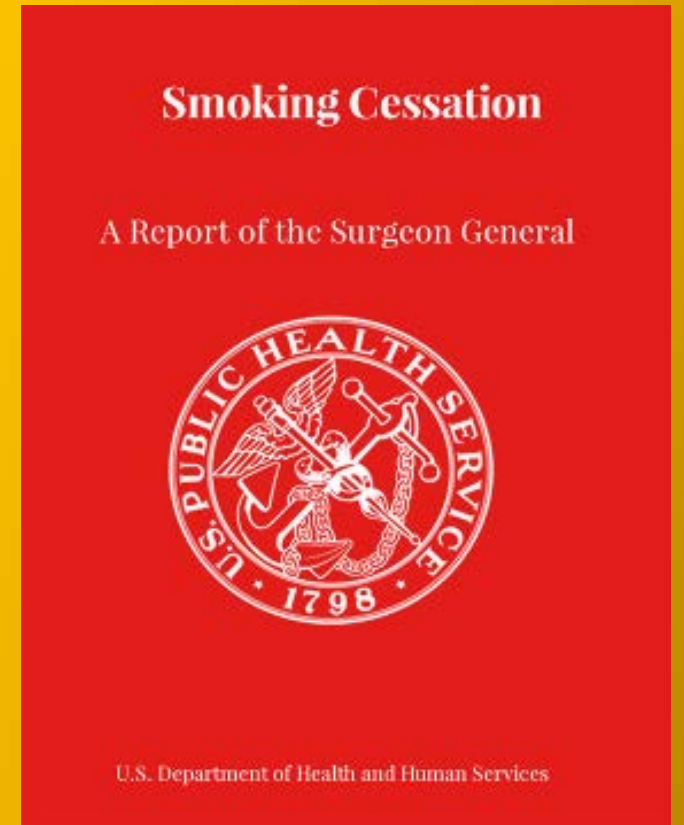


SMOKING CESSATION: PAST, PRESENT, & FUTURE

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PAST: THE ROLE OF SURGEON GENERAL'S REPORTS AS A CATALYST FOR CHANGE

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OVER A HALF CENTURY OF DISEASE AND DEATH



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An estimated 34.2 million U.S. adults smoked in 2018.



1 vs. 30

For every one smoking-related death, at least 30 people live with a serious smoking-related illness.



480,000

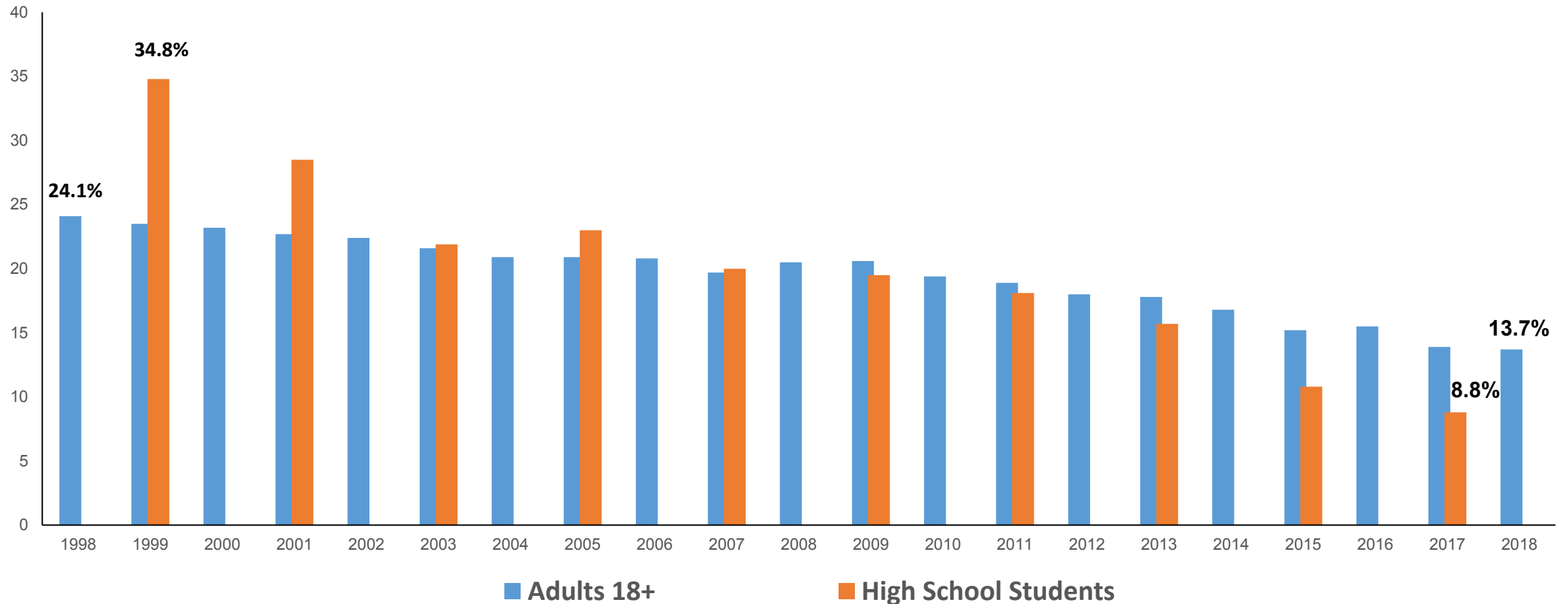
Cigarette smoking and secondhand smoke exposure kill about 480,000 Americans each year.



\$300B

Each year, smoking costs more than \$300 billion in medical costs and lost productivity.

GOOD NEWS: CIGARETTE SMOKING IS DOWN



BAD NEWS: DISPARITIES PERSIST

Current Cigarette Smoking Among U.S. Adults, 2018



Race/Ethnicity

22.6% American Indians
15% White



Education Level

36% GED
3.7% Graduate degree



Annual Household Income

21.3% <\$35,000
7.3% ≥\$100,000



Health Insurance Coverage

23.9% Uninsured **10.5%** Private
23.9% Medicaid **9.4%** Medicare



Disability/Limitation

19.2% Yes
13.1% No



Sexual Orientation

20.6% Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual
13.5% Heterosexual



Serious Psychological Distress

31.6% Yes
13.0% No

SURGEON GENERAL'S REPORTS ON TOBACCO RELEASED TO DATE



1964 — Smoking and Health

1979 — 15th Anniversary

1986 — Involuntary Smoking

1988 — Nicotine Addiction

1990 — Benefits of Cessation

1992 — Smoking in the Americas

1994 — Youth Prevention

1998 — Racial and Ethnic Minorities

2000 — Reducing Tobacco Use

2001 — Women and Smoking

2004 — Health Effects

2006 — Secondhand Smoke

2010 — Mechanisms of Disease

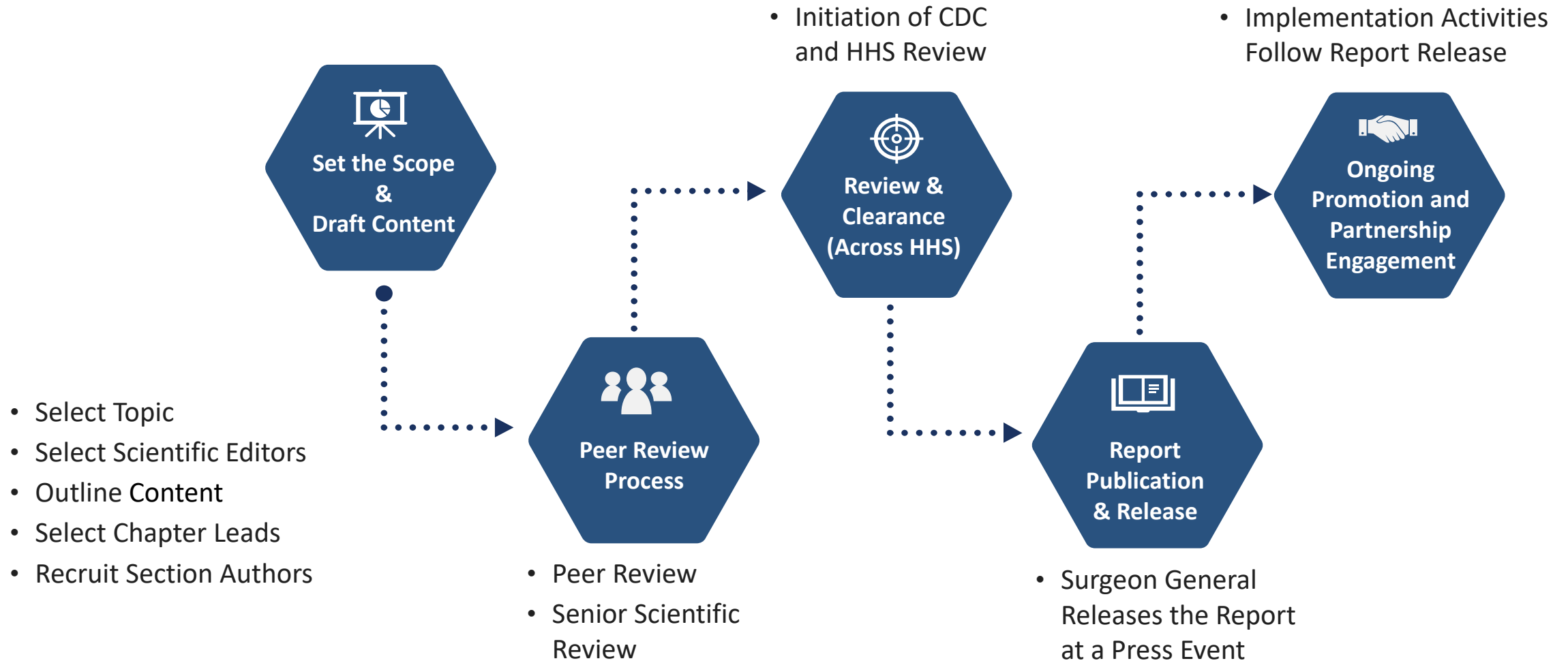
2012 — Youth Prevention (update)

2014 — 50th Anniversary

2016 — E-cigarette Use (Youth/Young Adults)

2020 — Smoking Cessation

PREPARING A SURGEON GENERAL'S REPORT





2020 SURGEON GENERAL'S REPORT



More than **150** individuals involved, including 32 chapter authors, 46 peer reviewers, 20 senior scientists contributed to the compilation and review of the report



8 Comprehensive chapters consisting of more than **700** pages of the latest scientific evidence on smoking cessation



10 Major Conclusions



101 Chapter Conclusions

HOW SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE IS REPORTED IN SURGEON GENERAL'S REPORTS ON SMOKING

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- Suggestive but not sufficient
- Inadequate
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INTRODUCTION, CONCLUSIONS, AND THE EVOLVING LANDSCAPE OF SMOKING CESSATION

Chapter 1 provides a summary of the Surgeon General's report and its major conclusions, followed by the conclusions from each chapter. It also offers an overview of the evolving landscape of smoking cessation and key developments since the 1990 Surgeon General's report.



10 Major Conclusions

Smoking Cessation

A Report of the Surgeon General



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

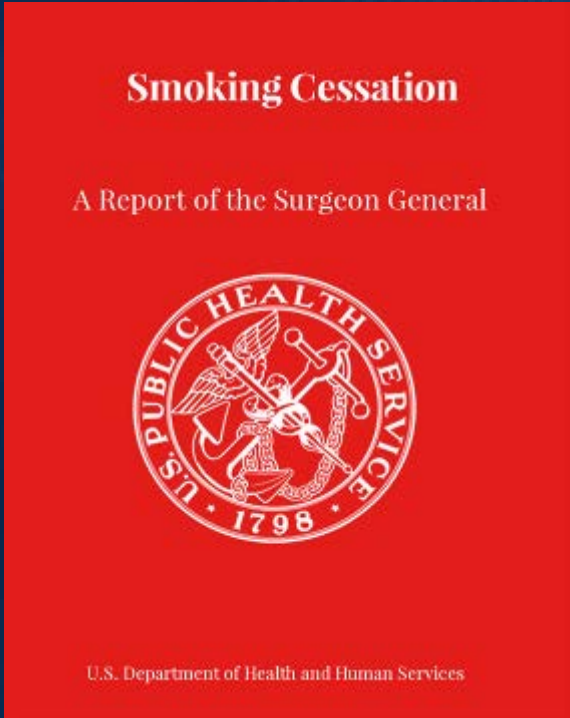
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- 2. Smoking cessation reduces the risk of premature death and can add as much as a decade to life expectancy.**
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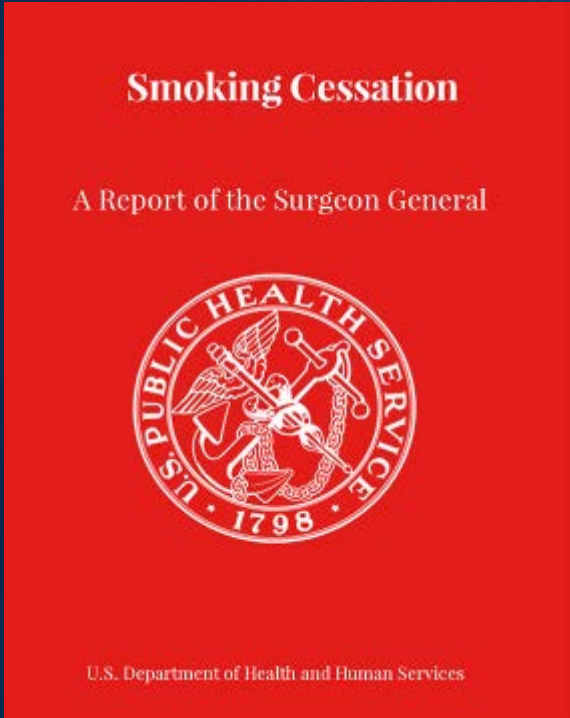


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PATTERNS OF SMOKING CESSATION AMONG U.S. ADULTS, YOUNG ADULTS, AND YOUTH

Chapter 2 documents key patterns and trends in cigarette smoking cessation in the United States. It also reviews the changing demographic and smoking-related characteristics of cigarette smokers, with a focus on how these changes may influence future trends in cessation.

→ **18 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER**
Adults Overall

→ **18–24 YEARS OF AGE**
Young Adults

→ **12–17 YEARS OF AGE**
Youth



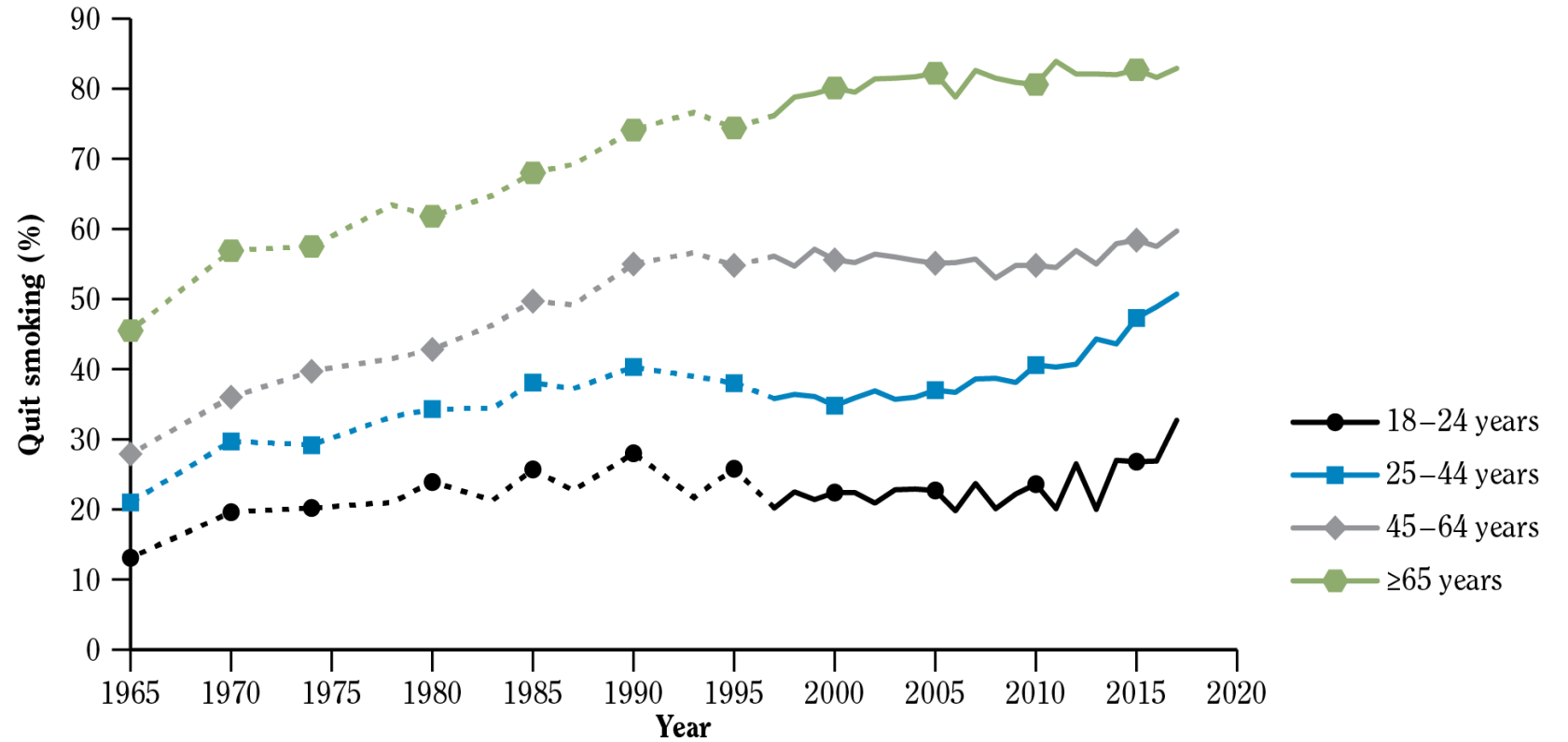
KEY EPIDEMIOLOGIC MEASURES



quit
Smoking

- In the U.S., more than three out of every five adults who were ever cigarette smokers have quit smoking.
- Past-year attempts and recent and longer-term cessation have increased over the past 2 decades among adult cigarette smokers.
- Use of evidence-based cessation counseling and/or medications has increased among adult cigarette smokers since 2000; however, more than two-thirds of adult cigarette smokers who tried to quit during the past year did not use evidence-based treatment.
- Advice from health professionals to quit smoking has increased since 2000; however, four out of every nine adult cigarette smokers who saw a health professional during the past year did not receive advice to quit.
- A large proportion of adult smokers report using non-evidence-based approaches when trying to quit smoking, such as switching to other tobacco products.
- Marked disparities in cessation behaviors, such as making a past-year quit attempt and achieving recent successful cessation, persist across certain population subgroups defined by educational attainment, poverty status, age, health insurance status, race/ethnicity, and geography.

Figure 2.8a: Percentage of Ever Smokers, 18 Years of Age And Older, Who Quit Smoking (Quit Ratio) By Age Group — National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), 1965–2017; United States



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NEW BIOLOGICAL INSIGHTS INTO SMOKING CESSATION

Chapter 3 focuses on how biology can influence smoking cessation and reviews four areas of intensive research: cell and molecular biology of nicotine addiction; vaccines and other immunotherapies as treatments for tobacco addiction; neurobiological insights into smoking cessation; and the role genes play in smoking, nicotine addiction, and cessation.

BIOLOGICAL INSIGHTS

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Cell and Molecular
Biology of Nicotine
Addiction

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Vaccines and Other
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3



Insights into Smoking
Cessation from
the Field of Neurobiology

4



Genetic Studies
of Smoking
Phenotypes

The evidence is suggestive but not sufficient to infer that :

- Increasing glutamate transport can alleviate nicotine withdrawal symptoms and prevent relapse.
- Modulating the function of certain neuropeptides can reduce smoking behavior in humans, as neuropeptide systems play a role in multiple stages of the nicotine addiction process adult cigarette smokers.
- Targeting the habenulo-interpeduncular pathway with agents that increase the aversive properties of nicotine are a useful therapeutic target for smoking cessation.
- Vaccines generating adequate levels of nicotine-specific antibodies can block the addictive effects of nicotine and aid smoking cessation.
- Dysregulated brain circuits, including prefrontal and cingulate cortical regions and their connections with various striatal and insula loci, can serve as novel therapeutic targets for smoking cessation.
- The effectiveness of nicotine replacement therapy may vary across specific genotype groups.

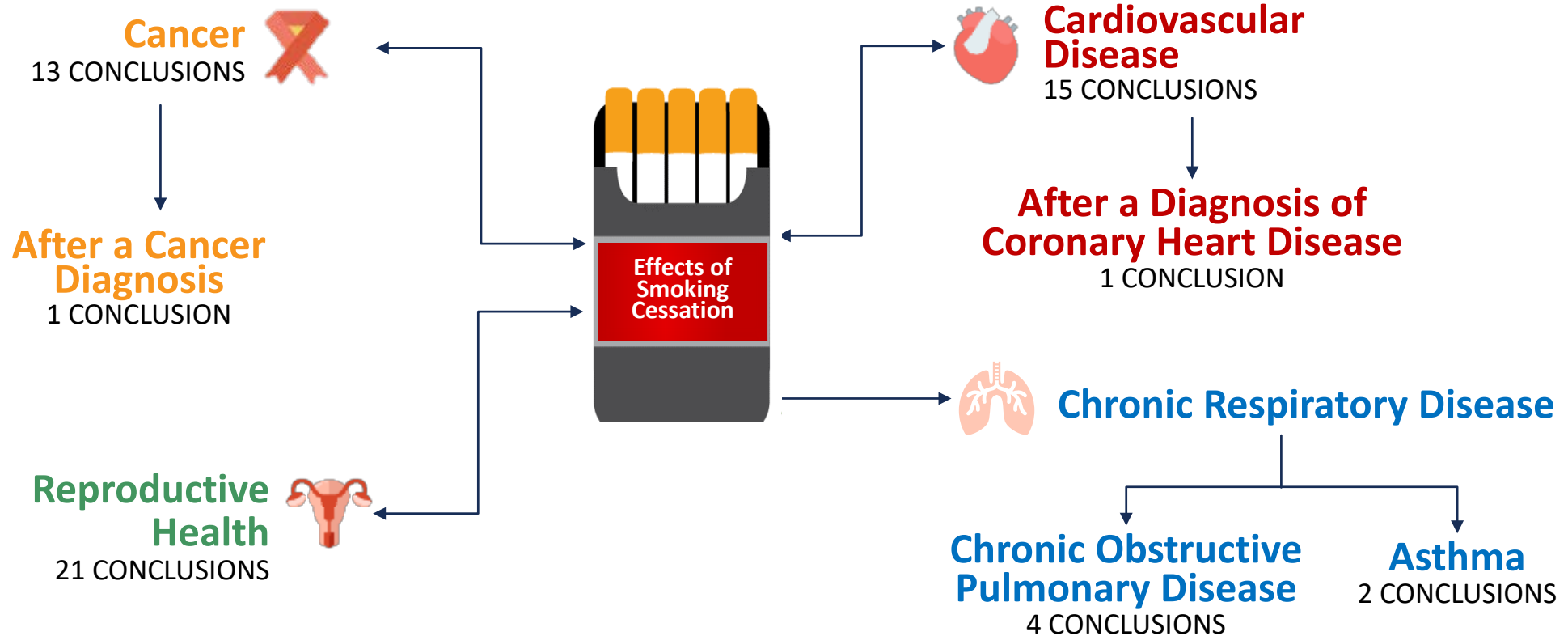
THE HEALTH BENEFITS OF SMOKING CESSATION

Chapter 4 reviews findings on disease risks from smoking and how these risks change after smoking cessation for major types of chronic diseases, including cancer, cardiovascular and respiratory systems, and a wide range of adverse reproductive outcomes.



SMOKING CESSATION REDUCES RISKS FROM SMOKING

The evidence is sufficient to infer that smoking cessation reduces the following:



HEALTH BENEFITS OF QUITTING SMOKING



IMPROVES
health and
INCREASES life
expectancy



LOWERS
risk of 12 types
of cancer



LOWERS
risk of
cardiovascular
diseases



LOWERS
risk of Chronic
Obstructive
Pulmonary Disease
(COPD)



LOWERS
risk of some poor
reproductive
health outcomes



BENEFITS
people who have already been
diagnosed with coronary heart
disease or COPD



BENEFITS
people at any age — even people who
have smoked for years or have smoked
heavily will benefit from quitting

PRESENT: FINDINGS ON ECONOMIC BENEFITS, INDIVIDUAL INTERVENTIONS, AND CLINICAL-, SYSTEM-, AND POPULATION-LEVEL STRATEGIES

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THE BENEFITS OF SMOKING CESSATION ON OVERALL MORBIDITY, MORTALITY, AND ECONOMIC COSTS

Chapter 5 highlights how quitting smoking can lead to changes in quality of life, health status, overall mortality, and lifespan. It also documents the cost-effectiveness of smoking cessation interventions.



HEALTH AND COST BENEFITS OF SMOKING CESSATION INTERVENTIONS



Smoking cessation improves well-being, including higher quality of life and improved health status.



Smoking cessation reduces mortality and increases the lifespan.



Smoking exacts a high cost for smokers, healthcare systems, and society.



Smoking cessation interventions are cost effective.

INTERVENTIONS FOR SMOKING CESSATION AND TREATMENTS FOR NICOTINE DEPENDENCE

Chapter 6 reviews the evidence on current and emerging treatments for smoking cessation, including research that has been conducted since the 2008 U.S. Public Health Service's Clinical Practice Guideline, *Treating Tobacco Use and Dependence: 2008 Update*.



TREATMENTS FOR SMOKING CESSATION

- Behavioral counseling and cessation medication interventions increase smoking cessation compared with self-help materials or no treatment.
- Behavioral counseling and cessation medications are independently effective in increasing smoking cessation, and even more effective when used in combination.
- Proactive quitline counseling, when provided alone or in combination with cessation medications, increases smoking cessation.





TREATMENTS FOR SMOKING CESSATION



The evidence is sufficient to infer that:

Short text message services about cessation are independently effective in increasing smoking cessation, particularly if they are interactive or tailored to individual text responses.



Web or Internet-based interventions increase smoking cessation and can be more effective when they contain behavior change techniques and interactive components.



The evidence is inadequate to infer that:

Smartphone apps for smoking cessation are independently effective in increasing smoking cessation.

APPROVED SMOKING CESSATION MEDICATION

The evidence is sufficient to infer that combining short-and long-acting forms of nicotine replacement therapy increases smoking cessation compared with using single forms of nicotine replacement therapy.



MODIFIED AND ALTERNATIVE TOBACCO PRODUCTS: E-CIGARETTES

Figure 6.1 The Evolution of E-cigarettes, by Product Generation and Characteristics



- The evidence is inadequate to infer that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation.
- The evidence is suggestive but not sufficient to infer that the use of e-cigarettes containing nicotine is associated with increased smoking cessation compared with the use of e-cigarettes not containing nicotine.
- The evidence is suggestive but not sufficient to infer that more frequent use of e-cigarettes is associated with increased smoking cessation compared with less frequent use of e-cigarettes.

CLINICAL-, SYSTEM-, AND POPULATION-LEVEL STRATEGIES THAT PROMOTE SMOKING CESSATION

Chapter 7 focuses on strategies that encourage smoking cessation through actions taken within clinical settings, within health systems, and at the population level.








CLINICAL- AND HEALTH SYSTEM-BASED STRATEGIES



- The development and dissemination of evidence-based clinical practice guidelines increases the delivery of clinical interventions for smoking cessation.
- The adequate promotion of comprehensive, barrier-free, evidence-based cessation insurance coverage increases the availability and utilization of treatment services for smoking cessation.
- Strategies that link smoking cessation-related quality measures with payments to clinicians, clinics, or health systems increase the rate of delivery of clinical treatments for smoking cessation.
- Tobacco quitlines are an effective population-based approach to motivate quit attempts and increase smoking cessation.

POPULATION-BASED STRATEGIES

The evidence is **sufficient** to infer that:

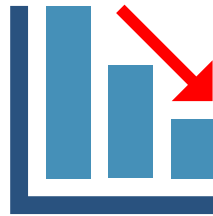
-  Increasing the price of cigarettes reduces smoking prevalence, reduces cigarette consumption, and increases smoking cessation.
-  Smokefree policies reduce smoking prevalence, reduce cigarette consumption, and increase smoking cessation.
-  Mass media campaigns increase the number of calls to quitlines and increase smoking cessation.
-  Comprehensive state tobacco control programs reduce smoking prevalence, increase quit attempts, and increase smoking cessation.
-  Large, pictorial health warnings increase smokers' knowledge about the health harms of smoking, interest in quitting, and quit attempts and decrease smoking prevalence.

EMERGING POPULATION-BASED STRATEGIES

The evidence is **suggestive** but not sufficient to infer that:



Plain packaging increases smoking cessation.



Decreasing the retail availability of tobacco products and exposure to point-of-sale tobacco marketing and advertising increases smoking cessation.



Restricting the sale of certain types of tobacco products, such as menthol and other flavored products, increases smoking cessation, especially among certain populations.

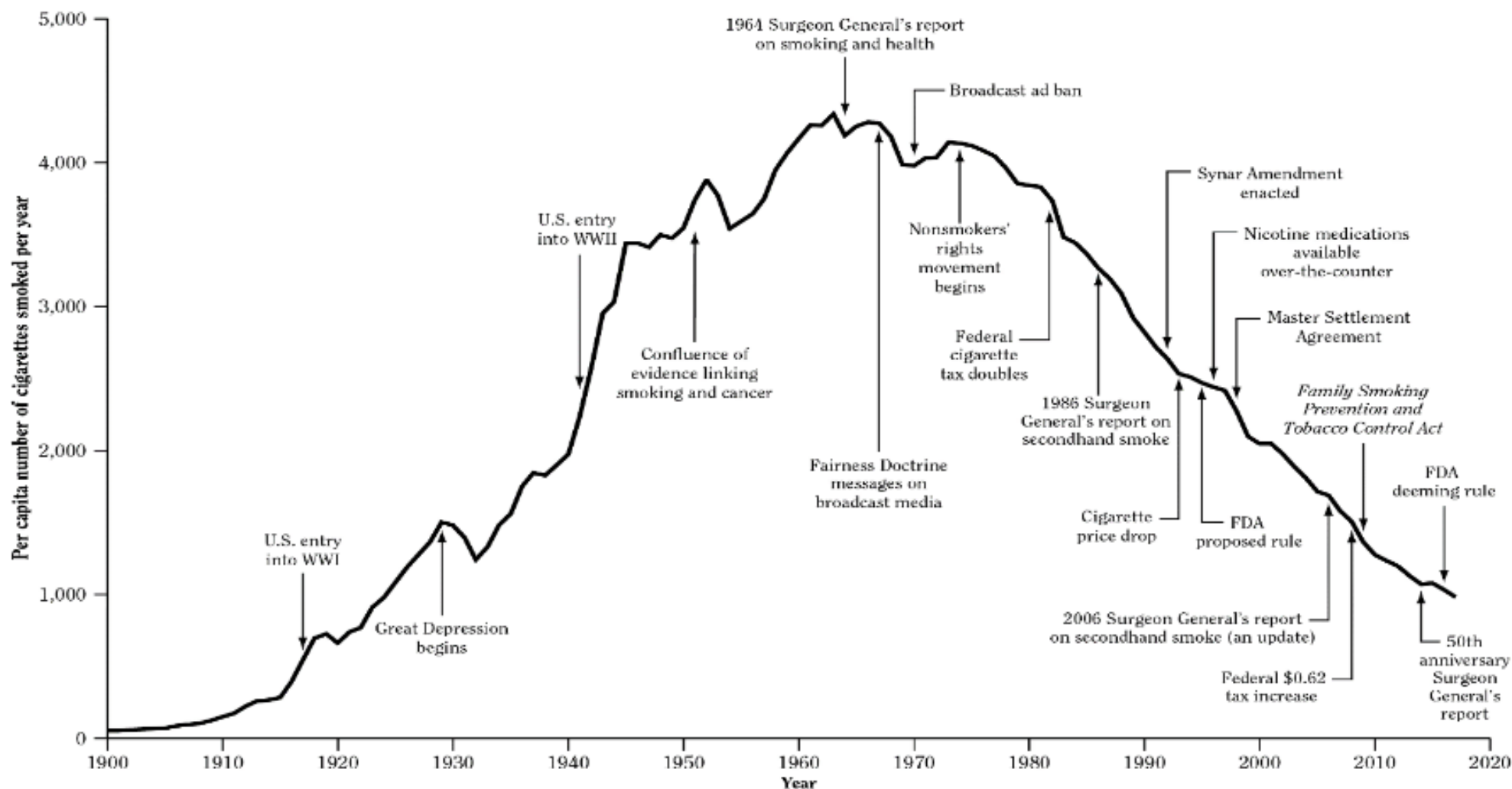
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VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Chapter 8 discusses the past, present, and future of tobacco cessation in the United States. It provides a historical perspective, discusses the current tobacco control landscape, and provides a vision for enhancing tobacco cessation in the United States.

Figure 8.1. Per capita annual cigarette consumption among adults, 18 years of age and older, and major smoking and health events in the United States, 1900–2017



ENDING THE TOBACCO USE EPIDEMIC: POTENTIAL END-GAME STRATEGIES DISCUSSED IN THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY SURGEON GENERAL'S REPORT, 2014

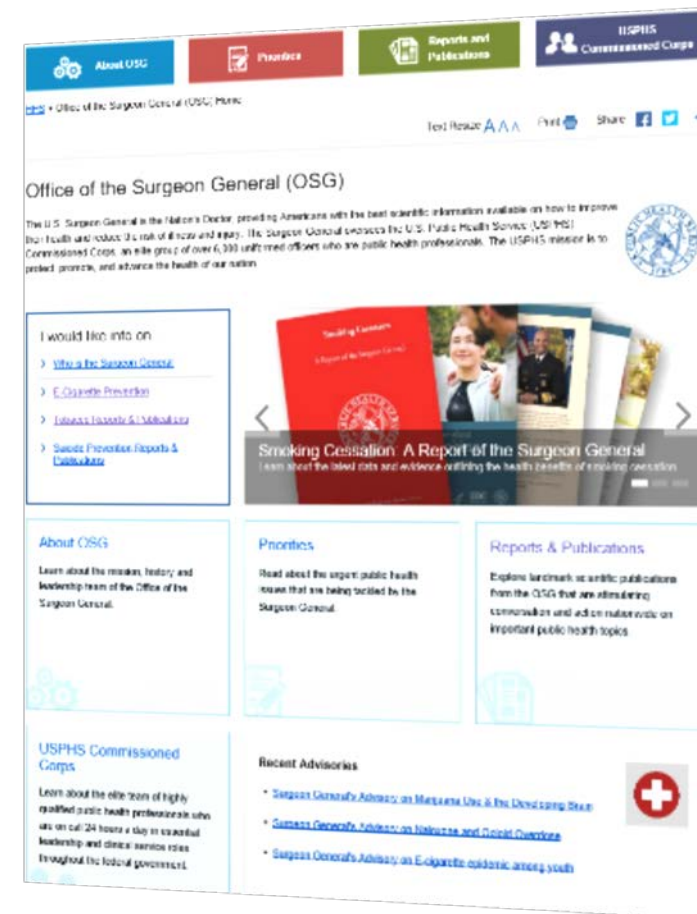
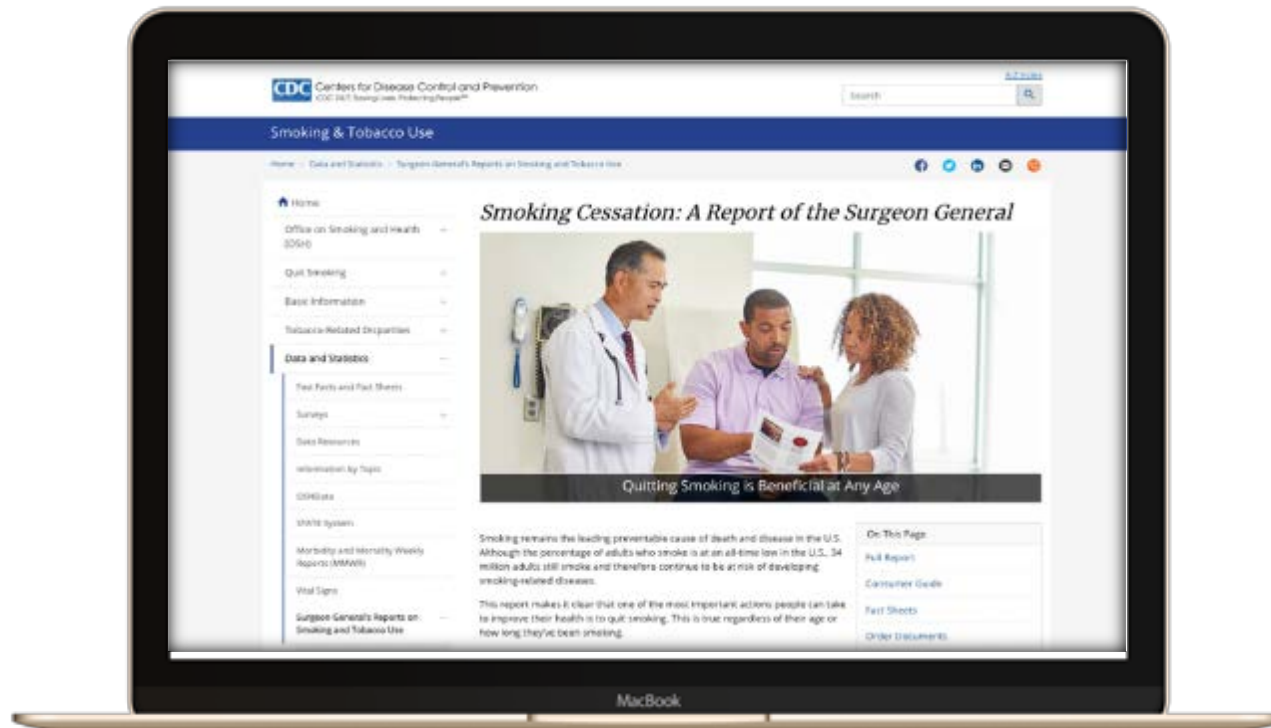
POTENTIAL END-GAME STRATEGY	DESCRIPTION
Reduce nicotine yield in cigarettes and other tobacco products	Use government regulations to gradually reduce the level of nicotine in cigarettes, and possibly other tobacco products, to non-addictive levels
Reduce toxicity in tobacco products	Implement regulatory standards that require manufacturers to create tobacco products with very low toxicity
Gradually reduce the supply of tobacco products	Phase out over time the use of tobacco products via systematic reduction of supply to zero or to some other minimal level
Prohibit the sale of tobacco products to future generations	Prohibit the sale of tobacco products to persons born after a specific date, essentially creating tobacco-free cohorts that progressively increase in coverage and size over time
Prohibit cigarettes and/or cigars and other tobacco products	Prohibit the production and sale of cigarettes and possibly other types of tobacco products
Sell tobacco products through a not-for-profit agency	Transfer control of the supply and sales of tobacco products to a not-for-profit agency that has the goal of reducing consumption

Source: Benowitz and Henningfield 1994, 2013; Borland 2003, 2013; Callard et al. 2005a,b; Daynard et al. 2010; Hatsukami et al. 2010, 2012, 2013; Khoo et al. 2010; Thomson et al. 2010; Proctor 2011, 2013; Berrick 2013; Callard and Collishaw 2013; Wilson et al. 2013; USDHHS 2014.

RESOURCES

To read the full report and access related materials, visit:

www.SurgeonGeneral.gov
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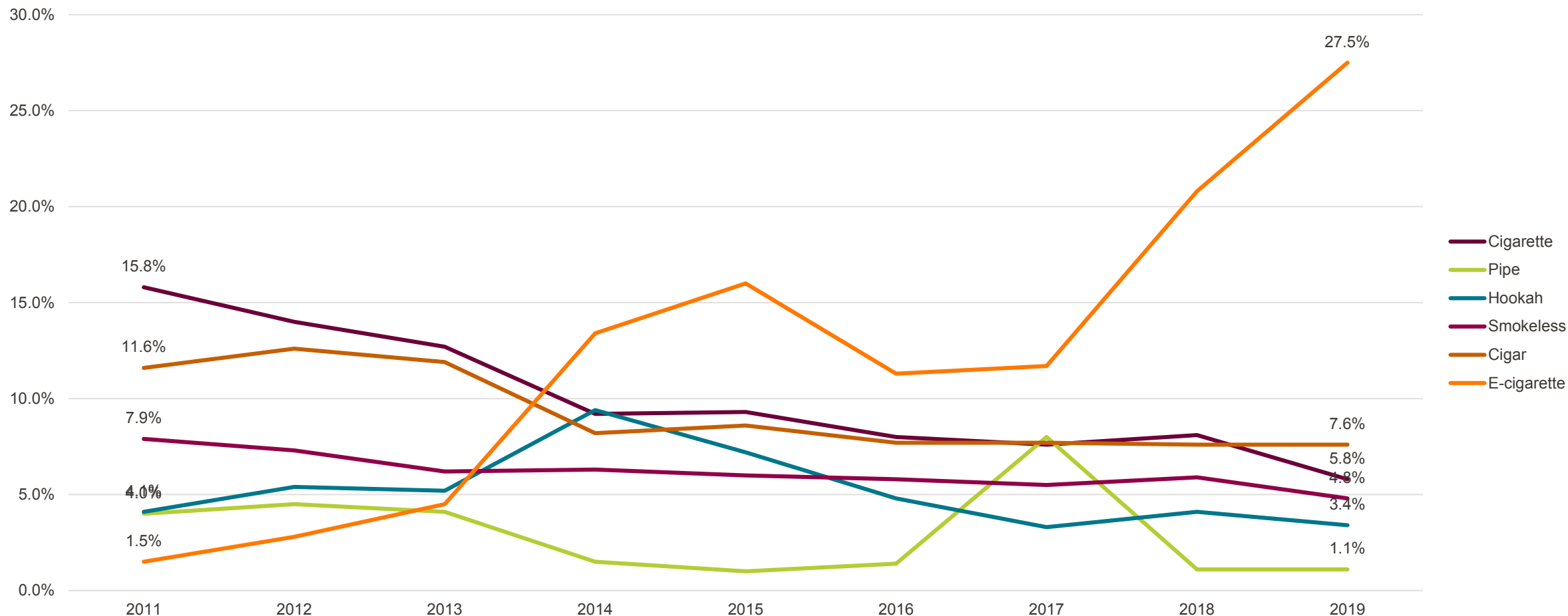
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Tobacco product landscape among youth

Percentage of high school students reporting past 30-day tobacco product use:
National Youth Tobacco Survey, 2011-2019



Existing smoking cessation strategies for youth

Counseling Approaches

- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- Motivational enhancement
- Stages of Change
- Social Cognitive Theory
- 5 A's (Ask, Advise, Assess, Assist, Arrange)

Delivery Mode

- Group setting (e.g., school)
- Individual, face-to-face (e.g., clinic)
- Technology based (e.g., phone, computer)

Medication

- Nicotine Replacement Therapy
- Bupropion
- Varenicline
- *Not approved for adolescents*

Evidence for smoking cessation strategies for youth

Intervention Type	Relative Effect (CI)	# Participants (studies)
Behavioral Interventions (vs. Control)		
Individual Counseling	1.07 (0.83 - 1.39)	2088 (7 RCTs)
Group counseling	1.35 (1.03 - 1.77)	1910 (9 RCTs)
Computer-based interventions	0.79 (0.50 - 1.24)	340 (3 RCTs)
Text messaging	1.18 (0.90 - 1.56)	2985 (3 RCTs)
Multiple delivery methods	1.26 (0.95 - 1.66)	2755 (8 RCTs)
Medication		
NRT vs. Placebo	1.11 (0.48 - 2.58)	385 (2 RCTs)
Bupropion vs. Placebo	1.49 (0.55 - 4.02)	207 (1 RCT)
Patch + Bupropion vs. Patch + Placebo	1.05 (0.41 - 2.69)	211 (1 RCT)

Emerging vaping cessation strategies for youth

smokefree24 Explore the smokefree Family

Quit Vaping
Quitting vaping can be tough, but we have resources that can help. Find out how to quit vaping and stay vape-free.

How to Quit Vaping
Quitting vaping can be easier when you prepare in advance and have a plan. Find out what you can do to get ready to quit.

Your First Day Without Vaping
The first day without your vape can be hard, but there are ways to make it easier. Get through your quit day with these five steps.

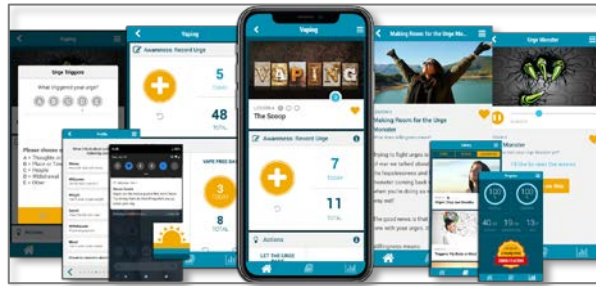
Deal With Vape Cravings

LIVE ONLINE CHAT

LiveHelp Do you want to chat with a trained counselor about quitting?
Get Support

Anxiety, Stress, and Vaping
Stress and anxiety can trigger vape cravings, and make it harder to stay quit. Find healthy and effective ways to cope with these feelings.

Depression and Vaping
Some people vape when they are feeling sad or depressed, but vaping is not an effective way to deal with these feelings. Find healthy ways to cope with your moods.



MY LIFE MY QUIT.

Tobacco Quitline
How can we help you today?
Start chat

LIVE CHAT

At My Life, My Quit™ we share the truth about vaping nicotine and other tobacco products. If you decide you want to quit, we're here to help you to be successful. Text "Start My Quit" to [855.891.9989](tel:855.891.9989) or call to talk with a coach who is ready to listen and cheer you on. It's YOUR LIFE and we're here to help you live it YOUR WAY.

My Life, My Quit™ is always free and confidential. [Start My Quit. Learn more.](#)

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INDEPTH: An Alternative to Suspension or Citation

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Stanford MEDICINE Tobacco Prevention Toolkit
Modules for tobacco and nicotine education

About Tobacco: The Basics E-Cigs/Vapes & Pod-Based Hookah Smokeless Nicotine Addiction Positive Youth Development Resource Directory

SCHOLASTIC

Sponsored Educational Materials

FDA

The Real Cost of Vaping

ELA • Math • Science/Technology/Health • Social Studies
Grades 6–12

CAUTION! **CAUTION!**

Emerging vaping cessation resources for parents

The screenshot shows the American Lung Association website. At the top left is the logo. A search bar and the phone number 1-800-LUNGUSA are on the right. A dark blue navigation bar contains links for Lung Health & Diseases, Quit Smoking, Clean Air, Research & Reports, Policy & Advocacy, Get Involved, and a yellow DONATE button. The main content area features a large image of a young woman with a text overlay: **THE VAPE TALK** and **IF YOU DON'T PROTECT YOUR KIDS FROM VAPING, WHO WILL?** Below the image is a blue button that says **DOWNLOAD CONVERSATION GUIDE**.

This resource is titled **Talk Vaping With Your Teen** and has the subtitle **Communicate effectively with your teen about vaping.** It is organized into three columns: **LEARN THE FACTS** (Learn the facts, understand the latest research, and identify prevalent myths. Educating yourself about vaping will help you support your teen.), **SUPPORT YOUR TEEN** (Learn support skills to help prevent your teen from vaping. We'll walk you through all the steps to having an effective conversation with your teen.), and **SUPPORT YOURSELF** (Vaping can be a stressful subject. Take a moment to prioritize stress-management with our helpful guided techniques.). At the bottom, it notes: *Brought to you through a partnership with the American Heart Association, Hopelab, and All Mental Health. Made possible with generous support from the John & Marcia Goldman Foundation.* A [Privacy Policy](#) link is also present.

The screenshot shows the BecomeAnEX website. At the top left is the 'ex' logo. On the right are 'Log In' and a menu icon. Below the navigation is a banner image of two men on a golf course. The main heading is **Helping a Child Quit Vaping**. The text reads: **Ready to feel like a super-parent? BecomeAnEX has one-of-a-kind resources to help you be the best supporter you can while a child quits e-cigarettes.** Below this is the section **BecomeAnEX Resources for Parents**. The text states: **BecomeAnEX was originally a program to help smokers quit, but it has evolved to support lots of different people—including parents of vapers.** There are three bullet points:

- Sign up for text messages**: Our e-cigarette text messages have a special version for parents who are helping their children quit. Text QUIT to 202-899-7550 to sign up to receive text messages designed specifically for parents of vapers.
- Understand how nicotine addiction works**: Most e-cigarettes contain nicotine, which is addictive. Learning how nicotine impacts the brain will help you understand why your child may feel "off" or different. You'll also understand why medication can make a difference in how comfortable your child's quitting experience is. Dr. Richard Hurt, Founding Director of the Mayo Clinic Nicotine Dependence Center, [explains how nicotine affects the brain.](#)
- Visit the EX Community**: Helping a loved one as they are quitting e-cigarettes can be an isolating, challenging, and emotional time. This can be especially true for parents. Other friends and family may not understand what you're going through—but here, we do.

This is Quitting



Theory-Based & Grounded in Best Practices

- Build self-efficacy
- Establish/reinforce social norms & social support
- Support observational learning, grow behavioral capability



Individually Tailored

- Age (13-17 vs. 18-24)
- Product use (e.g., JUUL, Suorin)
- Quit date



Empathetic and Supportive

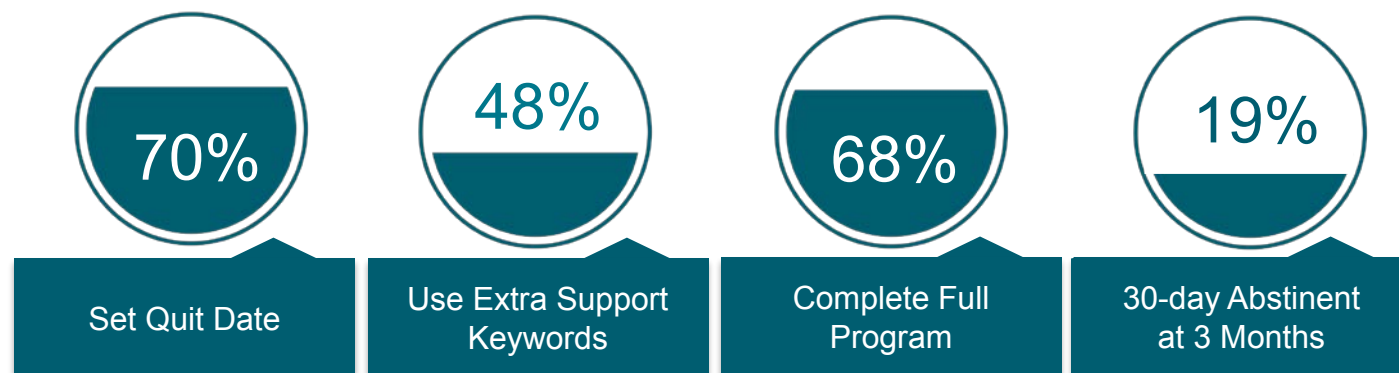
- Fully automated, available 24/7
- Interactive (structured & open-ended)
- Messages from other users



Engagement and outcomes

Jan 18, 2019 – May 1, 2020

Age	Enrollment
Teen	66,289
Young adult	94,658
TOTAL	160,947



**200-500
young
people
sign up
each day**

Youth cessation research gaps and opportunities

Measurement of e-cigarette cessation

- What is “abstinent”?
- At what endpoint?
- Wording?

Treatment research

- Is Nicotine Replacement Therapy helpful for vaping cessation?
- Dosing?
- Does comorbid marijuana vaping reduce the odds of nicotine vaping cessation? Should we recommend quitting both? One before the other?

Opportunities

- E-cigarette Product Use-Associated Lung Injury (EVALI) and COVID-19 have heightened awareness of the risks of tobacco use
- May translate into interest in quitting and participation in research trials

Thank you

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