



**BURNSIDE
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POSITION STATEMENT: NON-PRESCRIPTION DRUGS



Illicit or illegal drugs which have not been prescribed by a medical practitioner under a prescribed scheme pose a number of short term and long term risks for your health. The interaction of illicit drugs with prescription medications has the potential to interfere with the effects of the prescription medication which may increase risk to patients. Due to this increased medical risk and the potentially dangerous effects of illicit drugs, including non-prescribed cannabis oil, Burnside Hospital is unable to permit the use of these substances in the hospital.

In Australia, the use of medical cannabis requires both a prescription from an authorised medical practitioner and Commonwealth approval or notification.



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