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Patient Information Leaflet

General information about medical cannabis

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1. Why have I been given this leaflet?

You have been given this leaflet because your doctor has prescribed an unlicensed medicine for you. This leaflet explains some commonly asked questions about unlicensed medicines and their use.

2. About Curaleaf Pharmacy

Curaleaf Pharmacy is a division of Rokshaw Limited and specialises in dispensing cannabis-based medicinal products (CBMPs). The products that we supply are manufactured by Rokshaw Limited, which produces unlicensed medicines and 'Specials' under an MHRA licence.¹

3. What are unlicensed medicines and 'specials'?

The term 'unlicensed medicine' is used to describe medicines that have not been licensed for use by the relevant regulatory body (such as the MHRA in the UK) or are used outside the terms of their licence. In contrast, a licensed medicine is a medicine that has a marketing authorisation from the relevant regulatory body, indicating amongst other things, that it has been appropriately tested for efficacy, safety and that the method of administration and dose are appropriate.

In the UK, most CBMPs are categorised as 'Specials' meaning they fall within a category of unlicensed medicines that are manufactured or obtained specifically to meet the special clinical needs of an individual patient.

4. Why would an unlicensed medicine be prescribed?

There are a number of reasons why you may be prescribed an unlicensed medicine:

- Your doctor believes the product is suitable for use, even though it might not be classified as a medicine and has not been through the licensing process – this is the case with most CBMPs;
- Your doctor believes the medicine would work well for your condition, even though it is licensed for a different one;
- The medicine may only be available and licensed in another country, and thus has to be imported into the UK where it will be categorised as an unlicensed medicine;
- The medicine may have a licence but its form may need to be altered to meet your specific needs, for example, it is available as a tablet but you cannot swallow tablets safely. It will therefore have to be prepared for you as a 'special' medicine and will be unlicensed.

5. What should I do if I have further queries?

Should you have any other queries about your medication or are worried about taking it, please contact the healthcare professional who prescribed it to you. They will be able to provide further information or may put you in touch with a support group for your condition.

6. How do I take my medicine?

Carefully follow the instructions given to you by the prescribing healthcare professional. When your medicine is dispensed, the instructions for use will be clearly marked on the product. As with all medicines, if you experience any unpleasant or unexpected side effects, you should discuss them with the prescribing healthcare professional. If you need urgent medical advice that cannot wait, please dial NHS 111. In the case of a serious emergency, always dial 999.

7. Is cannabis legal?

The use of medical cannabis was legalised in the UK in November 2018.

8. What else do I need to know?

a. Travelling with cannabis

Should you need to travel with your cannabis product, we recommend that you check with the embassy of the country to which you are travelling to understand the legal status of cannabis there. Always take a copy of your prescription with you when travelling with prescribed cannabis products.

¹ The Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Authority

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BCP

Product

BCP – Indica strain

Product

Suitable for inhalation only.

Warnings and precautions

- This medicine may make you feel sleepy.
- If you feel sleepy, do not drive, use tools or operate machinery. Do not drink alcohol.
- Do not drive while taking this medicine until you know how it affects you.
- Do not drive if you feel sleepy, dizzy, unable to concentrate or make decisions, or if you have blurred or double vision.

Storage Instructions

Store below 25°C and away from light

Main Terpenes

Farnesene
D-Limonene
β-Caryophyllene