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Specific Disease or Condition:

Meniere's disease

Information from experts who specialize in the disease or condition.

Meniere's disease is a disorder of the inner ear. It can cause severe vertigo and nausea, a roaring sound in the ears called tinnitus, hearing loss that comes and goes and the feeling of ear pressure or pain.

Relevant medical or scientific evidence pertaining to the disease or condition.

The symptoms of Ménière's disease are caused by the buildup of fluid in the compartments of the inner ear, called the labyrinth. The endolymph buildup in the labyrinth interferes with the normal balance and hearing signals between the inner ear and the brain. This abnormality causes vertigo and other symptoms like severe nausea and pain.

Consideration of whether conventional medical therapies are insufficient to treat or alleviate the disease or condition.

Alternatives to cannabis for treating nausea are mediocre at best and highly addictive at worst. Additionally, none of the alternatives I know of start working almost immediately like cannabis.

Evidence supporting the use of medical marijuana to treat or alleviate the disease or condition, including journal articles, peer-reviewed studies, and other types of medical or scientific documentation.

You already have a mountain of evidence that supports the use of medical marijuana to treat or alleviate nausea and pain but I'd be happy to provide the same evidence again upon request.

Letters of support provided by physicians with knowledge of the disease or condition. This may include a letter provided by the physician treating the petitioner, if applicable.

You already have the evidence that supports the use of medical marijuana to treat or alleviate nausea and pain. That's why cancer is a qualifying condition in Ohio. You simply need to extend the same consideration you give to people suffering with cancer to people suffering with Meniere's disease. One could argue that any doctor involved in the decision process of adding a qualifying condition to the list, has an ethical duty to add Meniere's disease to that list.

