



Tobacco Use and Treatment among Cancer Survivors

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Helping patients to curb their tobacco use is an essential component of cancer care, as patients who continue to use tobacco have an increased risk of mortality, cancer recurrence, development of secondary cancers, exacerbation of comorbid conditions, worsened outcomes of cancer surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation, and negative impacts on quality of life. Despite tremendous advancements in the science of tobacco cessation, insufficient research exists to demonstrate optimal approaches and outcomes of tobacco use treatment in patients with cancer, both in primary care and in oncology settings. While a diagnosis of cancer is an optimal time to assist patients who are still using tobacco products to quit, too many patients continue to smoke, and support for quitting is inconsistently applied. Recently, the National Cancer Institute in the US began offering funding to many comprehensive cancer centers to expand or initiate tobacco use treatment programs for patients with cancer who continue to smoke or use other forms of tobacco.





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