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Above all else, guard your heart, for out of it flows the Wellspring of life.

Proverbs 4:23

MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

Cannabis Dependence

Potential Symptoms / Causes

- A. **Cannabis abuse:** A destructive pattern of cannabis use, leading to significant social, occupational, or medical impairment.
- B. Must have three (or more) of the following, occurring when the cannabis use was at its worst:
1. **Cannabis tolerance:**
Either need for markedly increased amounts of cannabis to achieve intoxication, or markedly diminished effect with continued use of the same amount of cannabis.
 2. **Greater use of cannabis than intended:**
Cannabis was often taken in larger amounts or over a longer period than was intended
 3. **Unsuccessful efforts to cut down or control cannabis use:**
Persistent desire or unsuccessful efforts to cut down or control cannabis use
 4. Great deal of time spent in using cannabis, or recovering from hangovers
 5. **Cannabis caused reduction in social, occupational or recreational activities:**
Important social, occupational, or recreational activities given up or reduced because of cannabis use.
 6. **Continued using cannabis despite knowing it caused significant problems:**
Cannabis use is continued despite knowledge of having a persistent or recurrent physical or psychological problem that is likely to have been worsened by cannabis

Alternative Causes

Nonpathologic cannabis use for recreational or medical purposes; repeated episodes of Cannabis Intoxication.