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Public Health

- The conscientious, explicit, and judicious use of current best evidence in making decisions about
- the care of communities and populations in the domain of health protection, disease prevention, health maintenance and improvement.

Source:

Jenicek M. Epidemiology, evidenced-based medicine, and evidence-based public health. J Epidemiol. Dec 1997;7(4):187-197.

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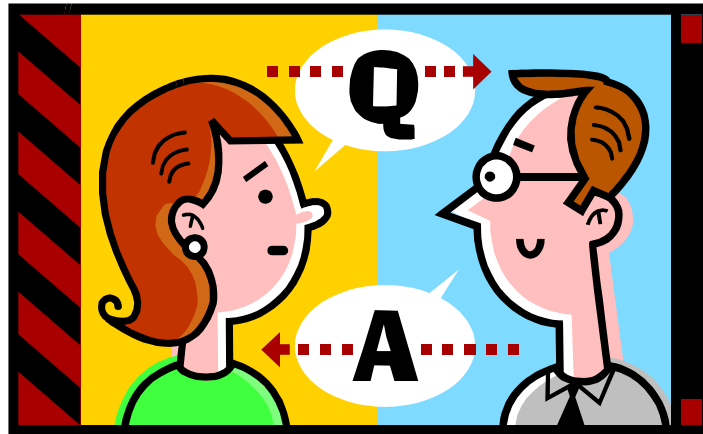
Evidence-Based Public Health Process

1. Define the public health problem.
2. Search and find the best evidence.
3. Critically appraise the evidence for validity and relevance.
4. Apply the evidence to practice.
5. Evaluate the results.

Source: Sackett DL, Rosenberg WM. The need for evidence-based medicine. *J R Soc Med.* Nov 1995;88(11):620-624.

Sibbald WJ. Some opinions on the future of evidence-based medicine. *Crit Care Clin.* 1998;14(3):549-558.

1. Define the public health problem



Convert the information needs
into answerable questions

Forming a Searchable Public Health Question

PICO

P - Population

I - Intervention

C - Comparison

O - Outcome

2. Search and find the best evidence



3. Critically appraise the evidence for validity and relevance

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INTERVENTIONS		Strength of Evidence
		Recommended (Strong Evidence) ●●
		Recommended (Sufficient Evidence) ●
		Insufficient Evidence to Determine Effectiveness ?
Reducing Environmental Tobacco Smoke		
	<u>Smoking bans and restrictions</u> 	●●
	Community education	?
Reducing Initiation		
	<u>Increasing the unit price for tobacco</u> 	●●
	<u>Media campaigns with interventions</u> 	●●
Increasing Cessation		
	<u>Increasing the unit price for tobacco products</u> 	●●
	<u>Media campaigns with interventions</u> 	●●
	Smoking cessation series	?
	Smoking cessation contests	?
	Provider education systems alone	?
	<u>Provider reminder systems alone</u> 	●
	<u>Provider reminder systems with provider ed</u> 	●●
	Provider feedback system	?
	<u>Reducing patient costs for treatments</u> 	●
	<u>Quitter telephone support with interventions</u> 	●●

Reviews of Evidence Regarding Interventions to Reduce Tobacco Use and Exposure to Environmental Tobacco Smoke

David P. Hopkins, MD, MPH, Peter A. Briss, MD, Connie J. Ricard, MPH, Corinne G. Husten, MD, MPH, Vilma G. Carande-Kulis, MS, PhD, Jonathan E. Fielding, MD, MPH, MBA, Mary O. Alao, MA, Jeffrey W. McKenna, MS, Donald J. Sharp, MD, DTM&H, Jeffrey R. Harris, MD, MPH, Trevor A. Woollery, PhD, Kate W. Harris, BA, The Task Force on Community Preventive Services

Overview: This report presents the results of systematic reviews of effectiveness, applicability, other effects, economic evaluations, and barriers to use of selected population-based interventions intended to reduce tobacco use and exposure to environmental tobacco smoke. The related systematic reviews are linked by a common conceptual approach. These reviews form the basis of recommendations by the Task Force on Community Preventive Services (TFCPS) regarding the use of these selected interventions. The TFCPS recommendations are presented on page 67 of this supplement.

Medical Subject Headings (MeSH): smoking cessation, tobacco use cessation, tobacco smoke pollution, community health services, decision-making, evidence-based medicine, meta-analysis, review literature, practice guidelines, preventive health services, public health practice (Am J Prev Med 2001;20(2S):16-66) © 2001 American Journal of Preventive Medicine

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- Multiple risk factor interventions for primary prevention of coronary heart

Cochrane Systematic Review

[Review]

Helmets for preventing injury in motorcycle riders

B Liu, R Ivers, R Norton, S Blows, SK Lo

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Motorcycle crash victims form a high prop
common cause of severe morbidity and mo
use decreases rider vision and increas ne
face and neck injuries following motorcycle

Objectives

To quantify the effectiveness of wearing a r

Search strategy

Databases including the Cochrane Injuries Group Specialised Register, Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials (*The Cochrane Library* issue
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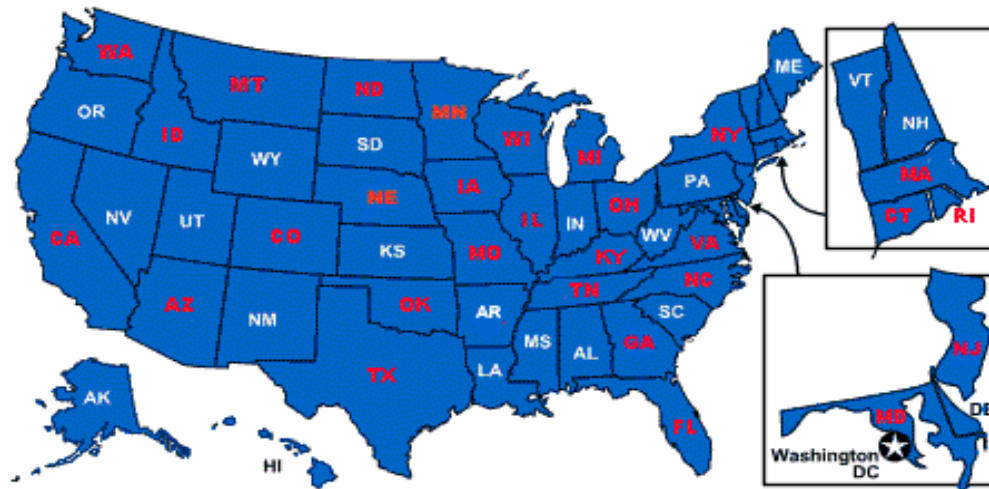
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