

# HipPocrates

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Dr. Eugene Schoenfeld speaking at Community Arts Auditorium, May 28, 1969 at a benefit for Open City.  
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halation or ingestion is largely unknown. Its effect on babies is also unknown. But there is certainly a strong possibility it might be excreted in mother's milk. Your baby is on a good trip anyway when at its mother's breast and marijuana probably won't make it better. There is possible harm with the use of any drug. Why take a chance with your baby?

QUESTION: Can anything be done to increase penis size at the age of about twenty? I feel I am underdeveloped and have always felt a little inadequate because of it.

ANSWER: When I was a high school student, a friend felt he had the same problem. Each day he would tie a weight to his penis, swinging it like a pendulum and gradually increasing the weight. He worked his way up to ten or fifteen pounds, setting some sort of record in masochism but his member remained unchanged except for some rope burns.

Only in rare instances is there a real problem of physical incompatibility between male and female. When this does occur, the problem is likely to be as illustrated by the remark of a local topless dancer, "I'd rather be tickled than choked."

Sexually experienced and mature women will tell you that quality, not quantity, is where its at when making love. If a woman feels she is truly wanted and loved as demonstrated by your words and sexual foreplay, she is not going to measure your penis unless she is very hung-up.

The thrust of my answer, and this is not a tongue in cheek reply, is that the measure of a person and his sexuality is not the size of his genitalia.

QUESTION: My wife is nursing our new baby. Will any harm be caused the baby if she smokes marijuana now and then?

ANSWER: Like the answer to many other questions about marijuana, its distribution in the body after in-

QUESTION: For not loving people my body sent me a stomach ulcer as a warning. I smoke grass regularly. It was one of my devices to shut out people or avoid facing things. It is bad for an ulcer? Should I give up grass for the duration as I try to heal my soul and patch up my insides?

ANSWER: Current medical thought is that most peptic ulcers are caused by emotion or anxiety. An important part of the treatment of ulcers is the relief of tension through sedatives or tranquilizers. And one of the known effects of marijuana in most people is relief of tension. Its direct physical effects on the stomach are unknown.

If you frequently use marijuana to shut out people, even its staunchest advocates would say you are misusing the drug.

QUESTION: Some of my friends have taken Asthmadore in large quantities and have become blithering idiots for periods of four to six hours. How dangerous is this? If belladonna is the active ingredient and a speed, why the hallucinations?

ANSWER: Asthmadore is an older preparation used in the treatment of asthma. The active ingredient is belladonna, a drug deriving its name from the women of medieval Italy who took the drug to dilate the pupils of their eyes. "Belladonnas" were perhaps a little stoned as well. Besides dilated pupils, belladonna causes a dry mouth, rapid heart beat and difficulty in urination. Doses large enough to cause hallucinations may be dangerous to life. Its effects, especially blurred vision, may last several days. Belladonna is closely related to scopolamine, the active ingredient in Sominex-type preparations. Neither are "speeds" (amphetamines) though some of their actions on the body are similar.

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