

SMOKING AMONG U.S. HISPANIC/LATINO ADULTS

Hispanic Community Health Study/ Study of Latinos (HCHS/SOL)



Presentation Outline

- About the HCHS/SOL study
- HCHS/SOL results about Smoking
- Prevalence of Smoking among
 Hispanics/Latinos of diverse backgrounds

Public Health Implications



About the Hispanic Community Health Study/ Study of Latinos (HCHS/SOL)

- HCHS/SOL is a comprehensive, longitudinal (prospective), population based, multicenter, cohort study of Hispanic/Latino populations in the United States.
- The study is sponsored by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute; and six other Institutes, Centers and offices within of the National Institutes of Health.
- Four communities participating in this landmark study are:
 - Bronx, New York
 - Chicago, Illinois
 - Miami, Florida
 - San Diego, California



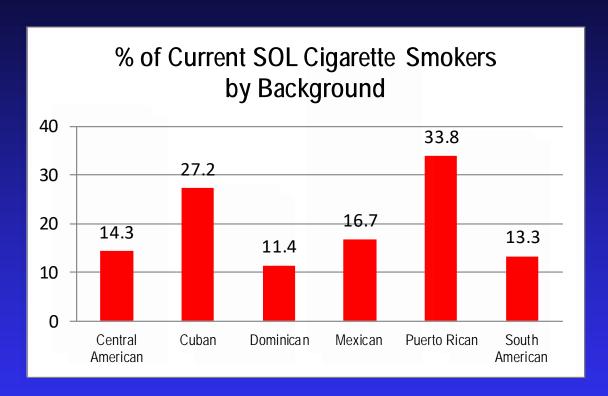
Purpose of the HCHS/SOL Study

- To identify prevalence of cardiovascular and pulmonaryrelated diseases (& other chronic diseases) in Hispanics/Latinos of diverse backgrounds.
- To identify the risk factors (social, cultural and psychological) that may have a <u>protective</u> or <u>harmful</u> role in the prevalence of cardiovascular and pulmonary-related diseases and other <u>chronic diseases</u>.
- To identify causes of death, and the rate of serious cardiovascular and pulmonary complications over time.

Why is important to know about smoking?

- Cigarette smoking is the leading cause of preventable disease and death in the US accounting for over 480,000 premature deaths each year.
- Previously there was no specific data on tobacco use among the Hispanic/Latino population living in the U.S.
- Tobacco smoke contains a deadly mix of more than 7,000 chemicals and toxic substances than can serious health problems, diseases, and death.
- People who stop smoking greatly reduces their risk for disease and premature death.
- Although the health benefits are greater for people who stop at earlier ages, quitting is beneficial at all ages.

Smoking Prevalence by Background



- •Smoking prevalence was higher among Hispanics of Puerto Rican and Cuban origin and lowest among Dominicans.
- •Smoking rates found among Hispanic males of Puerto Rican (34%) and Cuban (27%) origin were higher than reported rates for Non-Hispanic white males (22.6%)



Prevalence of Smoking by Age and Sex

Age Group	Males	Females
18-44	27.6%	16.4%
45-64	22 %	18.3 %
65-74	13.9 %	10.1%

- Smoking was more common among men than women in all age groups.
- Among Hispanic women born outside of the US, smoking became more common after longer time living in the US.

Smoking behaviors Daily Smoking

- Smoking intensity was defined by the number of cigarettes smoked per day.
- Cubans reported the highest smoking intensity.
 - ½ of Cuban men and 1/3 of Cuban women who smoked daily reported smoking 20 or more cigarettes a day.
- Compared with other groups of daily smokers, Mexicans reported the lowest smoking intensity
 - 7% or less reported smoking 20 or more cigarettes/day.



Smoking Behaviors: Intermittent Smoking

- A substantial number of current smokers reported that they smoked cigarettes only on some days rather than daily.
- Most common among Mexican men (16%), Central American men (10%), and Puerto Rican men (9%).



Quitting Smoking

- Hispanics more likely to quit were those of an older age and with higher levels of income, more than a high school education, and higher lifetime average cigarettes per day.
- Quitting was not significantly associated with gender or health insurance coverage.

Using of smoking cessation products

- The use of smoking-cessation products was relatively low in this population compared with previously reported population-based data.
- Further research is needed on availability, awareness, and acceptability of quit aids in Hispanic/Latino communities.



What does this mean for Hispanic/Latino communities?

- Hispanics often report smoking occasionally rather than on a daily basis.
 Patients and physicians should recognize the health risks even of occasional cigarette use.
- The use of quit aids was relatively low in this Latino population compared with previously reported population-based data. Steps are needed to increase the availability of smoking cessation aids for Latinos.
- Over time, Hispanic immigrant groups may be vulnerable to taking up smoking.
 This may relate to stress and media or cultural influences associated with adapting to life in the U.S.
- Although low smoking prevalence is a possible reason for longer life expectancy among some Hispanic groups, other Hispanic communities are at risk for worsening future epidemics of tobacco use.



Are you a smoker and interested in quitting?



- There is online help, quitting assistance by phone and in person counseling, free phone apps and free nicotine patches.
- Programs are free and people might need repeated attempts before they quit.
- For help in quitting, including free quit coaching, a free quit plan, free educational materials, and referrals:
 - call 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) or 1-855-DEJELO-YA
 - Visit http://smokefree.gov/
 - En español http://espanol.smokefree.gov/
 - Visit http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/campaign/tips/quit-smoking/



Household cigarette exposure among US Hispanic/Latinos

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What SOL tell us about HCSB?

- 40% of SOL participants reported being exposed to HCSB before and at age
 13 years and older.
 - The prevalence of HCSB exposure before and at age 13 and older was significantly higher for Cubans (59%) and Puerto Ricans (47%) than other Hispanic/Latino groups. (Mexicans 33%, Dominicans 38%, Central Americans 30%, South Americans 32%).
- About one-quarter reported maternal smoking during childhood and 20% of the participants were currently exposed to HCSB
 - Maternal smoking was also more common among Cubans (35%) and Puerto Ricans (30%)



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- Exposing a child to household cigarette smoking behavior (HCSB) and familial influences play a role on the onset and maintenance of cigarette smoking behavior. Children who grow up in a smoking household environment are more likely to initiate smoking through observation and imitation
- Comparisons across ethno-cultural groups showed that the prevalence of both maternal and household smoking was higher for Cubans and Puerto Ricans compared to other Hispanics/Latinos. In support of our hypothesis, these two ethnic groups also had the highest prevalence of current cigarette smoking



Associations among cigarette smoking, smoking cessation treatment, and depressive symptoms in Hispanic/Latino adults

- Results from the HCHS/SOL have shown that among all Hispanic/Latino background groups, current smokers had greater odds for depressive symptoms than never smokers, which is consistent with the literature in the general.
- Depressed persons were more likely to receive prescribed smoking cessation medications from a doctor than non depressed persons



HCHS/SOL Fact Sheet on Smoking



Take one and bring it home! It highlights HCHS/SOL results on smoking and provides you links with resources to find out more.

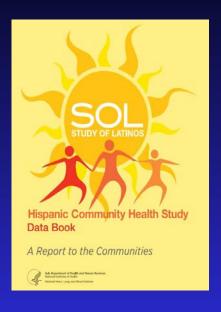
For more health information on smoking visit:

http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/data_statistics/fact_sheets/cessation/quitting/index.htm

Local Community Resources (FC specific)



Learn More about Latino Health



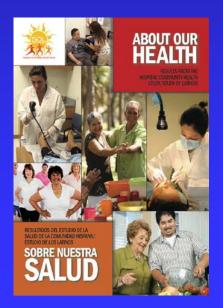
This report is the most comprehensive health and lifestyle analysis of people from a range of Hispanic/Latino background.

HCHS/SOL findings will enable individuals, communities, and policy makers to tailor health intervention strategies.



To download report:

http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/research/resources/obesity/population/hchs.htm



Highlights health areas that are having a positive impact in Hispanic and Latino families and communities.

Underlines health trends for each of the communities involved in the study.



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http://www.sol-study.org

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