

Treating Tobacco Use Disorder



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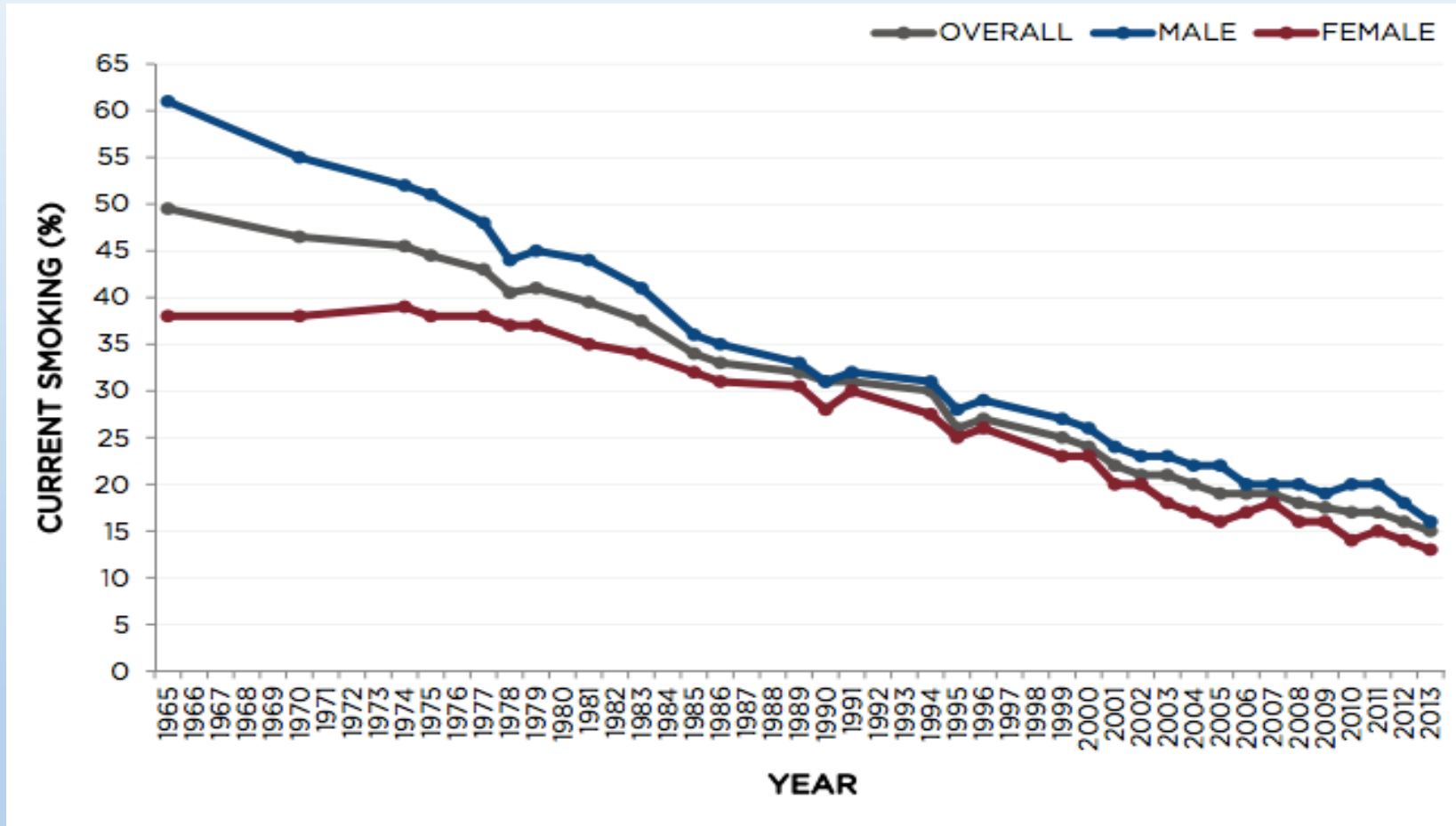
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- *Content includes ALL smoking cessation medications*
- *Peer reviewed, published research*
- *Invitation to discuss or challenge content*

Learning Objectives

- *Review the neurobiology and treatment of TUD*
- *Understand the approach to those with concurrent disorders (including those with other substance use disorders)*
- *Consider the role of vaping and other new potential treatments*

Smoking Prevalence Trends in Canada



Disease Burden

- *The leading preventable cause of death in Canada*
- *37,000 smoking-attributable deaths per year*
- *1 in 2 smokers die prematurely from a smoking-related illness*

- *Persons with mental illness consume approximately 44% of all cigarettes smoked in the U.S*

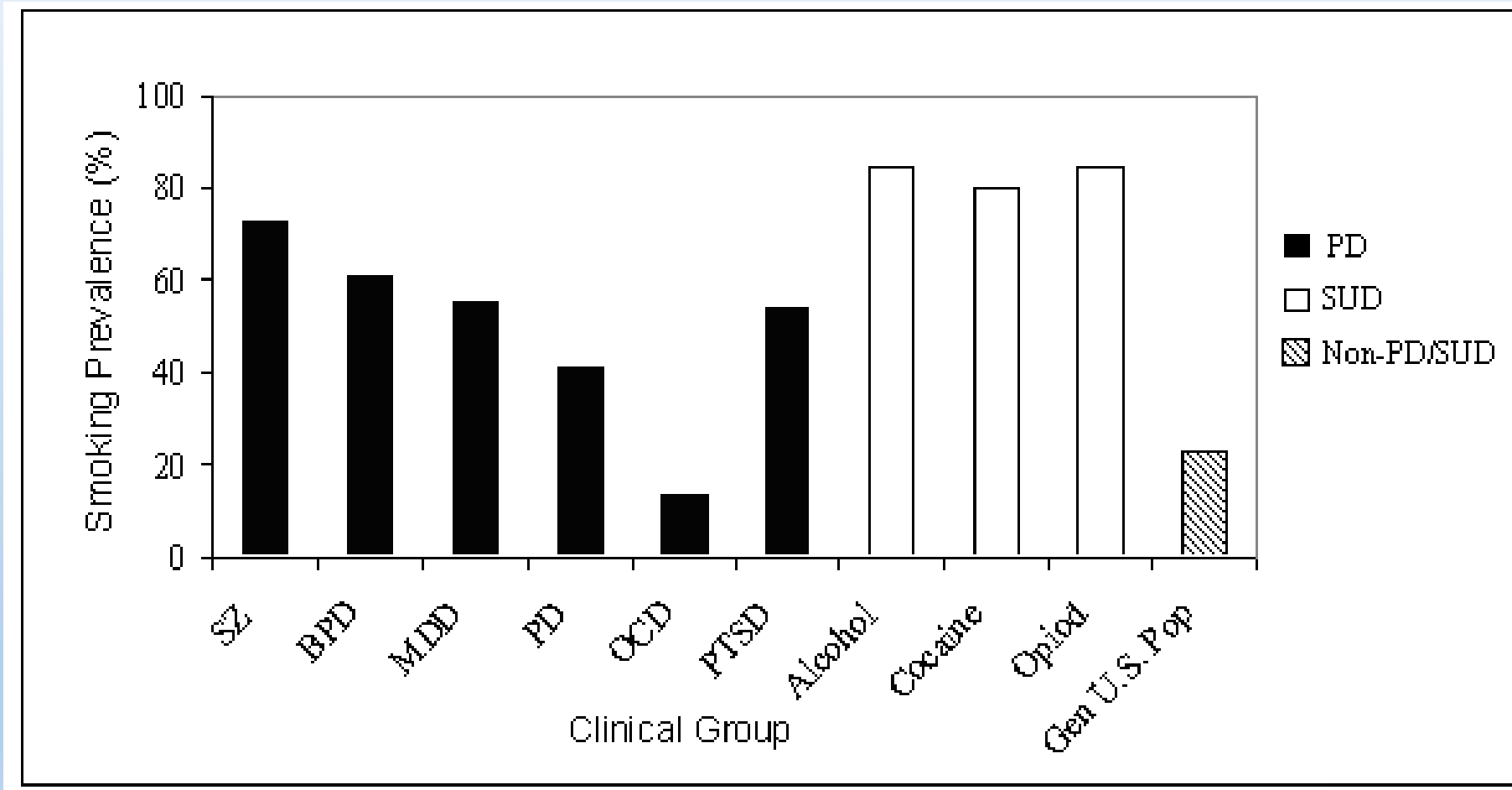


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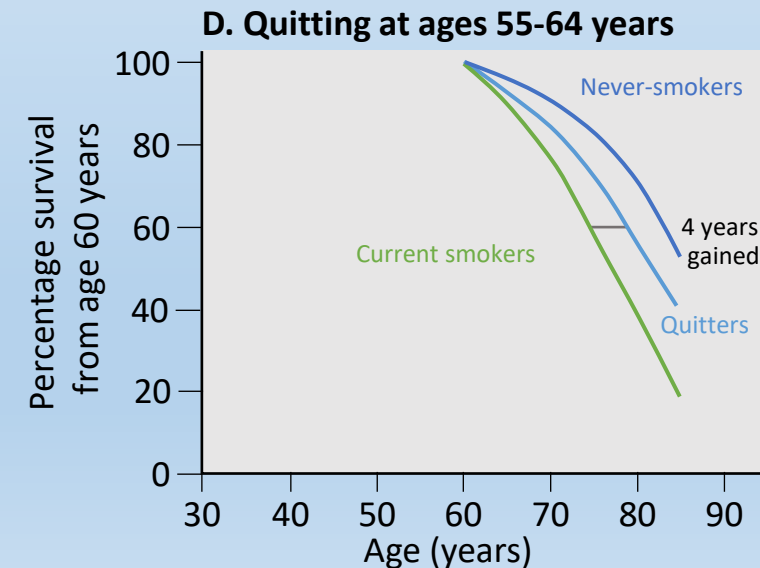
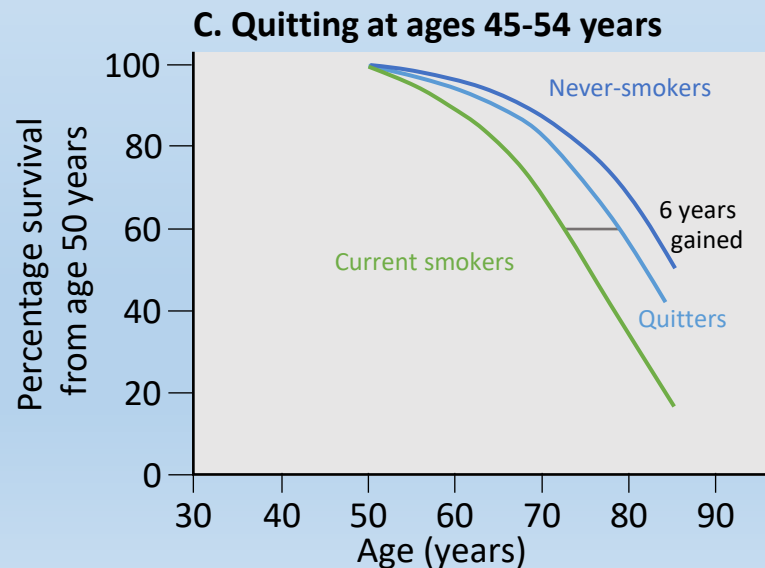
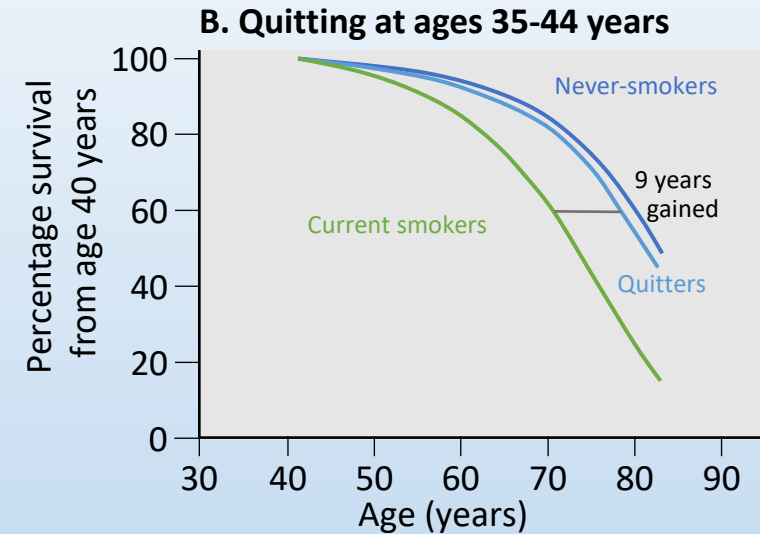
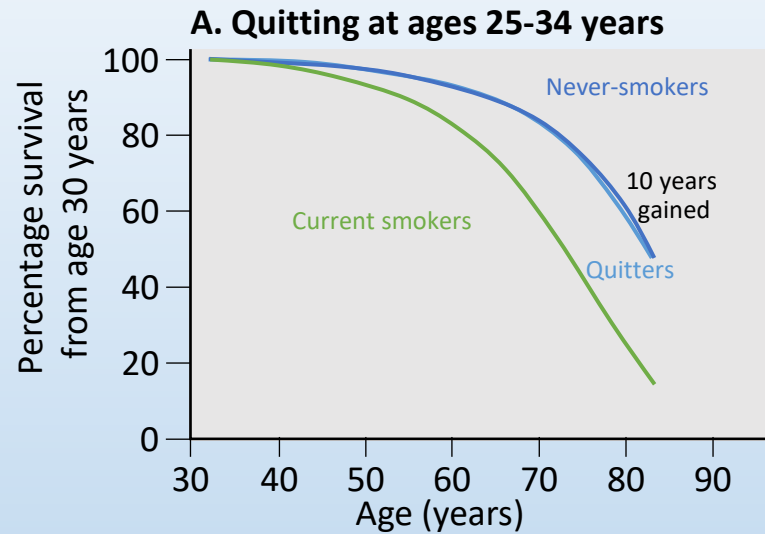
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Prevalence of Smoking: Psychiatric and Substance Use Disorders



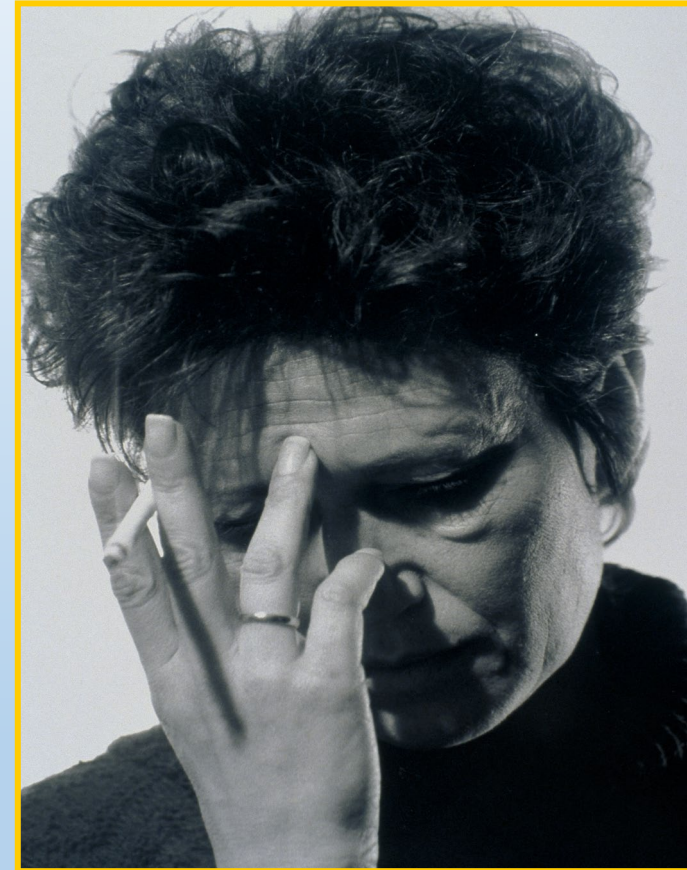
The Benefits of Cessation



Smoking and Schizophrenia: Patient Perceived Benefits

- *Improve psychiatric symptoms?*
- *Improve cognitive functioning?*
- *Reduce medication side effects*
- *“self-medication hypothesis”*

- *“shared genetic vulnerability hypothesis”*
- *Mental Health Service culture?*



Association Between Smoking Behavior and Cognitive Functioning in Patients With Psychosis, Siblings, and Healthy Control Subjects: Results From a Prospective 6-Year Follow-Up Study.
Vermeulen JM et al. [Am J Psychiatry](#). 2018 Nov 1

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Management of Smoking in People with Psychiatric Disorders and SUD

- *Limited efforts to treat this population*
- *Providers rarely screen and mostly not trained*
- *Needs to be seen as a “co-occurring” disorder*
- *Integrated, intensive treatment*



“A Wake Up Call For Psychiatrists”: Reasons To Treat Tobacco Use

- *Tobacco use kills half our patients*
- *Tobacco use limits full recovery*
- *Tobacco use disorder is in the DSM*
- *Tobacco use has a negative impact on treatment*

Integrated Care

Tobacco Use and Mental Illness: A Wake-Up Call for Psychiatrists

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Tobacco use results in numerous consequences for individuals with mental illnesses and other substance use disorders, yet it is not adequately addressed by behavioral health professionals, including psychiatrists. This column describes current inaction among behavioral health professionals and some possible reasons for it and recommends next steps. Psychiatrists should provide treatment for all patients with a co-occurring tobacco use disorder and provide leadership to change policies and practices in treatment centers. Psychiatrists can be vital leaders of the effort to reduce the toll of tobacco use among people with mental illnesses, addictions, or both. A national movement for addressing tobacco use in the behavioral health field can be galvanized if more psychiatrists participate. (*Psychiatric*

Among people with mental illnesses, tobacco-related illness is the highest-ranking cause of death (1). Yet smoking by patients continues to be an afterthought for most psychiatrists and behavioral health professionals. Smoking rates among individuals with a mental illness or another addiction are two to three times higher than in the general population. People with mental illnesses represent about one-third of the estimated 51 million adult smokers in the United States (2).

Psychiatrists are ideally positioned to address tobacco use disorder among individuals with mental illnesses or substance use disorders, but there is little evidence to suggest that psychiatry as a profession participates in or contributes substantially to tobacco control activities, which include not only treatment but also larger issues of advocacy and public health. A recent major federal initiative focused on in-

illnesses and substance use disorders. A recent large epidemiological study found that smoking accounted for half the deaths among persons with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, or depression (1). Fortunately, quitting tobacco use improves life expectancy; quitting has a greater impact on cardiovascular risk than do changes in blood pressure, weight, physical activity, or lipids (4). Despite the powerful benefits of quitting, integrated efforts to address cardiovascular risk factors among people with serious mental illnesses have only cursorily included tobacco cessation efforts.

Tobacco use limits full recovery

As smoking becomes less common in the community, smokers experience greater barriers to community integration and will increasingly struggle to secure jobs and housing. Employers prefer to hire nonsmokers because

MHA Patients Want To Quit.....

- Most smokers (80%) in a MMT population were “somewhat” or “very” interested in quitting.*
- In an outpatient program for “alcohol abusers”, more than 75% were willing to consider stopping smoking.*
- In substance dependent in-patients, 77% were “certain” they wanted to quit smoking.*
- In SCZ, the majority were interested in attending a smoking cessation group and appeared to be motivated.*

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Smoking Cessation and Psychiatric Disorders



- *Change in mental health after smoking cessation: systematic review and meta-analysis. Taylor G et al BMJ 2014*

Changes in mental health after smoking cessation: systematic review

- *Investigate change in mental health after cessation v continuing to smoke*
- *Studies that assessed mental health before and after cessation*
- *“Smoking cessation is associated with REDUCED depression, anxiety and stress...IMPROVED positive mood and quality of life...effect equal for those with psychiatric disorders as without...”*



Smoking and Psychotropic Drug Levels

- *Metabolized by CYP 1A2*
 - *Chlorpromazine*
 - *Haloperidol*
 - *Clozapine*
 - *Olanzapine*
 - *Caffeine*
- *Not Metabolized*
 - *Bupropion*
 - *Risperidone*
 - *Quetiapine*
 - *Ziprasidone*
 - *Aripiprazole*



Smoking Cessation and Substance Use Disorders



- *Tobacco-free clients maintain longer periods of sobriety after inpatient treatment for alcohol/drug dependence than tobacco users.*

Stuyt, 1997



- *Smoking cessation interventions result in effective drug and alcohol treatment outcomes, including reducing the risk of relapse and increasing long term sobriety.*

Prochaska, 2004



- *Smoking and tobacco craving are strongly associated with the use of and craving for cocaine and heroin.*

Epstein, 2010

Cessation Treatment For Patients with PD/SUD

“All smokers with psychiatric disorders, including substance use disorders, should be offered tobacco dependence treatment and clinicians must overcome their reluctance to treat this population”

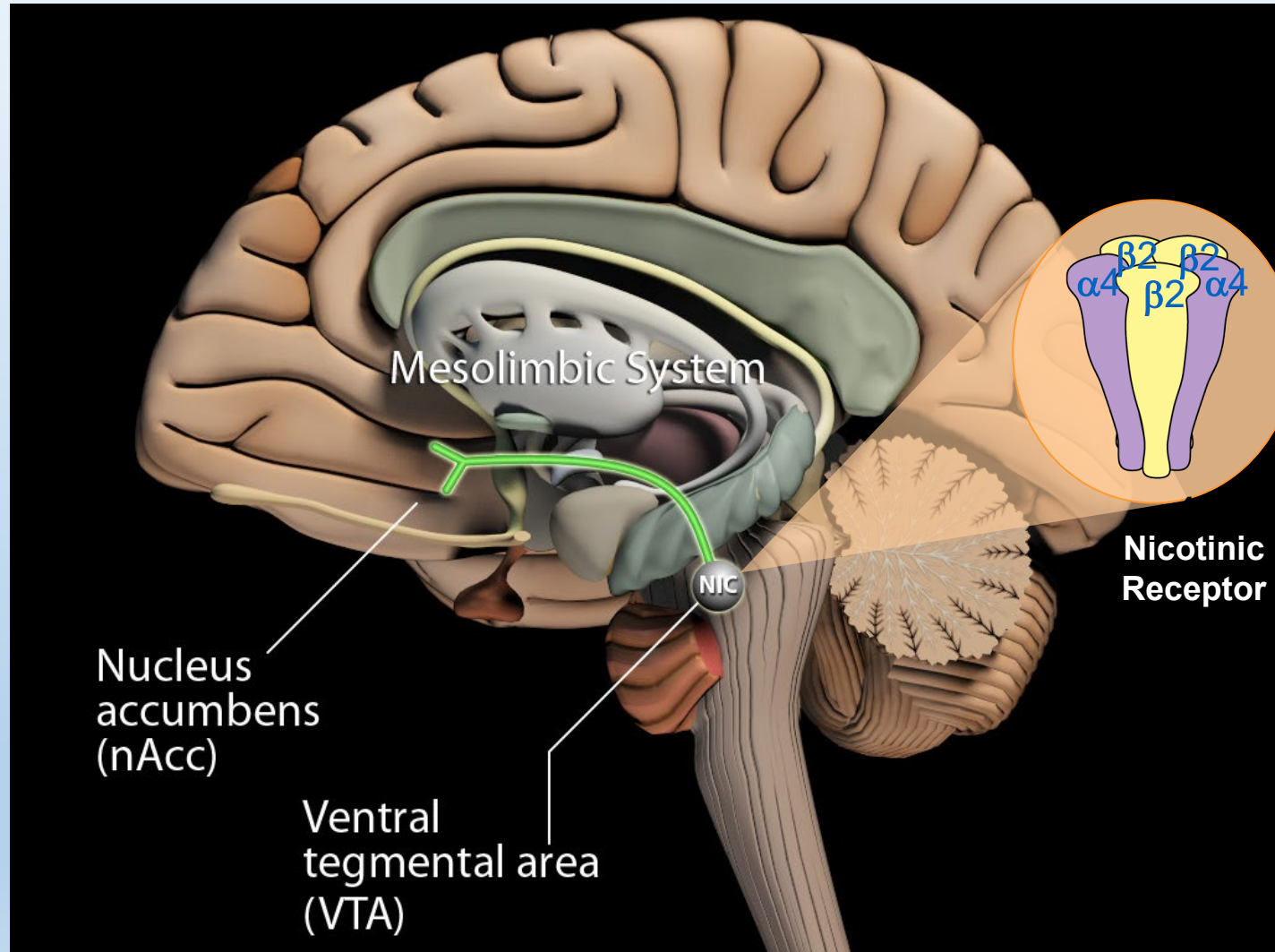
- *Brief Intervention*
- *Individual, group and telephone counselling*
- *Pharmacotherapy*



Brief Smoking Cessation Intervention

- ASK:** about tobacco use
- ADVISE:** every tobacco user to quit
- ASSESS:** assess readiness to quit
- ASSIST:** self-help material
pharmacotherapy
counselling/quit lines
- ARRANGE:** follow up or referral

Neurobiology of Tobacco Use Disorder



Pharmacologic Smoking Cessation Aids Available in Canada: Summary

| Therapy | Route(s) of administration | Mechanism of action | Notes |
|------------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Bupropion | Oral pill | Noradrenergic and/or dopaminergic* ¹ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efficacious vs. placebo² • Proven safe & efficacious for patients with neuropsychiatric disorders^{4,5} |
| Nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) | Transdermal patch, gum, inhaler, oral spray, lozenges | Delivers nicotine to the circulation via the venous system ² | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efficacious vs. placebo² • Most efficacious when two NRT modalities are combined² • Can be safely used in patients with underlying cardiovascular disease or neuropsychiatric disorders⁶ |
| Varenicline | Oral pill | Stimulates and occupies the $\alpha 4\beta 2$ nicotine receptor ³ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efficacious vs. placebo² • More efficacious than bupropion or single NRT² • Proven safe & efficacious for patients with neuropsychiatric disorders^{4,5} |

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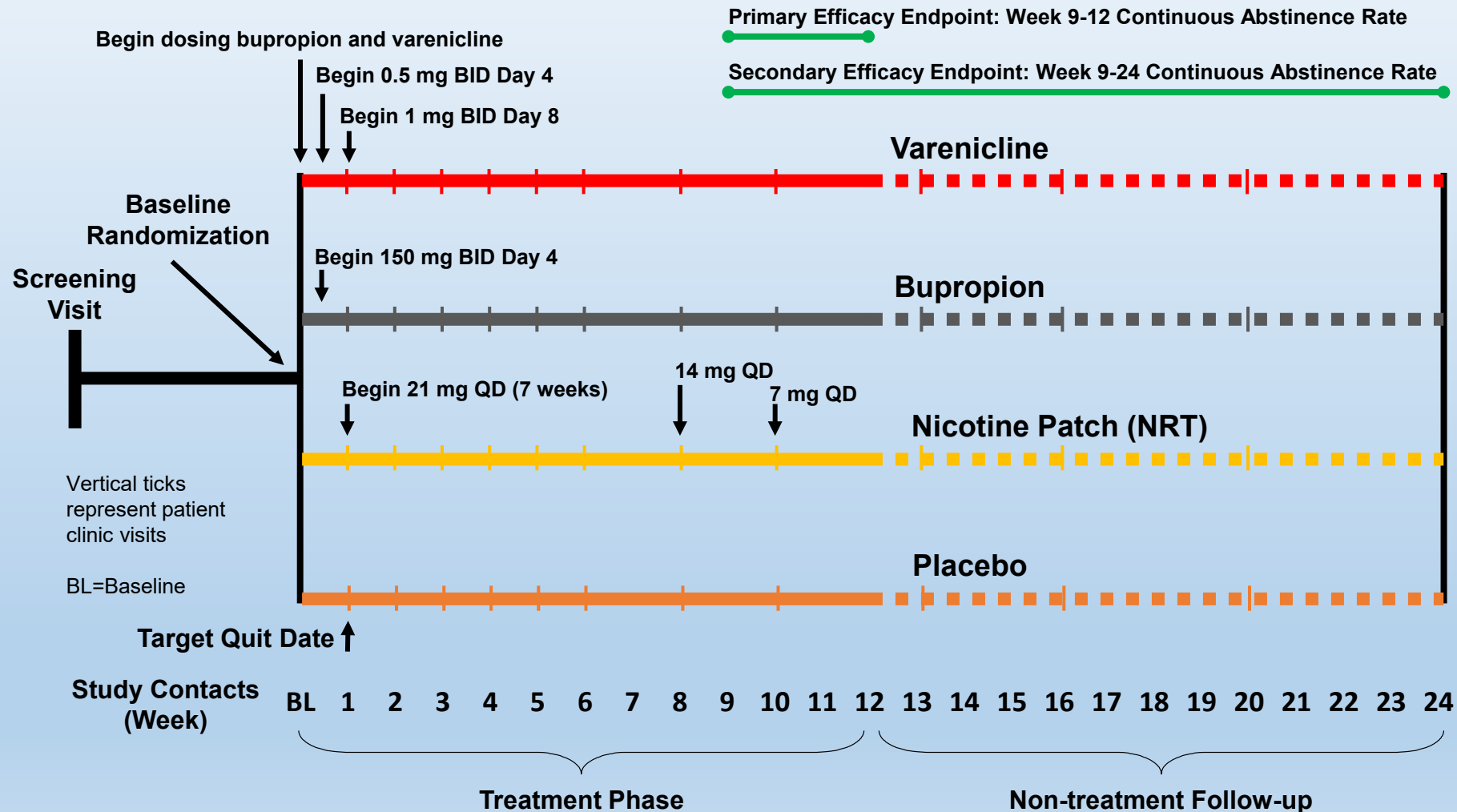
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Efficacy of Cessation Therapies

- ***NRT (combination)*** *3.6 times more likely to quit**
- ***Varenicline*** *3.1 times more likely to quit**
- ***Bupropion*** *2.0 times more likely to quit**
- ***NRT (patch alone)*** *1.9 times more likely to quit**

**compared to placebo*

EAGLES Study Diagram



Safety: Neuropsychiatric AE Composite Endpoint

| Cohort | Participants with Events n/N, % | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| | Varenicline | Bupropion | NRT | Placebo |
| Non-Psychiatric | 13/990 1.3% | 22/989 2.2% | 25/1006 2.5% | 24/999 2.4% |
| Psychiatric | 67/1026 6.5% | 68/1017 6.7% | 53/1016* 5.2% | 50/1015 4.9% |
| Overall (both cohorts) | 80/2016 4.0% | 90/2006 4.5% | 78/2022 3.9% | 74/2014 3.7% |

AEs reported during treatment and ≤30 days after last dose.

** One additional participant (Psychiatric/NRT group) who reported suicidal ideation was identified after clinical database lock and was not included in the analysis*

Authors' Conclusions

- *Neuropsychiatric Safety*
 - *The EAGLES trial provides evidence that varenicline and bupropion do not pose a neuropsychiatric safety risk*
 - *These drugs can be used safely by smokers without a history of psychiatric disorders and by smokers with stable psychiatric disease*
- *Efficacy*
 - *Varenicline, bupropion, and NRT transdermal patches are more effective than placebo in aiding smoking cessation in patients with and without a history of psychiatric disorder*
 - *Varenicline is more effective than bupropion and NRT in psychiatric and non-psychiatric cohorts*

NRT Combinations

- *Common to combine patch + gum/lozenge/inhaler/oral spray*
- *More efficacious than monotherapy*
- *Considered safe (FDA 2013)*



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FDA Proposed Label Changes

- *NRT use permitted whilst still smoking*
- *Use of multiple NRT products allowable*
- *Safe to extend treatment beyond label recommendation*



BC Smoking Cessation Program

- *BC Smoking Cessation Program since Sept 2011*
- *12 weeks per year of NRT or Varenicline /Zyban*
- *Consider SA for extension/change*
- *Process changed Jan 1st 2016 (no 811 call, more options)*



An Alternative Approach To Cessation: “Reduce to Quit”

- Reducing cigarettes pre-quit day, and abrupt cessation approaches produce similar quit rates*
- Patients should be given the choice to quit via either approach*
- Reduction approaches can include the use of pre-quit nicotine replacement therapy (NRT)*
- Cigarette smoking and concurrent NRT does not pose increased risk*



Cytisine(cytisinicline)

- **Cytisine** (which inspired the development of varenicline) is a partial agonist of the $\alpha_4\beta_2$ NicACh receptor
- high-certainty evidence suggesting that nicotine e-cigarettes (EC), varenicline and **cytisine** were associated with the greatest chances of quitting tobacco smoking at six months or longer
- Used in eastern Europe for smoking cessation since the 1960's
- “natural health product” in Canada (prescription not required)
- Cost-effective but complex dosing regimen



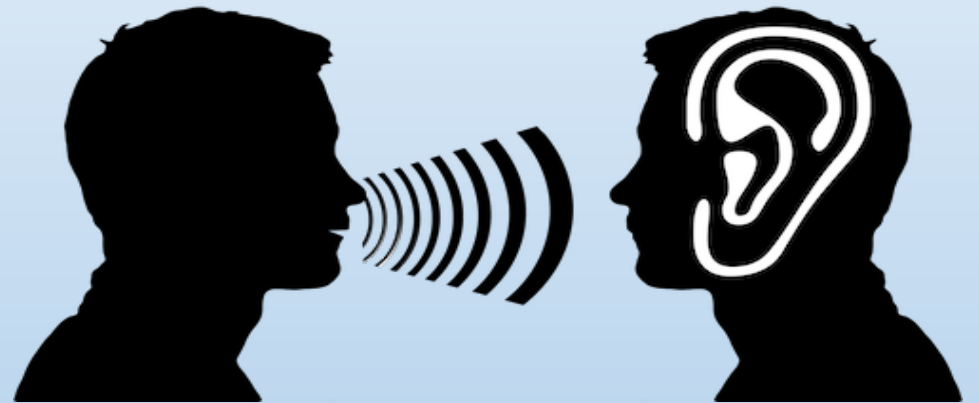
Practical Approaches to Behavioural Counselling

- *Provide thoughtful, non-judgmental strategic advice and tactical suggestions to optimize cessation success*
 - *Avoid situations, circumstances and settings associated with smoking*
 - *Secure the support of family and friends*
 - *Deal with withdrawal and cravings:*
 - ***THE 4 D's: DEEP BREATHS! DRINK WATER! DISTRACTION! DELAY!***
- *Motivational interviewing: “the treatment of choice for ambivalence”*



Principles of Motivational Interviewing

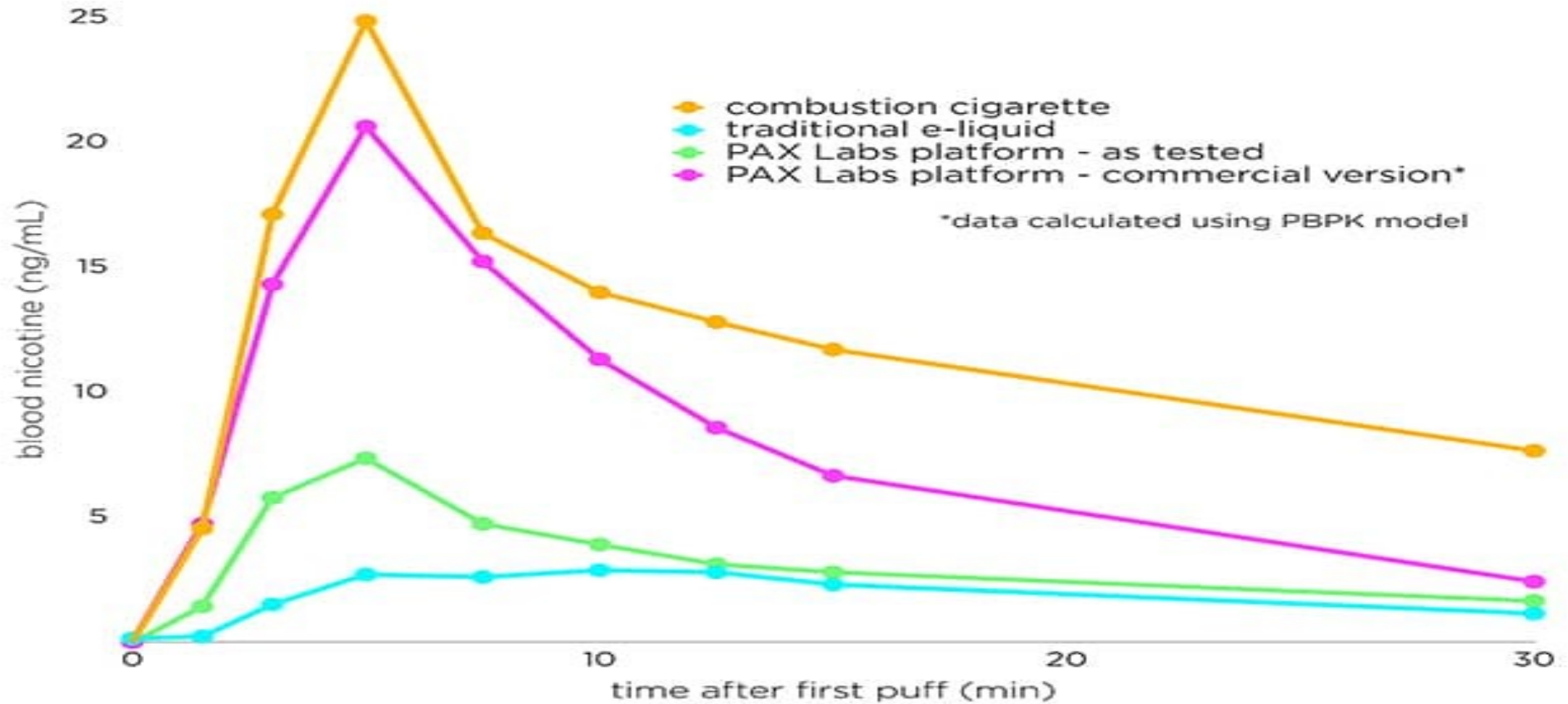
- Express Empathy
- Develop Discrepancy
- Roll with Resistance
- Support Self Efficacy



Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS)?



Electronic Cigarettes for Smoking Cessation



ENDS for Cessation?



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A Randomized Trial of E-Cigarettes versus Nicotine Replacement Therapy

- *n=886, randomised to ENDS or NRT*
- *Primary outcome: sustained abstinence for 12mos (biochemically confirmed)*
- *ENDS v NRT abstinence rate: 18% v 9.9% (RR 1.83)*
- *At 52w, 80% using ENDS v 9% NRT*

- ***“E-cigarettes were more effective for smoking cessation than nicotine-replacement therapy, when both products were accompanied by behavioral support”***

- *Hajek P, Phillips-Waller A, Przulj D, et al. A randomized trial of e-cigarettes versus nicotine-replacement therapy. N Engl J Med 2019;380:629-637*

ENDS for Cessation?



**Cochrane
Library**

Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews

Electronic cigarettes for smoking cessation (Review)

Lindson N, Butler AR, McRobbie H, Bullen C, Hajek P, Begh R, Theodoulou A, Notley C, Rigotti NA, Turner T, Livingstone-Banks J, Morris T, Hartmann-Boyce J

“There is high-certainty evidence that ECs with nicotine increase quit rates compared to NRT...”

ENDS for Cessation?

Lower-Risk Nicotine Use Guidelines

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| <p>E-cigarettes: Cessation</p> <p>Recommendation #5b: E-cigarettes with nicotine may be an effective cessation aid for people who use combustible tobacco.</p> | <p>Moderate</p> | <p>Conditional</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Systematic reviews and RCTs provide some evidence of the effectiveness of e-cigarettes as a cessation aid.2. More frequent use (i.e.: daily) of e-cigarettes is associated with an increase in cessation outcomes.3. People who use combustible nicotine products should try to quit using approved smoking cessation treatments first. If they are unable or unwilling to quit, e-cigarettes can be considered. <p>Considerations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• E-cigarettes as a cessation aid may be most effective when combined with behavioural counselling.• Smokers should be advised to switch completely from combusted tobacco to e-cigarettes and to use e-cigarettes when they would normally have smoked tobacco cigarettes.• There is no evidence for a specific device type or amount of nicotine that is most effective for cessation.• Switching completely to e-cigarettes will significantly reduce the harms associated with combusted tobacco. However, smokers should be advised that harms associated with long-term e-cigarette use are currently unknown.• Continued use of e-cigarettes may reduce risk of relapse to combustible tobacco. |
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ENDS for Cessation?

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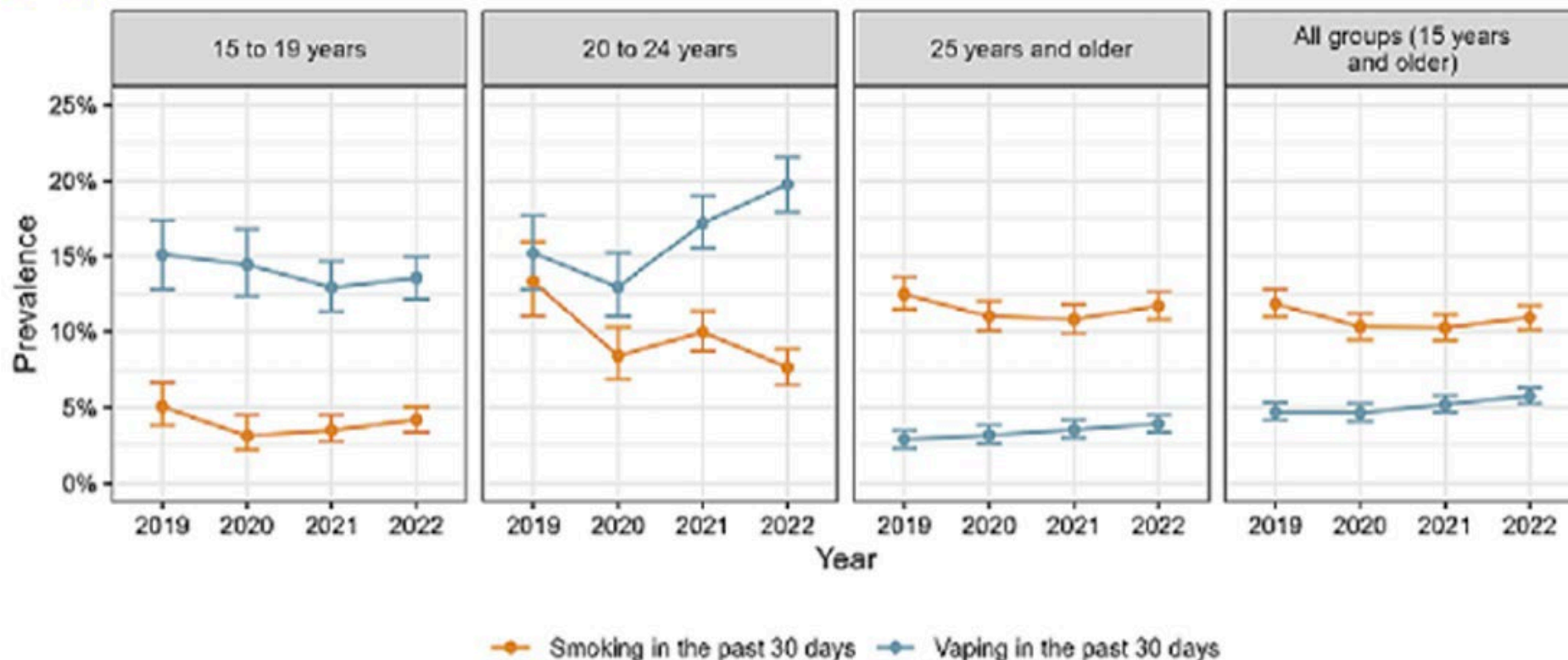
Electronic Cigarettes for Smoking Cessation — Have We Reached a Tipping Point?

Nancy A. Rigotti, M.D.

“Clinicians should be prepared to have a risk–benefit discussion about e-cigarettes....the evidence has brought e-cigarettes to a tipping point. The burden of tobacco-related disease is too big for potential solutions such as e-cigarettes to be ignored”

Youth Vaping in Canada

Infographic 1 – Cigarette smoking and vaping in the 30 days before the survey, by age group, 2019 to 2022



Note: Error bars indicate the 95% confidence intervals of the prevalence estimates.

Source: Canadian Tobacco and Nicotine Survey, 2019 to 2022.

Youth Vaping

AMONG HIGH SCHOOL CURRENT E-CIGARETTE USERS —
Rise in Frequency

**More Used
E-Cigarettes on
20 or More Days**



**in 2018
vs
20% in 2017**



Repetitive transcranial magnetic (rTMS) stimulation for smoking cessation

- Evidence for rTMS for smoking cessation is increasing
- One rTMS coil has recently received regulatory approval
- Implementation and dissemination into clinical practice requires planning and preparation.
- Accessibility, technological, economical, and social challenges remain to be addressed.
- Real-world effectiveness studies are needed



Repetitive transcranial magnetic (rTMS) stimulation for smoking cessation

- 262 chronic smokers meeting DSM-5 criteria for TUD
- 3/52 daily bilateral active or sham rTMS to the lateral prefrontal and insular cortices (+ once weekly 3/52)
- CQR until Week 18 was **19.4%** (active) and **8.7%** (sham) rTMS (p=0.017)
- 1st large multicenter RCT of brain stimulation in addiction medicine (leading to clearance by the US FDA for rTMS as an aid in smoking cessation)

Smoking Addiction Treatment

[About Smoking Addiction](#)[Treatment Options](#)[Efficacy](#)[Safety](#)[Treatment Protocol](#)

Introducing

BrainsWay Deep Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (Deep TMS™) is a safe and effective aid for short-term smoking cessation in adults, representing the first FDA clearance in the

Questions?

Smoking Cessation Clinic at St. Paul's Hospital

The Smoking Cessation Clinic supports PHC and VCH patients and clients in reducing or quitting smoking as part of their health care journey.



Patients can self-refer by emailing their details to jrcinfo@providencehealth.bc.ca



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