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Cannabis doubles risk of heart condition

◆ Smoking cannabis may double the risk of a rare condition that temporarily weakens the heart, reducing its ability to pump blood.

A study of more than 33,000 Americans showed that users were almost twice as likely to develop stress cardiomyopathy than non-users. The

symptoms, which include chest pain, shortness of breath, dizziness and fainting, are usually temporary but could indicate more serious trouble.

The research, by St Luke's University in Pennsylvania, was presented to the American Heart Association's meeting in New Orleans.