

Tobacco Control Research Branch

Behavioral Research Program

About TCRB

Tobacco use is the nation's leading preventable cause of premature death. The Tobacco Control Research Branch (TCRB) works toward a world free of tobacco use and related cancer and suffering. TCRB leads and collaborates on research, and disseminates evidence-based findings to prevent, treat, and control tobacco use.

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) has identified research to prevent and control tobacco use and tobacco-related cancers as a public health priority. TCRB addresses this emphasis by generating new information about the factors that influence tobacco use and addiction, environmental tobacco smoke (ETS), and tobacco-related cancers (discovery); creating and evaluating tools and interventions for tobacco use and addiction and ETS (development); and applying, promoting, and disseminating evidence-based interventions in clinical and public health practice, and policy development (delivery).

Grant Initiatives

- *Transdisciplinary Tobacco Use Research Centers (TTURCs)*
- *Research in Tobacco Products Program Announcement*
- *Tobacco Research Initiative for State and Community Interventions (TRISCI)*
- *International Research on Tobacco Use*
- *Analysis of Tobacco Industry Documents*

Grants and Research Opportunities

TCRB supports research through a variety of NIH funding mechanisms. Most grants are investigator-initiated and are not submitted in response to any particular announcement.

Tobacco Control Related Grant Opportunities

- Exploratory Grants for Behavioral Research in Cancer Control, PA-04-034. Expires 5/2/09
- Small Grants Program for Behavioral Research in Cancer Control (R03), PAR-06-458. Expires 12/23/08
- Social and Cultural Dimensions of Health, Trans-NIH Program Announcement, PA-05-029. Expires 1/3/08
- Testing Tobacco Products Promoted to Reduce Harm (R21), PA-06-361. Expires 3/6/09

Career Development Awards

- Various research training, career development, and education awards: www.cancer.gov/cancertraining
- Research Supplement to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research (PA-05-015):
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-05-015.html>
- NCI Cancer Prevention Fellowship Program (postdoctoral):
<http://www3.cancer.gov/prevention/pob/fellowship/>

Selected Other Initiatives

National Network of Tobacco Cessation Quitlines, 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669)

The National Network of Tobacco Cessation Quitlines is a state/federal partnership that provides tobacco users in every state with access to the tools and resources they need to quit smoking, ensuring the highest level of assistance to tobacco users who want to quit. The toll-free number serves as a single point of access to state-based quitlines.



The www.smokefree.gov Web site offers a variety of tools designed to help people quit smoking. Site features include an online step-by-step cessation guide, phone numbers for telephone support, a link to instant messaging with NCI counselors, U.S. map showing a list of cessation studies actively recruiting smokers, and self-help materials with links for downloading or ordering. Smokefree.gov was developed by NCI, with assistance from CDC. The site is free to the public.

Systems and Network Development Initiatives

Several projects have been funded to support the understanding of tobacco control systems (e.g., improving the progression of discovery to development, and to delivery) and the development of collaborative networks of scientists in order to improve communication and collaboration on tobacco control research in priority areas.

Tobacco Research Network on Disparities (TReND)

NCI has partnered with the American Legacy Foundation to develop and implement the Tobacco and Health Disparities Research Network. The mission of the Network is to understand and address tobacco-related health disparities by advancing the science, translating that scientific knowledge into practice, and informing public policy. This is the only national research network on tobacco and health disparities that offers a unique forum for stimulating scientific inquiry, promoting scientific collaborations, and evaluating the scientific evidence of research.

Tobacco Control Monograph Series

Since 1991, TCRB has produced comprehensive reports on various tobacco topics. Recent monographs include *Greater Than the Sum: Systems Thinking in Tobacco Control* (May 2007), *Evaluating ASSIST: A Blueprint for Understanding State-level Tobacco Control* (October 2006), and *Those Who Continue to Smoke* (April 2003). Monographs 1-18 are available online at: <http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/tcrb/monographs/index.html>



Tobacco Products

The World Health Organization (WHO) Tobacco Free Initiative (TFI), in furtherance of the aims and objectives of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control tobacco product regulation provisions and following the recommendations of the WHO Study Group on Tobacco Product Regulation (TobReg), convened the first meeting of the WHO Tobacco Laboratory Network (TobLabNet). More information about the TobLabNet is available at: http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/tcrb/who_toblabnet.html. Furthermore, the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) publishes Monographs that critically review and evaluate the published scientific evidence on human carcinogenic hazards.

For more information about initiatives, funding opportunities, and other tobacco control resources, please visit the TCRB website, <http://tobaccocontrol.cancer.gov> or contact us:

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