

GOODBYE TOBACCO



The Health Consequences of Smoking – 50 Years of Progress: A Report of the Surgeon General, January 2014; www.cdc.gov/tobacco

“Over the past five decades, scientists, researchers and policy makers have determined what works, and what steps must be taken if we truly want to bring to a close one of our nation’s most tragic battles - one that has killed ten times the number of Americans who died in all of our nation’s wars combined.”

Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services

“Furthermore, we can accelerate progress through full commitment to clinical and public health advances; including the widespread use of telephone quit lines and science-based counseling and medications for tobacco users... With strategy, commitment, and action, our nation can leave the crossroads and move forward to end the tobacco epidemic once and for all.”

Howard Koh, Assistant Secretary for Health

“Smoking remains the leading preventable cause of premature disease and death in the United States. However, evidence-based interventions that encourage quitting and prevent youth smoking continue to be underutilized. We are at a historic moment in our fight to end the epidemic of tobacco use that continues to kill more of our citizens than any other preventable cause.”

Boris D. Lushniak, MD, MPH, Acting Surgeon General

Working Toward a Tobacco-Free Generation: 51 Years of Progress; January 28, 2015

<http://www.hhs.gov/blog/2015/01/28/working-toward-tobacco-free-generation-51-years-progress.html>

“For the lives of our children and our communities, we cannot stop now. Let’s carry on the efforts of the last half century to put an end to the tobacco epidemic. Together, we can help the next generation be tobacco-free.”

Dr. Vivek H. Murthy, U.S. Surgeon General

A tobacco-free world: A call to action to phase out the sale of tobacco products by 2040

“The time has come for the world to acknowledge the unacceptability of the damage being done by the tobacco industry and work towards a world essentially free from the legal and illegal sale of tobacco products. A world where tobacco is out of sight, out of mind, and out of fashion – yet not prohibited – is achievable in less than three decades from now, but only with full commitment from governments, international agencies, such as UN and WHO, and civil society.”

Prof Robert Beaglehole, DSc; Prof Ruth Bonita, Ph; Derek Yach, MBChB; Judith Mackay, FRCP; Prof K Srinath Reddy, DM. The Lancet: Volume 385, No. 9972, p1011–1018; March 14, 2015