

The Kansas State Nurses Association End of Life/Palliative Care Conference Group submitted a new resolution on the safe access to medicinal marijuana/cannabis. The membership body of KSNA adopted the new resolution focusing on evidence-based practice surrounding the use of marijuana/cannabis as it relates to compassionate care of individuals who are refractory to other evidence-based methods of symptom management. KSNA also supports research through controlled investigational trials on the chemical components of marijuana, their therapeutic efficacy, associated toxicities, and alternative methods to smoked marijuana.

Dr. Ellen Carson, KSNA past-president states, “The membership has decided that while compassionate care of individuals is essential to nursing, we are not taking a position on the use of medicinal marijuana, until more research is completed and sound evidence supports the use of smoked marijuana as an intervention in the management of symptoms associated with chronic/terminal disease.”