Therapeutic cannabis is increasingly being used as states implement legislation permitting medical certifications.

Few studies exist that describe demographics among patients using MMJ.

We analyzed patient data to delineate differences among palliative patients who obtained MMJ certifications and those who did not.

Among 363 patients, median age was 63 years old. Majority was female (53.7%) and Caucasian (89.3%).

Most common qualifying diagnosis was cancer (90%).

Only 38.3% had MMJ certifications.

T-tests demonstrated mean age of MMJ patients were younger than those without (58.7 versus 65.5 years, \( p < 0.001 \)).

Chi-square tests were done to see the difference among sex and prescribed opioid use. MMJ patients were more likely to be female (63.3% versus 47.8%, \( p = 0.004 \)), and less likely to have prescribed opioids (62.3% versus 79.4%, \( p < 0.004 \)).