronto Drug Treatment Court Cannabis & DTC Forum

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Where we were	Where we are
Screened for Cannabis	Screening is not required
Cannabis needed to be reported to treatment and court	Reporting is not required
Treated like other substances	Not treated like other substances by the court Cannabis and Alcohol are a treatment matter Addressed if preventing clients from meeting requirements
Cannabis use was a barrier to graduation	Cannabis is not a barrier to full graduation

How did we get here?

- ❖ **Cannabis for medical use**
- ❖ **Medication is a right**
- ❖ **Increased use of other substances with catastrophic impacts**
- ❖ **Client advocacy**
- ❖ **Substantial Compliance**
- ❖ **Evidence-based (e.g. relative harms)**
- ❖ **Move towards legalization**
- ❖ **CAMH policy/position paper**
- ❖ **Legalization**
- ❖ **Legal substances: a matter for court?**
- ❖ **Re-examining substances DTC was formed to address**
- ❖ **Anecdotal/client experience**
- ❖ **Clinical Observation/Progress**
- ❖ **Harm Reduction Principles**
- ❖ **Relative harms/safety issues to society**
- ❖ **Trauma-informed Principles**