

Czech Republic - Dental Students 2011 (3rd Year Students Only) Global Health Professions Student Survey (GHPSS)

FACT SHEET

The Czech Republic dental 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 dental school regarding patient counseling on smoking cessation techniques.

This information could be very useful in monitoring and developing Czech Republic's comprehensive tobacco control program. The Czech Republic dental students GHPSS was a census of third year dental students attending four dental schools in Czech Republic conducted in 2011. A total of 187 3rd year students participated in the Czech Republic dental students GHPSS. The overall response rate of all dental students surveyed was 81.3%.

Prevalence

81.7% ever smoked cigarettes (Males = 84.2%, Females = 80.4%)
21.5% currently smoke cigarettes (Males = 26.3%, Females = 19.0%)
58.6% ever used any form of tobacco other than cigarettes (Males = 76.4%, Females = 49.3%)
10.3% currently use any form of tobacco other than cigarettes (Males = 18.9%, Females = 5.8%)
10.7% of ever smokers smoked on school premises/property during the past year
0.8% of ever smokers smoked in school buildings during the past year

Factors Influencing Tobacco Use

26.2% were exposed to second-hand smoke at home, during the past week
60.9% were exposed to second-hand smoke in enclosed public places during the past week
90.4% were exposed to second-hand smoke in outdoor public places during the past week
92.5% were exposed to second-hand smoke in public places during the past week
95.1% reported that their school had a ban on smoking in school buildings and clinics
68.6% reported that their school enforced the ban on smoking in school buildings and clinics
79.5% thought smoking should be banned in all enclosed public places
95.2% thought tobacco sales to adolescents should be banned
66.0% thought there should be a complete ban on advertising tobacco products
47.0% of current smokers wanted to stop smoking [†]
12.5% of current smokers ever received help/advice to stop smoking cigarettes [†]
94.7% were taught about the dangers of smoking during dental school training

Role Model and Cessation Training

57.9% thought health professionals serve as role models for their patients
74.7% thought health professionals have a role in giving advice about smoking cessation to patients
3.3% received formal training in smoking cessation approaches during dental school
63.5% thought health professionals should get specific training on cessation techniques

Highlights

21.5% currently smoke cigarettes and 10.3% currently use other tobacco products

47.0% of the smokers indicated that they want to quit

Over six in 10 were exposed to smoke in enclosed public places

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

Over six in 10 think health professionals should get specific training on cessation techniques to use with patients

[†] The percentage is based on observations between 10 and 34)