

Think About It

To our patient:

We care about you and your health, and we want you to think more about quitting smoking.

There are many stop-smoking medications and programs that really work. Quitting is difficult and will take some work on your part, but we want to help you.


Don't worry if you've tried before. Quitting is a process and it is normal to take several tries before the final quit.

When you decide the time is right to quit, call us or:

The Hawai'i Tobacco
Quitline 1-800-QUIT-NOW
(1-800-784-8669)

Yours truly,

Your Health Care Provider



Think about quitting.
You will feel better
about yourself
You are worth it

- When you're ready to quit, or if you have questions, call us or:
The Hawai'i Tobacco
Quitline 1-800-QUIT-NOW
(1-800-784-8669)
- Remember, we can help you choose stop-smoking medicines that work.
- If we work together, you'll be smoke-free!
- Remember, if you tried to quit before, try again.
Your chance of quitting increases with every attempt you make.

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When you're ready to quit smoking, we will help you to take the next step

Think About Your Health and Your Family

You know it all...

- Cigarettes contain nicotine and nicotine is addictive.
- Smoking puts you at great risk for heart disease and stroke, emphysema, lung cancer, and other diseases... and eventually long-term disability and the need for extended care.

But do you also know that the smoke from your cigarettes can harm your family...?

- Children living with secondhand smoke are sick more often and are at higher risk for asthma, ear infections and respiratory infections. And, children of smokers are more likely to become smokers themselves.
- Spouses and other adults breathing secondhand smoke... are also at risk for lung cancer and heart diseases.

Many smokers stop smoking—for their families as well as themselves. We want to help you to do it for yourself *and* for them.

Deep inside, you know your family worries about you also and probably wants you to stop smoking too.



When you decide to break the habit, we are here to support you


Think About How You Would Actually Do It

Quitting is tough. If you've tried to quit before, it's a good sign that you're thinking about trying again. That's the normal process. It takes several tries to learn how to stop. Each time you try helps you become stronger and stronger—because you learn how to do it better.

- Successful quitters spend time preparing before they actually give up smoking.
- They think about how to tackle the urge to smoke and say “no” to cigarettes offered to them.
- They think up ways to break their habits, learn new ways to handle stress, and get their friends and family to help.
- And part of preparing to quit is knowing why you smoke.
- Choose a method of quitting that fits your life and needs:
 - cold turkey,
 - cutting down,
 - delay, or
 - nicotine replacement medications.

We can connect you with stop-smoking programs that fit your life and needs.

If you worry about withdrawals or had difficulties last time, we can help you with stop-smoking medicines that can double your chance of success!



When you quit, all the benefits of not smoking will be yours

Think About Life After Cigarettes

You already know quitting is good for your health. The pleasure comes when you think about all the other good things that come with quitting tobacco.

- No more hiding and feeling guilty.
- No more coughing. No more phlegm.
- No more worrying about smelling like cigarettes and covering up with perfumes, breath fresheners, and mints.
- Your body begins to repair much of the damage caused by smoking.
- You look better, feel fresher, cleaner and healthier, and live longer.
- Food tastes good. You can smell better.
- You become a good role model for your children who care about you.
- No more worrying about exposing other people to secondhand smoke.

We will be happy for you when you take the step to stop smoking. Your friends and family will be pleased too.