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## **CAnnabidiol for the Treatment of Anorexia Nervosa (CAFTAN)**

# Participant Information Sheet Young Persons aged 15-17

## (1) Introduction

You are invited to participate in a research study, Cannabidiol (CBD) for the Treatment for Anorexia Nervosa (CAFTAN). This information sheet tells you about the study. It will help you choose if you want to participate in the study or not. You can ask your parents, carer, friend or doctor if you need. You do not have to join this study if you do not want to.

Before you think of joining this study, you should know why and how the research is being done. Please read this information sheet carefully.

### (2) What is the purpose of this study?

The purpose of this research study is to see if cannabidiol (CBD), a chemical obtained from the cannabis plant, can help with your eating disorder symptoms. We believe CBD will help to reduce your anxiety around food and weight gain and improve your relationship with food and body image.

You will be given CBD every day for 12 weeks. Previous research studies have shown that CBD reduces anxiety in teenagers.

## (3) Why have I been invited to this study?

You are invited to take part in this study because you have anorexia nervosa, are aged between 12-35 years, are currently doing therapy and are in the care of a doctor.

## (4) Do I have to be in this study?

You do not have to participate in this study if you don't want to. The doctors and therapists will take the best care of you as they have in the past, regardless of whether you are in the study or not.

If you choose to participate, you can leave the study at any time. All you need to do is tell one of the researchers or your parents/carers that you don't want to take part anymore.

## (5) What will happen to me in this study?

Previous research studies have shown that CBD reduces anxiety in teenagers. These pills will be given to you by your parent/guardian. You will start by taking 1 CBD pill a day during the first week. You will be allowed to take more, up to a maximum of 4 pills a day, but only if the doctors agrees that it's the best option for you.

You will also have to continue seeing your therapist and doctor during this time.

During treatment you will be asked to complete some questionnaires about how you are feeling. There will be five questionnaires that will ask you about your mood, your thoughts about food and your body image. Each questionnaire will take between 5-25 minutes to complete. You will be asked to complete these questionnaires at week 1, monthly for 12 weeks, and 3-months post study.

You will have to meet with your doctor regularly, at least monthly, so that they can check that you are healthy enough to continue being in the study. Your doctor will need to weigh you and take your blood. You will also have to provide small amounts of urine once a month to make sure that CBD is being absorbed.

At the end of the study and at 3-months post, you will be asked to complete some more questionnaires and have your weight recorded by your doctor.

## (6) Can anything bad happen, is CBD safe?

The risk of anything bad happening is extremely low. There can be a few side effects with CBD. It is possible you might experience some sleepiness, headaches, abdominal (tummy) discomfort during treatment. You may also experience nothing at all.

If you feel sick or if you notice any strange or bad feelings during the study, example throwing up, very painful stomach aches or chest pains, especially if they are unexpected or severe, you should let your parents or doctors know right away.

You can contact the therapist who is treating, your GP, trial doctor [E: <a href="mailto:karen.spielman@sydney.edu.au">karen.spielman@sydney.edu.au</a>] or the study coordinator, [Sarah-Catherine Rodan T: +61 477222500].

### (6.1) For GIRLS: Are there risks if you get pregnant?

We do not know the effects of CBD on the unborn child. You cannot be in the study if you are pregnant. If you are sexually active and have started menstruating, even if you have lost your period, you will be asked to use a study-approved birth control method and agree to try not to get pregnant during the study. You can discuss study-approved birth control methods with your doctor. If you have lost your menstrual periods you can still get pregnant. It is important that you contact your doctor right away if you think you may be pregnant, if you have missed a period or it is late, or you have a change in your usual menstrual cycle (for example, heavier or lighter bleeding than usual, or bleeding between periods). If you do become pregnant during the study, you will no longer be given CBD, MFBT will continue as usual and you will be referred to appropriate services as determined by your therapist and doctor.

### (6.2) For BOYS: Are there risks if I get someone pregnant?

If you are currently sexually active, you will need to use a study-approved birth control method, and/or agree to not try to get someone else pregnant. You should contact the treating team, with the partner's consent and make sure that the partner knows that you are taking CBD.

## (7) Will there be any benefits for me in this study?

We cannot promise that you will receive any benefits from this research study; however, possible benefits may include feeling less anxiety and fear towards eating and weight gain at mealtime. You may feel happier overall and obsess less about food and weight.

## (8) How will my privacy be protected?

Your privacy will be protected at all times in this study. Unless you allow us, we will not tell anybody else you are or have been a part of this study. We will not release any information to anybody else that could be used to identify you, unless we are required to do so by law. For example, researchers are required to report if a participant is believed to be at risk of harm.

In order to protect your privacy, the study team will remove any information that may be used to identify you from any study documents, and instead of your name appearing on them, you will be identified by a study code number that applies only to you. Only this code number will be used on any research-related information collected about you for this study, so that your identity as part of the study will be kept completely private. Only the study team will have the ability to link this code number with your personal information, and the linking information will be kept in a secure and protected server.

Your data will be stored for a minimum of 15 years after the study finishes or until the youngest participant turns 25.

If you decide to leave the study, we will not collect any more information about you. We would like to keep the information we have already collected about you to help us ensure that the results of the research project can be measured properly. Please let us know if you do not want us to do this.

## (9) What will happen to the study results?

We would like to share the study results by publishing them in journal articles and / or presenting them at conferences. We will make sure that information is published /presented in such a way that you are not identifiable, unless you have given us permission to do so.

You can also tell us on the consent form if you want to receive a simple summary of the study findings for information.

# (10) Who should I contact if I have any questions?

If you have any questions or want more information about this study before or during participation, you can talk to the trial coordinator, Sarah-Catherine Rodan on **+ 61 477222500**, or the doctor from our research team [E: <a href="mailto:drkarenspielman@gmail.com">drkarenspielman@gmail.com</a>].

You can also ask your parents/carers to talk to us.

# (11) Who do I contact if I have concerns about the study?

This study has been approved by the Sydney Local Health District (RPAH Zone) HREC (protocol number X21-0440). Please talk to your parents/carers if you are worried about being in this study, or you have a complaint. They can talk to Sarah-Catherine Rodan on **0477222500**. or they can contact the Human Research Ethics Committee on (02) 9515 6766 or <a href="mailto:SLHD-RPAEthics@health.nsw.gov.au">SLHD-RPAEthics@health.nsw.gov.au</a>".

You can also call the Kids Helpline (telephone number: 1800 551 800) or Lifeline (telephone number: 13 11 14) at any time.









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### A Study of Cannabidiol for Anorexia Nervosa

# Participant Information Sheet Children aged 12-14 years

#### 1. Introduction

You and your parents (or the person looking after you) are invited to participate in a study of a new medicine called cannabidiol (CBD), to see if this will help your *Anorexia Nervosa*. This information sheet tells you about the study. It will help you choose if you want to be in the study or not. You can ask your parents, carer, friend or doctor if you need. You do not have to join this study if you do not want to.

### 2. What is the study about?

Previous research studies have shown that CBD reduces anxiety in teenagers. You will be given CBD every day for 12 weeks. You, your parents, your doctor and research team will have to agree to this.

If you agree to be in the study, you will have to see your therapist, regularly see your doctor and speak with a doctor from our team. You will also have to give some pee once a month. You will start by taking 1 CBD pill a day. You will be allowed to take more, up to a maximum of 4 pills a day, but only if the doctors agrees that it's the best option for you. You will also be asked some questions about your anorexia nervosa, your mood and any feelings you might have.

## 3. Is CBD safe?

The risk of anything bad happening is low. If you are not happy with the new pills, you can pull out of the study any time. You might get an upset tummy, sore head and be sleepy. You may also not experience any of those things.

If you feel sick or if you notice any strange or bad feelings during the study, for example throwing up, very sore tummy or chest, you should let your parents, therapist or doctor know right away.

## 4. What if I have questions?

If you have any questions about the study, your Mum or Dad or the person looking after you will have the information about who to ask. Don't be afraid to ask as many questions as you like.

If you have any questions or want more information about this study you can talk to the trial coordinator, Sarah-Catherine Rodan on **+61 477222500** or the doctor from our research team [E: <a href="mailto:drkarenspielman@gmail.com">drkarenspielman@gmail.com</a>]. You can also ask your parents/carers to talk to us.

## 5. Do I have to say yes?

You don't have to say yes but have a talk about it with your Mum and Dad or the person looking after you and see what you think. The new pills might help you or they might not, but you might be able to help other children with anorexia nervosa in the future by being part of the study.

Thanks for thinking about being in the study and let us know your decision.

## Appendix A

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