**C3RN News Summary – Feb 18th, 2019**

Research

1. A study done analyzing the links between stress and prospective memory [remembering to perform a planned action or intention at some future point in time] in cannabis and non-cannabis users indicated that “detrimental effects of acute stress on prospective memory performance … may be exacerbated in cannabis users.” [(Washington State University)] [Feb 14]

[More...](https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s00213-019-5184-9)

2. Researchers in Florida “describe a timely update of possible cardiovascular effects of its [cannabis’] use for medical purposes” when after a review of the data they observed that “dysregulation of the endogenous lipid mediators endocannabinoids and their G‐protein‐coupled cannabinoid receptors CB1 and CB2 has been, in fact, linked to different cardiovascular pathologies.” [(Florida Atlantic University, FL)] [Feb 14]

[More...](https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/ptr.6315)

3. A review of studies done on cannabis, male fertility, sexual health, and neoplasm (abnormal and excessive growth of tissue) found that “with respect to male factor fertility …cannabinoids likely play an inhibitory role”, and that “marijuana may enhance the subjective experience of sexual intercourse while potentially contributing to ED in a dose-dependent manner” The review also noted that “Marijuana exposure seems to be an independent risk factor for testis cancer, data on bladder cancer are conflicting, and the evidence on prostate cancer supports anti-neoplastic effects of cannabinoids.” [(University of Washington Medical Center, WA), (Tulane University, LA) (University of South Carolina, SC), (Seattle Children’s Hospital, WA)] [Feb 15]

[More...](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/30767424)

Industry News

1.A report based on data from 450,000 thousand customers and a 4,000-person survey found that cannabis customers **“**needed fewer pills. Of those who purchased marijuana, 71 percent reported reducing their purchase of over-the-counter medicine and a 35 percent reduced the purchase of prescription drugs.” [Feb 15]

[**More...**](https://www.stamfordadvocate.com/news/article/Women-Bought-Twice-As-Much-Cannabis-in-2018-Than-13617330.php)

2. It is the first year that “Distinctive Assets,” the company behind the annual gift bags given to the top Oscar nominees, is including a range of cannabis infused products. This year some of the recipients will be “Glenn Close, Regina King, Mahershala Ali and Melissa McCarthy.” [Feb 18]

[**More...**](https://www.cnbc.com/2019/02/18/this-years-oscars-swag-bags-include-cannabis-chocolates.html)