

# Get Involved with Compassionate Care New York



Every year, thousands of people in New York suffer from cancer, HIV/AIDS or life-threatening pain. The suffering of these patients – many in the last stages of their life – is devastating for them and their families.

In June of 2014, the New York legislature passed legislation that will allow healthcare providers to recommend the medical use of marijuana under carefully controlled circumstances. New York's medical marijuana law will allow healthcare providers to talk to their patients about medical marijuana and certify those with debilitating and life-threatening illnesses, so that they may have access to medical marijuana to relieve their symptoms.

*Compassionate Care NY is a statewide group of patients, providers and organizations working together to relieve the suffering of thousands of seriously ill New Yorkers by establishing a carefully regulated medical marijuana program in New York.*

## Here's how you can help:

- **Sign on letter:** If you are part of an organization that believes in compassionate care, urge them to sign on to our letter of support. You can sign on at our website: [www.compassionatecareny.org](http://www.compassionatecareny.org).
- **Identify patients and healthcare providers:** Connect us with health care providers and patients in your community who can speak on the importance of this issue.
- **Share your story:** Lend your story to the campaign if you have a serious condition and access to medical marijuana could provide vital improvements in your quality of life.
- **Contribute your voice to the campaign:** If you are a healthcare practitioner that believes doctors, nurses and their patients – not politicians – should decide the best treatment for debilitating medical conditions, please contact us.
- **Invite a presentation:** Invite us to your next meeting of healthcare providers, clients and advocates who care about compassion. We can explain the new medical marijuana law and answer any questions your group may have.
- **Join the campaign:** If you are an individual that believes in compassionate care, sign up to become a member of the campaign and you will receive updates on how you can become involved in the implementation process of New York's new medical marijuana law.
- **Spread the word:** Share our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/pages/Compassionate-Care-NY](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Compassionate-Care-NY)) and follow us on twitter ([@CompassionateNY](https://twitter.com/CompassionateNY)).