HIV/AIDS is an immunodeficiency virus, meaning that it targets the immune system. For this reason, people with HIV/AIDS’ response to cannabis suggests how everyone’s body interacts with cannabis. If people with less healthy immune systems—or severely impaired immune systems as is the case with AIDS patients—can safely consume cannabis, perhaps everyone can. Studies Confirm That Marijuana Helps People With HIV/AIDS. “Effects of Smoked Marijuana on the Lung and Its Immune Defenses: Implications for Medicinal Use in HIV-Infected Patients” reads: “Frequent marijuana use can cause airway injury, lung inflammation and impaired pulmonary defense against infection.” Not surprisingly, the DEA does not support cannabis use for people with HIV/AIDS. Namely, in HIV patients, the mental cognitive capabilities are continuously deteriorating due to the constant brain inflammation. The immune system is constantly trying to fight off the disease, triggering responses in the brain which cause chronic inflammation. However, what this study found is that the THC found in cannabis work as a great brain stimulant which can help HIV patients retain their cognitive abilities longer. This study is highly promising in terms of advancing the use of marijuana for HIV patients and the doctors in charge of the study are continuing to explore the benefits of marijuana in such cases. The University of Florida is also conducting a major research project on marijuana and HIV. This study is worth $3.2 million and it will include 400 HIV positive patients.