

Niger - Medical Students 2008 (3rd Year Students Only) Global Health Professions Student Survey (GHPSS)

FACT SHEET

The Niger medical students GHPSS includes data on prevalence of cigarette smoking and use of other tobacco products, knowledge and attitudes about tobacco use, exposure to second-hand smoke, desire for smoking cessation, and training received during medical school regarding patient counseling on smoking cessation techniques.

This information could be very useful in monitoring and developing Niger's comprehensive tobacco control program. The Niger medical students GHPSS was a census of 3rd year medical students attending the 10 medical schools in Niger that was conducted in 2008. A total of 754 3rd year students participated in the Niger medical students GHPSS. The overall response rate of all medical students surveyed was 62.1%.

Prevalence

21.2% ever smoked cigarettes (Males = 56.8%, Females = 5.0%)
7.1% currently smoke cigarettes (Males = 21.2%, Females = 0.7%)
5.0% ever used any form of tobacco other than cigarettes (Males = 7.9%, Females = 3.7%)
1.6% currently use any form of tobacco other than cigarettes (Males = 3.3%, Females = 0.9%)
24.5% of ever smokers smoked on school premises/property during the past year
13.8% of ever smokers smoked in school buildings during the past year

Factors Influencing Tobacco Use

31.7% were exposed to second-hand smoke at home, during the past week
71.2% were exposed to second-hand smoke in public places during the past week
44.6% reported that their school had a ban on smoking inside the premises of school and at places of their internship
42.8% reported that their school enforced the ban on smoking inside the premises of school and at places of their internship
90.7% thought smoking should be banned in all enclosed public places
92.5% thought tobacco sales to adolescents should be banned.
85.3% thought there should be a complete ban on advertising tobacco products.
93.6% of current smokers wanted to stop smoking
84.8% of current smokers ever received help/advice to stop smoking cigarettes
93.8% were taught about the dangers of smoking during medical school training

Role Model and Cessation Training

76.8% thought health professionals serve as role models for their patients
97.3% thought health professionals have a role in giving advice about smoking cessation to patients
46.4% received formal training in smoking cessation approaches during medical school
97.2% thought health professionals should get specific training on cessation techniques

Highlights

7.1% currently smoke cigarettes and 1.6% currently use other tobacco products

93.6% of the smokers indicated that they want to quit

Seven in 10 were exposed to smoke in public places

Nine in 10 support a ban on smoking in all enclosed public places

46.4% received training to provide patients with cessation approaches

97.3% think health professionals should get specific training on cessation techniques to use with patients