

## GP patient resource launched on cannabis

**Australian Medicine: July 21, 2008**

The AMA has released a brochure 'Take a closer look: Cannabis and your health 2008', as a resource for GPs to increase awareness in their young patients about the short and long-term effects of cannabis use. Other topics covered include smoking cannabis during pregnancy, the effects of short-term use in small and large doses, how long the effects last, psychological dependence and driving or operating machinery under the influence of cannabis. AMA President Dr Rosanna Capolingua says "Many Australians, including teenagers and their parents, visit their GP on a regular basis?[and] these visits are an opportunity for doctors to provide patients with credible and authoritative information about cannabis use."