

Special Issue

Epidemiology of Tobacco and Cannabis Use

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue reports on the current epidemiology of tobacco and cannabis use, particularly in the context of the rapidly changing policies regulating these products and the availability of new delivery methods and products on the market. As cannabis policies become more permissive and tobacco policies become more restrictive in the US, the prevalence and patterns of use of these products are shifting. In addition, the introduction of electronic vaping systems has provided alternative delivery systems with yet-to-be understood long-term consequences. Other areas of focus include youth uptake of these substances, use of other substances with tobacco and/or cannabis, and health outcomes associated with tobacco and/or cannabis use. These focus areas are considered in the context of existing mental and physical health conditions, health inequities, and legal environments in the US as well as internationally. Together, this overview will inform prevention and intervention efforts.

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