

ALS PATIENT, “LOU GEHRIG’ S” DISEASE, CBD AND THC-ACID

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I am very excited about this blog. I am sure a lot of my excitement is as a result of the patient's and family are so excited about what cannabis is doing to help a middle age male with ALS.

As most of you know, ALS is a horrible and progressive neurological disorder that ultimately ends in a very premature death requiring ventilators for breathing at the end. This patient was not quite there, but had virtually no use of any of his extremities. He had not used his right hand for several years.

As I have been working more with THC-A, I elected to treat him with a combination of CBD and THC-A. On modest doses, after two days he noted a significant improvement. Now a couple of months into treatment, one of his legs and his right arm are now beginning to function.

Yesterday, without even being aware of it, he used his right arm and his wife noted it and was incredibly surprised!! Quite pleased.

Now, I have the issue of wondering why I started both THC-A and CBD at the same time. I suppose it was my feeling I should respond to his extreme situation with anything I thought would be helpful. So, I am now asking them to hold the CBD for a few days and call back. Is it the THC-A or CBD?? Or, is it both. With a Myasthenia Gravis patient I will be writing more about, it was the combination of both CBD and THC-A that made the difference. In fact, she needed a little THC as well to reach optimal well being.

Once I sort it out, I will re-post.