

Letter for dr. Franjo Grotenhermen from patients of Ukraine

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Dear dr. Franjo Grotenhermen,

International Alliance for Cannabinoid Medicines (IACM)

On behalf of the Patients of Ukraine Foundation, we would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation for your enlightening letter, providing an overview of current scientific knowledge regarding indications for cannabis and cannabinoids. Your contribution has brought attention to an important issue that deeply impacts Ukrainian patients, particularly amidst the ongoing war and the escalating number of war victims (now it is more than 6 million patients).

We are genuinely grateful for your support, and we are honored to inform you that we plan to dedicate an article to you and your appeal to the Patients of Ukraine in the Ukrainian media. This will further amplify your message and help raise awareness among the Ukrainian population about the medical potential of cannabis.

We are delighted to share that the discussion surrounding this topic has sparked significant changes in both the political and medical arenas. **Consequently, President Volodymyr Zelenskyi has addressed parliamentarians, urging them to vote in favor of the legalization of medical cannabis on July 14, in support of draft law No. 7457.**

Recognizing the weight your voice carries in influencing the opinions of Verkhovna Rada members, we kindly request your assistance in writing an appeal to the Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada and the heads of political factions. As the voice of scientific Europe, your appeal will play a crucial role in dispelling stereotypes and alleviating fears regarding the effectiveness and potential benefits of medical cannabis for patients. We have provided **the relevant email addresses and names of the recipients** in the attached application.

Furthermore, we would like to extend an **invitation for you to participate in an interview**, followed by the creation of a video clip containing essential information for Ukrainian patients, doctors, and authorities. **This message will be broadcasted during the Verkhovna Rada session on July 14**, as well as at the upcoming **press conference on July 6**. If you could kindly provide answers to the following questions for me and our operator, it would be immensely appreciated:

- What differentiates medical cannabis from recreational cannabis in terms of their end users?
- For which diseases is medical cannabis commonly used as a treatment?
- In what forms is medical cannabis used for PTSD treatment (e.g., oil, pills, etc.)?
- Are there any contraindications for medical cannabis treatment?
- Can patients become addicted to medical cannabis?
- What would you like to tell Ukrainian society about the prospects of medical cannabis in a scientific and therapeutic sense?

Your expertise and insights on these matters will undoubtedly provide valuable information and contribute to a more informed and comprehensive understanding of medical cannabis within the Ukrainian healthcare system.

Once again, we **express our deepest gratitude for your support** and willingness to contribute to our cause. Together, with your guidance and expertise, we can bring about positive change for Ukrainian patients in need of effective medical treatments.

Thank you for your consideration, and we eagerly await your response.

Warm regards,

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