



**LIVE VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM
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E3 – Patient Harm from Illicit Substance Fillers - Nancy Balch

Q – Have you seen data on the use of cannabis (marijuana) for addiction treatment?

- A –
- *I have only found limited data on rats and mice*
 - *Some sites have stated they will not be doing human research due to Federal regulations surrounding cannabis*
 - *I did find many sites with interest in having this area explored*
 - *I found more locations looking toward synthetic forms of cannabis than actual cannabis*

Q – What is “Molly Drop”?

- A –
- *I found different uses for the term*
 - *One is in regards to a ‘hangover’ effect the day after*
 - *‘post molly mood drop’ or ‘molly drop’*
 - *Some blame this on it being too much drug (too high dose)*
 - *Others blame it on other things in it, not the actual molly bought*
 - *There are even sites telling users what to take the days before they take molly, the day of, and after, to decrease the risk of having this*
 - *Some have such a severe reaction, they contemplate suicide*
 - *One site explained it as a bad reaction to either the molly vs something in it vs it not having any molly just other substances*
 - *Drop to unconsciousness*
 - *Drop due to seizures*
 - *May be a bad reaction to the Molly due to the dose being too high or taking doses too close together*
 - *I believe there may be other explanations*
 - *Some sites required creation of an account to access, and I never recommend that*
 - *Some sites would not easily load, so I did not use them either*
 - *This may be a slang word ‘molly users’ have created and can only be found on illicit sites*

Q – What about the inconsistency of addiction treatment in prisons and jails?

A – *This may also be useful:*

<https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/issue-briefs/2020/04/opioid-use-disorder-treatment-in-jails-and-prisons>