CBD Hemp Oil Used at Children's Hospital to Treat Epileptic Baby

At Children's Hospital Colorado in Aurora, Colorado, Amylea Nunez, a 2-month-old old baby from Albuquerque, New Mexico, is making history. "She has a rare form of epilepsy,"Amylea's mother, Nicole Nunez said. "They don't know exactly the type." And her doctors don't know the cause.

Amylea began having seizures a few days after her birth. "About a day after we went home from delivery. Her heart stopped twice on us, and that was probably the hardest part on us," Amylea's mother, Nicole Nunez, said.



Amylea was having 15 seizures a day or more. The medicine they prescribed for the seizures is known to damage the liver, so the family asked the hospital monitor Amylea while they gave her Charlotte's Web CBD oil, an oil derived from hemp that has almost no THC, not nearly enough to get anyone high.

In addition to epilepsy, CBD oil is being researched for use to treat various types of pain, anxiety, cancer, arthritis, diabetes, nausea, and as an antipsychotic.



Amylea's father Ernie Nunez said,

> *We're trying to use something different that's not so bad on her body. After researching and month after month reading on*

it, we're hoping it works because it's a natural way and it'll help her out."

The Nunezes say they are trying to wean Amylea off the conventional medicine while using hemp oil to treat the condition.

They say she's better. "She is a lot more alert today; she is looking around today and following our faces when we talk to her and whereas before when we talked to her she did not react at all," Nicole Nunez said.

Statement From Children's Hospital Colorado

Children's Hospital Colorado does NOT prescribe or recommend medical marijuana.

We don't yet have the science to fully understand medical marijuana and how it impacts children, which is why Children's Colorado supports research to determine the safety and efficacy of medical marijuana. Children's Colorado has a CDPHE-funded medical marijuana study that is strictly observational to assess response rates, changes in behavior and side effects of artisanal marijuana products on children with severe epilepsy. Enrollment starts at one-month of age. This study is for families who choose to provide artisanal marijuana to their children for epilepsy, and Children's Colorado providers do NOT administer the marijuana.

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Medical providers do not know the long-term effects that marijuana will have on learning, memory and behavior, especially in infants and young children. We have more questions than answers. This is a tough issue, especially in Colorado where families have easier access to medical marijuana.

If a family makes the tough decision to explore the use of

medical marijuana, Children's Colorado will continue to provide care to these children. Most of these families have children with very complex medical needs, and Children's Colorado wants to continue to see them, help to monitor them and be on the lookout for potential adverse side effects.

Recommended Reading:

- *Marijuana Suppositories Provide an Interesting Next Move for Medical Cannabis*
- *Recent Twin Studies Show Marijuana Is Not Responsible For Adolescent Cognitive Decline*
- *Marijuana Laws by State*
- Mental Health, Physical Health & B Vitamins – Nature's Valium
- *Smoking Marijuana to Cure Cancer*

Applicable Products:

- CBD Oil Total Body Care Preventative Maintenance – BioCBD+

Sources:

- *Children's Hospital Doctors Monitoring Epileptic Baby Being Treated With Hemp Oil* – CBS Denver
- *Albuquerque baby makes history with cannabis oil at Colorado hospital* – KRQE News 13