Adolescents and Tobacco Cessation

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Goal

• To review current evidence and perspectives on adolescents and tobacco in practice

• To discuss interventions and ways to improve the delivery of systematic advice
Youth and tobacco

• 3 million adolescents smoke

• >2600 children/day start smoking

• 1/3rd will become addicted, smoke through adulthood

• the younger a person starts, the stronger the addiction to nicotine

• 60% of smokers started before age 14
  90% before age 19

• 23% report current smoking (CDC, 2005)
Past 30 Day Smoking, 1975-2002

Adapted from Johnston, et al., 2001
Initiation and Addiction

• Exposure to tobacco promotion contributes to initiation of tobacco use

• Dose-response relationship
  – Greater exposure results in greater risk

• Nicotine addiction
  – Characterized by tolerance, craving, withdrawal symptoms, & loss of control
  – 1st symptoms of dependence can appear with days or weeks of intermittent tobacco use
Changing Evidence About Nicotine Dependence

- Signs of nicotine dependence often start within two months after onset of smoking
- The median frequency of use at the onset of symptoms was 2 cigarettes, one day per week
- 2/3 of teens report loss of autonomy over tobacco prior to the onset of daily smoking

Unsafe Alternatives

- **Cigars**: 14% past month use

- **Hookahs**: water pipes involving the burning of tobacco mixed with sweetened flavors

- **Bidis**: unfiltered flavored cigarettes
  - higher levels of nicotine
  - Marketed as “herbal”; usually less expensive than cigarettes

- **Kreteks**: Clove cigarettes containing 60 – 70% tobacco

- **Smokeless tobacco**: chewing tobacco, snuff, dip

These are all tobacco products containing nicotine and carry similar risks to regular cigarettes
Tobacco Use in Teens

• Psychosocial influences
  – Parents, siblings, & peers
  – Social acceptability/attitudes towards smoking
  – Media
  – Availability of tobacco products to youths

• Probable biological reasons for period of increase vulnerability in teens
Exposure to Tobacco Use in Movies and Smoking Among 5th-8th grader

Adapted from Sargent, 2003
Issues for prevention

• “Social inoculation” = effective prevention

• Prevention does not work for cessation

• What is adult?
Primary care interventions

• Health care provider counseling interventions are effective for adults
  • Attributable effects 7-14%
• Pediatric and adolescent guidelines recommend screening & counseling
• Several trials have established the efficacy of cessation counseling for adults
• Little data on adolescents
Pediatric interventions

- Most (>90%) clinicians report asking about tobacco
- Many report assessing motivation to quit, and discussing health risks
- Few provide handouts, set quit dates, or plan smoking-related follow-up
- < 25% of adolescents report having received counseling
Adolescents and preventive care

• Most teens have and have used a regular source of health care

• More than 40% of adolescents have never spoken to their clinician privately

• 58% of adolescents wanted to discuss tobacco with their clinicians
  – only 30% ever did
Adolescents and cessation

• Adolescent smokers
  – Know they are addicted
  – Want to quit - 75% have thought about quitting and 64% have made a quit attempt
  – Do not think there are resources to help

• Clinicians feel unprepared to help

• Self-help materials help smokers quit

• Adolescents use internet in preference to phone resources

• PharmacoRx safe; effectiveness unproven
Clinician and Staff Training

- Interventions
  - Effective counseling techniques
  - NCI 5 “A’s”
  - Stages of change based interventions
  - Use of in office and other adjuncts
  - Eligibility and enrollment in evaluation
Public Health Service 5 A’s

- **Ask** - If patient smokes
- **Advise** - Every patient to quit
- **Assess** - Readiness to quit
- **Assist** - In quitting and finding services
- **Arrange** - For cessation services and follow up
Adolescent oriented office materials

• Self-help handouts
  • Targeted to adolescents and to stages of change/motivation

• Trigger questionnaires

• Internet resources
# Practices Trained in Cessation Deliver Interventions

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Ossip-Klein, 2004
Interventions and quitting?

- Cessation among adolescent smokers is half of the adult rate (approx. 4%/yr)
- Smokers aged 16 – 24 yrs rely more on unassisted methods rather than on effective methods recommended by PHS guidelines
- 2 year success with adolescents referred to an intensive expert counseling ‘system’ after brief primary care advice (OR=2.43) (Hollis et al.)
Best Practices in Tobacco Control

• Increase price of tobacco
• Smoking bans and restrictions
• Availability of treatment for addiction
  – Reduce patient costs for treatment
  – Provider reminder systems
  – Telephone/web counseling and support
• Mass media campaigns
Policy - School curriculum

- At least 5 sessions/year over 2 years
- Should include
  - Social influences
  - Short term health effects
  - Refusal skills
- NOT self-esteem or delay based
- Be aware of dilution and confusion strategies by tobacco interests
- School policies should reinforce goals
Policy - Community activism

- Age of sale enforcement
- Advertising limitations
- Smokefree Movies
- Public smoke exposure reduction
- Awareness of impact of preemptive efforts
- Reducing social acceptability of smoking
Issues for Practice

• Prenatal Smoking

• Secondhand Smoke/Early Childhood
  – SHS and parent interventions; home and car rules; CEASE materials

• School Age Intervention
  – SHS, short term consequences, social inoculation and refusal skills

• Adolescent Intervention
Pharmacotherapy

• NRT Indications
  – Able to stop smoking, plus
  – Motivated to stop smoking, plus
  – Nicotine addiction
• Patch for baseline
• Gum, inhaler or nasal spray for cravings
• Not labeled for sale to <18 year olds
• Zyban (Wellbutrin)
• Chantix (varenicline)
# Efficacy of Pharmacotherapy

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Issues for Health Plans

• Choose tobacco control as a QA issue
  – www.AAP.org/RichmondCenter - for web resources
  – Best Practices/Tobacco Champions train-the-trainers
  – State and local initiatives and resources

• Secondhand Smoke
  – Proactive quit-lines allowing pediatric referral
  – Practice resources (ie, CEASE)
  – Support policy advocacy

• Adolescent Interventions
  – Access to phone and web quitting resources
  – Cover pharmacotherapy
  – Improve preventive care delivery for teens
  – Support policy advocacy
Implications

- Minimal intervention - Ask, Advise, Refer
- A 3-5% effectiveness rate would result in 45,000-75,000 new ex-smokers each year
SURGEON GENERAL’S WARNING: Cigarette Smoke Contains Carbon Monoxide.

Come to where the flavor is.
I miss my lung, Bob.