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More evidence on marijuana's benefit as pain medicine.

Marijuana remains federally banned for prescription purposes, while doctors remain free to administer cocaine and morphine for medicinal use. (The image's copyright holder permits its reposting for any purpose). Marijuana is medicine, as confirmed by many studies. In February 2007, an additional study was added to the arsenal of proof of marijuana's medicinal benefits. A peer-reviewed article in Neurology concludes that: "Smoked cannabis was well tolerated and effectively relieved chronic neuropathic pain from HIV-associated sensory neuropathy. The findings are comparable to oral drugs used for chronic neuropathic pain." Americans for Safe Access discusses the study here and here. Jon Katz.

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