# The Effects of SATIVEX<sup>®</sup> and THC On attention, THINKING, FEELING, and MEMORY

Cocaine Ecstasy Heroin MARIJUANA Nicotine Teens COMPARISON

#### What is the purpose of the research study?

To learn what happens to people when they use Sativex<sup>®</sup>, an experimental drug that is made from the marijuana plant and is being considered as a treatment for pain.

#### Who can participate in the study?

This study is accepting men and women who:

- Are 18 to 45 years of age
- Use marijuana occasionally
- Are in generally good health

Healthy volunteers who do not use marijuana are also needed for this study; they will not be exposed to drugs of any kind.

## What will participants be asked to do?

This study consists of 6 visits for both marijuana users and healthy volunteers. The first visit is a training session and lasts about 5 hours. The next 5 visits last about 12 hours each.

During these visits, participants who use marijuana will:

- Receive pills containing THC (the active ingredient in marijuana) or placebo (a pill with no drug)
- Receive Sativex<sup>®</sup> or placebo sprayed into the mouth
- · Have checks of heart rate, blood pressure, and breathing
- Provide urine, blood and oral fluid samples
- Complete questionnaires
- Take tests of thinking, attention, learning, and memory
- Participate in an MRI brain scan

Healthy volunteers will:

- Complete questionnaires
- Take tests of thinking, attention, learning, and memory
- Participate in an MRI brain scan

## Where is the study taking place?

The NIDA Intramural Research Program is located on the Johns Hopkins Bayview campus in East Baltimore.

## How much does it cost?

There is no cost for participation.

#### Will I receive payment of some kind?

All study participants will be compensated for their time and travel.

How can I find out if I'm eligible to participate?

Call **1-800-535-8254** for a confidential screening.



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