

# Tobacco Control Research Branch (TCRB)

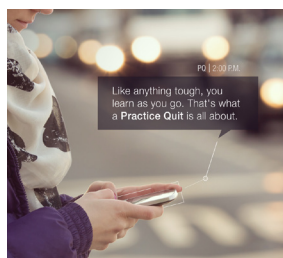
[tobaccocontrol.cancer.gov](http://tobaccocontrol.cancer.gov)

TCRB is part of the National Cancer Institute's (NCI) Behavioral Research Program (BRP), in the Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences (DCCPS).

## TCRB Information and Resources

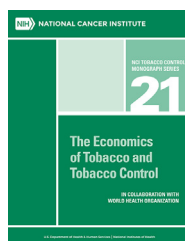
TCRB leads and collaborates on research and disseminates evidence-based findings to prevent, treat, and control tobacco use. For more information on TCRB key initiatives, funding opportunities, and tobacco control resources and research tools, visit the TCRB website at: <http://tobaccocontrol.cancer.gov>.

### What's NEW?



**Supporting Smokers Who Are Not Yet Prepared to Quit:** The Smokefree.gov Initiative, in partnership with the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) *Every Try Counts* campaign, is providing cessation resources to help smokers who are not yet ready to set their quit date. Visit *Every Try Counts*

(<https://smokefree.gov/everytrycounts>) to access the Practice Quit and Daily Challenges text messaging programs for help in building skills and gaining positive quitting experiences. These programs, which are available free for public use, are intended to increase smokers' confidence to quit permanently. Public health professionals or researchers can also use these text message programs in their work. Individual-level and aggregate data can be made available to interested parties who sign data use agreements. For more information, visit <http://smokefree.gov/smokefree-text-messaging-programs>.



**The Economics of Tobacco and Tobacco Control:** This report, the 21st volume in NCI's Tobacco Control Monograph Series, discusses the current evidence base surrounding the economics of tobacco control and concludes that evidence-based tobacco prevention and control interventions make sense from an economic as well as a public health standpoint.

<https://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brp/tcrb/monographs/21>

### A Socioecological Approach to Addressing Tobacco-Related Health Disparities:

This report, the 22nd volume in NCI's Tobacco Control Monograph Series, examines the current evidence surrounding tobacco-related health disparities across the tobacco use continuum and the implications for future research and implementation of effective strategies.

<https://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/monograph22>

**Tobacco Control Research Forms the Basis for Corrective Statements:** In November 2017, court-ordered statements began to appear in newspapers and on television explaining in plain language the reality of the harms inflicted by tobacco products and addressing many common misconceptions about cigarettes. These corrective statements are the result of a federal racketeering lawsuit brought against the tobacco companies in 1999 by the U.S. Department of Justice. NCI-funded research was cited often during the case, and many NCI-funded researchers were asked to testify about their research findings. <https://www.cancer.gov/news-events/cancer-currents-blog/2017/tobacco-corrective-statements>

### Tobacco Use Supplement to the U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey

**TOBACCO USE SUPPLEMENT**  
CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY

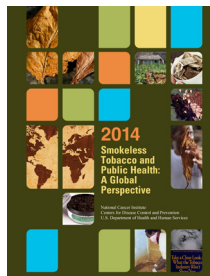
**(TUS-CPS):** Since 1992, TUS-CPS has served as a key source of national, state, and sub-state data on tobacco use behavior, attitudes, and policies in the United States. The 2014-2015 TUS-CPS Highlights Document, presenting results of several initial analyses of data from the most recent wave, is available at [https://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brp/tcrb/tus-cps/TUS-CPS\\_2014-15\\_SummaryDocument.pdf](https://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brp/tcrb/tus-cps/TUS-CPS_2014-15_SummaryDocument.pdf).

**International Factsheet:** Tobacco use is the leading preventable risk factor for cancer worldwide, responsible for more than 20 percent of global cancer deaths. NCI's TCRB supports and conducts research to build the evidence base needed for global tobacco prevention and control. Research conducted in countries around the world also yields important insights for tobacco control efforts in the United States.

<https://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brp/tcrb/international>

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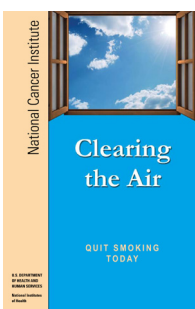
## TCRB Resources



**Smokeless Tobacco and Public Health: A Global Perspective:** The first-ever report on the global use and public health impact of smokeless tobacco. PDF versions of the full report, executive summary, factsheets on global smokeless tobacco products, and the online press release can be found at <http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brp/tcrb/global-perspective/index.html>.



**Smokefree.gov Initiative:** The Smokefree.gov Initiative provides smokers who want to quit with free, evidence-based smoking cessation information and on-demand support. Since 2003, this initiative has been developing and disseminating web- and mobile-based interventions in English and Spanish. It currently includes 6 websites, 2 smartphone applications, 6 social media accounts, and 14 text messaging programs. <http://smokefree.gov>



**Clearing the Air: Quit Smoking Today:** This booklet is designed to support cessation at any stage of a quitter's journey, whether he or she is still thinking about quitting, has made the decision to quit, or has already taken steps to quit and just needs help maintaining their new lifestyle. The booklet is available in multiple formats, including eBook. <https://www.cancer.gov/publications/patient-education/clearing-the-air>

**Tobacco Use After Diagnosis:** NCI and the American Association for Cancer Research partnered to create a Task Force that developed and tested items for the baseline and longitudinal assessment of tobacco use in the cancer setting. This questionnaire has now been translated into Spanish. The Task Force also produced recommendations for research priorities related to tobacco use after diagnosis (see Land et al., *Cancer*, 2016 and Land et al., *Clinical Cancer Research*, 2016). NCI provides funding for research to study and eliminate tobacco use after diagnosis. <http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/cancerandtobaccouse>

**Smoking Cessation at Lung Examination (SCALE) Collaboration:** This NCI-sponsored initiative aims to identify consensus measures for research on smoking cessation interventions in the setting of low-dose computed tomography lung cancer screening. This Special Collection is now available at <https://www.gem-beta.org/Public/wsoverview.aspx?wid=33&cat=8>.

## Collaborative Research on Addiction at NIH



Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development  
Teen Brains. Today's Science. Brighter Future.

**Collaborative Research on Addiction (CRAN):** The mission of CRAN is to provide a strong collaborative framework to enable the National Institute on Alcohol

Abuse and Alcoholism, National Institute on Drug Abuse, and NCI to integrate resources and expertise to advance substance use, abuse, and addiction research and public health outcomes. The Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development Study, part of the CRAN collaboration, is the largest study ever conducted of the developing minds and brains of adolescents and will allow scientists to determine the effects of many biological and environmental factors on brain development, health, and outcomes. For more information, visit <http://addictionresearch.nih.gov>.

## Funding and Grants Information

### Funding Opportunities

TCRB provides diverse funding support for domestic and international research on topics such as interventions for cessation and prevention, policy, determinants of tobacco use, tobacco products, and tobacco use. TCRB sponsors or co-sponsors a variety of targeted funding opportunity announcements (FOAs). <https://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brp/funding/funding-opportunities.html#tcrb>

BRP provides funding support for a comprehensive program of research ranging from basic behavioral research to the development, testing, and dissemination of interventions. In addition to supporting investigator-initiated research grants, BRP sponsors or co-sponsors a variety of targeted FOAs. BRP also offers grantsmanship resources to individual investigators from the pre-submission phase through grant close-out. <http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/funding.html>

### Everything You Wanted to Know About the NCI Grants Process But Were Afraid to Ask

<http://www.cancer.gov/about-nci/organization/oga/grants-process-book.pdf>

**NIH's Tobacco Regulatory Science Program:** <https://prevention.nih.gov/tobacco-regulatory-science-program>



## NCI Resources



**DCCPS-Funded Public Use Data Resources:** <https://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/cr-dataset.html>

**Health Information National Trends Survey (HINTS)-FDA:** NCI's HINTS program partnered with FDA's Center for Tobacco Products to field two nationally representative postal surveys in 2015 (N=3738) and 2017 (N=1736), oversampling areas of the United States with high smoking prevalence. Survey content is specific to tobacco and tobacco-related health communication practices, information preferences, health risk behaviors, attitudes, awareness, and knowledge. Public-use data sets and supporting documentation are available for download at <http://hints.cancer.gov>.

