

Effects of Smoking on Cardiovascular System

Abstract

Background: Smoking is a major risk factor for heart disease and death, and is recognized as one of the leading causes of death in the world. Cigarette smoke contains more than 4000 chemicals, including nicotine and carbon monoxide (CO), which can have harmful effects on heart function. These basic components of cigarette smoke cause oxidative stress, endothelial damage, and deactivation and are associated with very high serum concentrations of total cholesterol and triglycerides, as well as low levels of cardioprotective high-density lipoprotein. By causing intravascular inflammation, smoking promotes the development of atherosclerosis and heart disease. Exposure to secondhand smoke makes atherosclerosis disappear and increases the risk of MI, stroke, aortic aneurysm, and sudden death. Smoking can cause DM and accelerate the occurrence of minor DM and macrovascular complications. Smoking has causal relationships and frequent interactions with other major risk factors for CHD, including hyperlipidemia, hypertension. The effects of smoking are almost the same or almost the same as that of smoking. The purpose of this article is to provide a brief overview of the effects of smoking, and specifically the effects of nicotine and CO on cardiovascular function. Nicotine reduces independent cardiac function, increases sympathetic activity, and increases heart rate (HR).

Conclusion: By quitting smoking we have many options like behavioral changes and treatment instead of nicotine and bupropion.

Keywords: *Tobacco smoke; Nicotine; Inflammation; Free radicals*

Aim of the study

To understand the effects of smoking on the cardiovascular system and some knowledge about associated disorders thus you can manage it to decrease the suffering and prevent catastrophic death for the patient.

Introduction

Smoking is a major cause of heart disease and death, and it is one of the most preventable causes of death on the planet. Smoking is responsible for 25% of all heart disease fatalities worldwide. According to the European Society of Cardiology, smoking is responsible for 28% of heart deaths in males aged 35 to 69 and 13% in women of the same age. Smoking is the second biggest risk factor for life expectancy owing to disability and the highest risk factor for premature mortality in the WHO's European Region, accounting for 1.6 million deaths each year. happens. Each year, smoking is believed to be responsible for 15% of all deaths in the European Union, and in Greece, any smoking-related death among adults aged 35 and up is considered a homicide. Also included is the number of deaths attributable to old age, which accounts for 18.1 percent of all deaths (1).

According to the World Health Organization, tobacco use kills over 6 million people each year, including over 600,000 smokers who die of heart disease, lung cancer, and other ailments. By 2030, it is anticipated that more than 8 million people will die yearly if current trends continue. Smoking is one of the primary causes of heart disease, ischemic stroke, peripheral artery disease, and gastrointestinal aneurysms, among other conditions. It has been linked to an elevated risk of some cancers and is a leading cause of the chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). Through a series of interconnected mechanisms such as increased oxidative stress, hemodynamic alterations, and autonomic flexibility, active or passive smoking can induce heart disease. Endothelial dysfunction, thrombosis, inflammation, hyperlipidemia, or other complications are all possible side effects. Even tiny exposures, such as a few cigarettes per day, are enough to induce substantial negative effects. More than 4,000 compounds in cigarette smoke have been shown to harm heart function (1).

Other cardiovascular risk factors, such as fructose intolerance and low serum levels of high-density lipoprotein cholesterol, are exacerbated by smoking (HDLc). However, studies have demonstrated that, in addition to the impact of smoking on other risk factors, smoking increases the risk of CVD. To put it another way, if smoking doubles the risk level while also increasing another risk factor, adjustments are made to differentiate smokers from nonsmokers at the level of these other risk variables. The risk is expected to grow fourfold. Although smoking has been linked to PAD, aortic aneurysm, CHD, and cerebrovascular illness, the associated risk of disease (RR) varies depending on the arterial bed (1).

The Pathophysiology of Cigarette Smoking and Cardiovascular Disease

Cigarette smoking (CS) continues to be a significant contributor to cardiovascular morbidity and mortality. Cigarette smoking has an impact on atherosclerosis at all stages, from endothelial dysfunction to acute clinical events, the latter of which is largely thrombotic. Active and passive (environmental) cigarette smoke exposure raises the risk of cardiovascular events. Because several recent experimental clinical trials have shown a non-linear association between cigarette smoke exposure and risk, it's unclear whether there's a clear dose-dependent link between cigarette smoke exposure and risk. Although the exact hazardous components of cigarette smoke and the processes of CS-related cardiovascular dysfunction are unknown, CS increases inflammation, thrombosis, and LDL cholesterol oxidation. Recent experimental and clinical research supports the notion that cigarette smoke exposure increases oxidative stress, which may be a risk factor for cardiovascular disease (2).

According to epidemiological studies, cigarette smoking (CS) increases the risk of myocardial infarction (MI) and fatal coronary artery disease in both men and women (CAD). Even low-tar cigarettes and smokeless tobacco have been demonstrated to increase the incidence of cardiovascular events when compared to nonsmokers. Furthermore, passive smoking (ambient tobacco exposure) with a smoke exposure one-hundredth that of active smoking is connected to a 30% increase in the risk of coronary artery disease, compared to an 80% increase in active

smokers. While there is considerable evidence linking cigarette smoke exposure to cardiovascular disease, the specific components of cigarette smoke as well as the mechanisms that underpin this association remain unknown. This article summarises the most recent clinical and experimental findings on the pathobiology and mechanisms involved in smoking-related cardiovascular disease (fig. 1) (3).

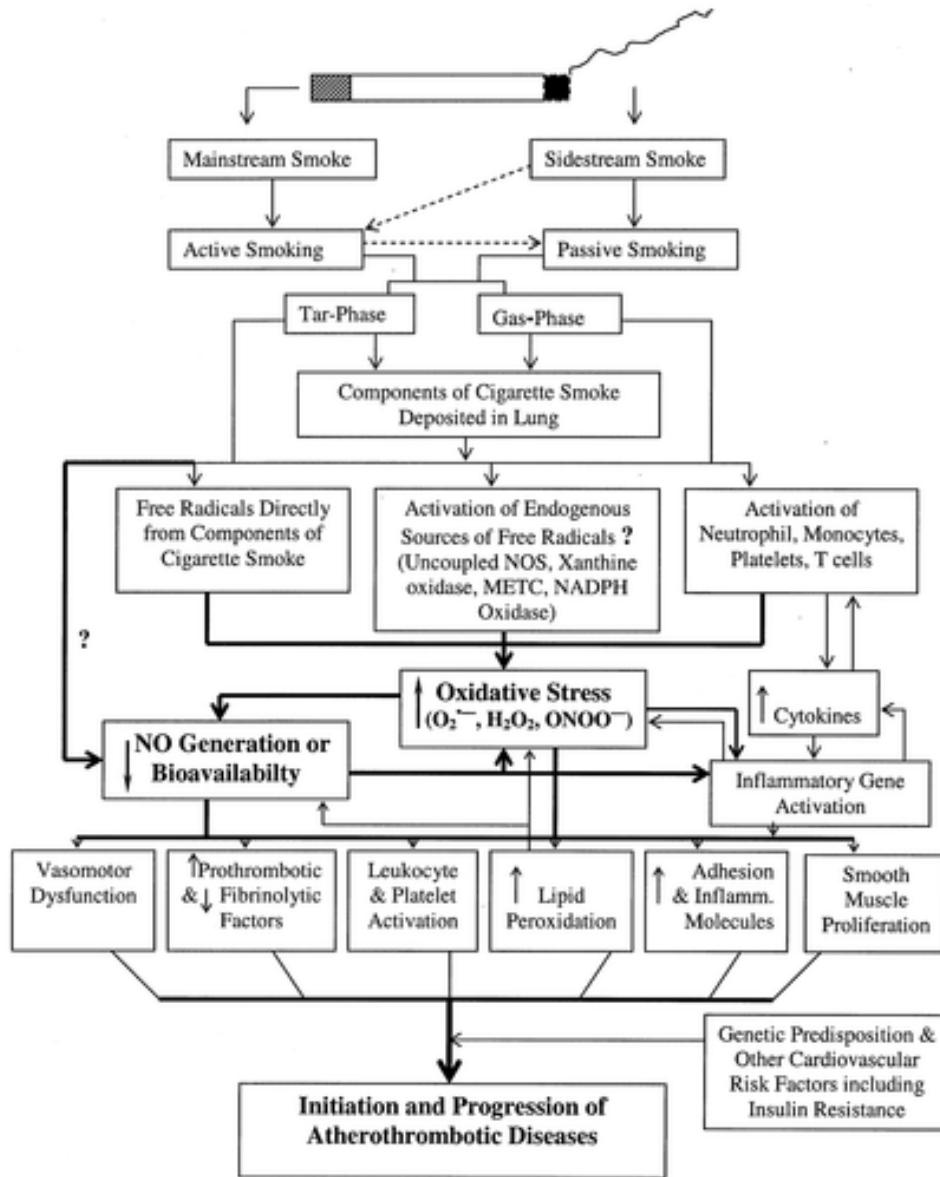


Figure 1 Cigarette smoking-induced cardiovascular dysfunction: potential paths and causes. The flow diagram's bold boxes and arrows reflect the most likely central mechanisms in the complicated pathophysiology of the cigarette-smoking-mediated atherothrombotic illness. METC = mitochondrial electron transport chain; NADPH = nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate reduced form; NOS = nitric oxide synthase; ONOO= peroxynitrite; O₂⁻= superoxide; H₂O₂= hydrogen peroxide (3)

Cardiovascular effects

Sudden Death

CVD is the leading cause of sudden death. Smoking was a statistically significant risk factor in a thorough analysis combining data from the Framingham Heart Study and the Albany Study, which looked at sudden cardiac mortality in males aged 45-64 years. Smoking was the sole variable risk factor for sudden cardiac death in data analysis of the 1986 National Mortality Follow-up Survey of People Without a History of CHD, increasing the risk of sudden cardiac death in people with heart disease. It had something to do with it. CHD stands for Coronary Heart Disease. There is a link between quitting smoking and a lower risk of cardiac arrhythmia death in patients with left ventricular dysfunction after a MI. Finally, smokers who survived cardiac arrest outside of the hospital had a decreased risk of recurrent cardiac arrest than nonsmokers (4).

Stroke

Smokers had a higher risk of cerebral palsy-related stroke, higher mortality, and a definite link to volume response than non-smokers. Furthermore, smoking raises the risk of stroke and increases mortality as the number of smokers grows, according to a 20-year prospective mortality analysis controlled for other risk variables linked with cardiovascular risk. A meta-analysis of data from 32 studies found that former smokers younger than 75 years had a higher risk of stroke than non-smokers in the same age group. All ages are welcome. Smoking was a major risk factor for stroke throughout the group's 26-year follow-up research on the Framingham Heart Study. Smokers who quit smoking for two years had a reduced risk than smokers who did not smoke for the rest of their lives after quitting for five years (5).

Aortic Aneurysm

Arteriovenous arterial occlusion disease is distinct from atherosclerotic and other arterial occlusive disorders in terms of vascular degeneration. Aneurysm formation in the vascular tree has a geographical distribution, and the pathological process differs depending on where it occurs. The most frequent kind of aneurysm disease is an abdominal infrarenal aortic aneurysm (AAA), and smoking is the biggest hazardous factor. Smoking causes AAA at a substantially higher rate than atherosclerosis. Smoking not only contributes to the etiology of AAA, but also speeds up the progression of the disease and raises the risk of fractures in people who already have it. Advanced animals based on smoke or smoke components are used to establish the mechanical relationship between AAA and smoke. Long-term alterations in the function of vascular smooth muscle cells and inflammatory cells are involved in the processes. This review will examine the clinical, epidemiological, and technical evidence considering tobacco as a cause of aneurysms, with an emphasis on AAA (6).

Clinically, historically, and functionally, arteriovenous arterial occlusion disease differs from arteriosclerosis and other arterial occlusive disorders. Most aneurysms can have atherosclerotic alterations, although this is not the reason. Aneurysms are more common in some arteries than others, and their causes differ depending on where they occur, for example. Although there is some evidence that smoking contributes to the formation or progression of some aneurysms, the function of smoking in the development or progression of other aneurysms has not been studied (7).

Hypertension

Smoking is a major risk factor for cardiovascular disease, and quitting is one of the most effective methods to avoid many of these illnesses. The major factors associated with smoking and the acceleration of atherosclerotic processes leading to cardiovascular events include endothelial dysfunction, arteriosclerosis, inflammation, lipid conversion, antithrombotic and thrombosis-promoting changes, and antithrombotic and thrombosis-promoting changes. Smoking increases blood pressure by activating the sympathetic nervous system (Fig. 2) (8).

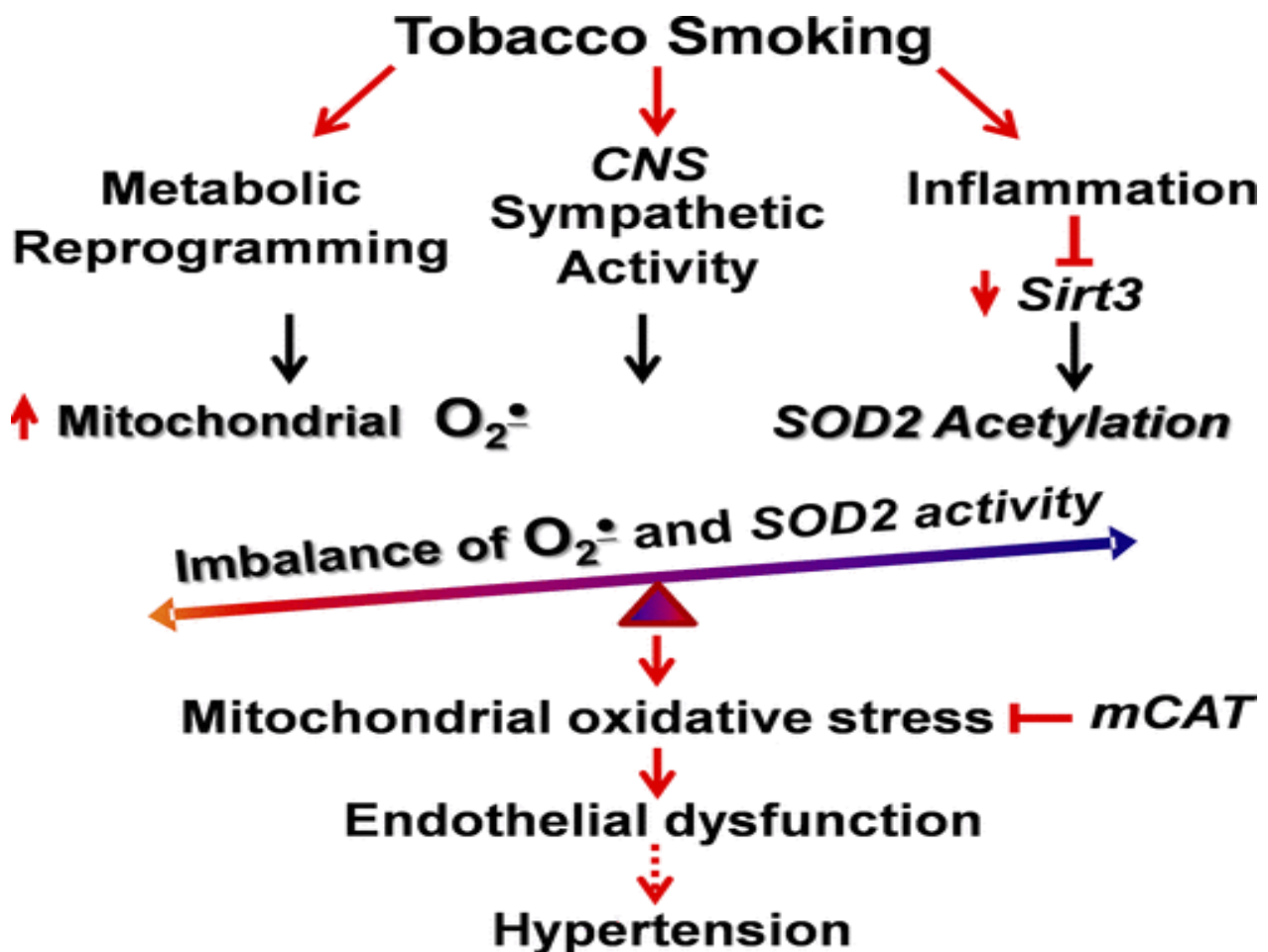


Figure 2 (Hypertension Pathogenesis) (8)

lipid metabolism

The effects of smoking include changes in lipid metabolism with increased lipolysis, insulin resistance, and tissue lipotoxicity. Smoking is prothrombotic and atherogenic (Fig. 3) (9).

Disorders of lipid metabolism

Arterial walls.

-It is the most important manifestation of lipid disorders.

-Cholesterol accumulation and associated cellular proliferation and fibrous tissue formation produces **atheromatous plaques**.

-Atherosclerosis is due to deformation and obstruction of the artery that may result from calcification and ulceration of plaques.

The small lipoproteins LDL and IDL are atherogenic.

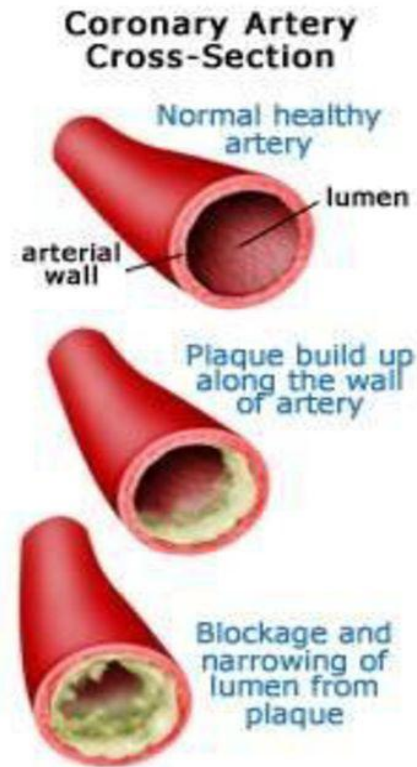


Figure 3 (Disruption of Lipid Metabolism in Smokers) (9)

Hemodynamic Effects

Blood Pressure and Heart Rate

Nicotine promotes the release of epinephrine and norepinephrine from the adrenal medulla and endothelial nerve terminals, resulting in a rise in heart rate and maximal attenuation via myocardial β_1 receptor stimulation. With α_1 -receptor-mediated vasoconstriction, which raises blood pressure, peripheral vascular resistance rises. In the coronary arteries, it also stimulates the β_2 and α_2 receptors. Vasodilation is promoted by stimulation of β_2 receptors, while vasoconstriction is promoted by stimulation of α_2 receptors (10).

Coronary Blood Flow

Smoking changes coronary blood flow's reaction to increased myocardial oxygen demand, lowering the flow of the coronary vasodilator blood flow reserve. As a result, based on myocardial function, the increase in coronary blood flow is lower than would be expected in the

absence of secondhand smoking exposure. Tobacco use has been linked to coronary artery endothelial dysfunction in numerous studies. Smoking has been linked to a narrowing of the coronary arteries. While smoking increases blood flow in people who do not have coronary heart disease, it can reduce cardiovascular blood flow in people who have heart disease (10).

Thrombogenic Effects

Smoke-induced thrombosis appears to be a significant contributor to major cardiovascular events. In addition to the risk of angina, epidemiological evidence suggests that smoking raises the chance of serious myocardial infarction and sudden death. Researchers believe that thrombosis is linked to the risk of severe myocardial infarction and sudden mortality and that angina pectoris is primarily caused by hemodynamic variables. Smokers have a higher chance of successful recuperation after thrombin treatment than nonsmokers (10).

Arteriosclerosis

The prodromal stage of atheromatous plaque formation could be the production of platelets lining the arterial wall if there is dynamic blood flow or endothelial injury. Because nicotine suppresses the formation of prostacyclin, which might lower platelet aggregation, it is hypothesized to enhance blood viscosity and platelet aggregation. Platelet adhesion promotes the creation of thrombi, separates coronary artery nerves, speeds up the formation of atheromatous plaques, and is linked to an increased risk of myocardial ischemia. Furthermore, nicotine alters prostaglandin metabolism, reducing vascular defenses against platelet aggregation (Fig. 4) (11).

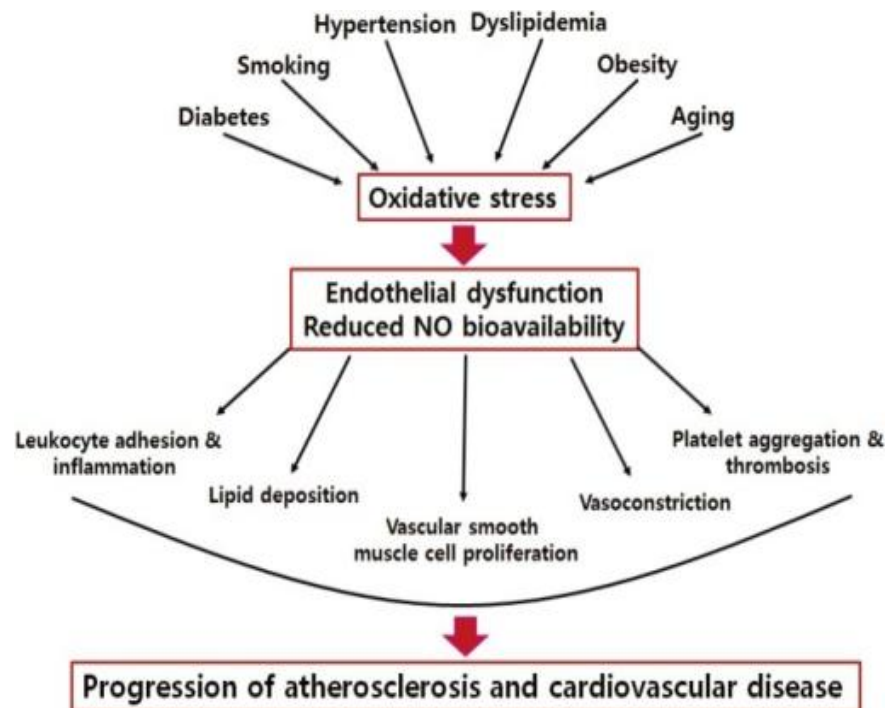


Figure 4 (Atherosclerosis in Smokers) (11)

Coronary heart disease (CHD), stroke, and peripheral arterial disease are all caused by atherosclerosis, a degenerative process that affects the coronary arteries, cerebral arteries, iliac and femoral arteries, and the aorta (PAD). During childhood, lipid deposits in macrophages and smooth muscle cells, predominantly cholesterol and its esters, begin in the intima of the major elastic and muscular arteries. The lesions, known as fatty streaks, cause only moderate intimal thickening and no blood flow difficulties in early childhood, but they rapidly worsen after puberty. A cap of smooth muscle and fibrous tissue covers a core of lipid and necrotic debris in young adults, and a cap of smooth muscle and fibrous tissue covers a core of lipid and necrotic debris in young adults. Fibrous plaques are elevated lesions that protrude into the lumen and impair blood flow as a result of these changes (11).

Endothelial Affection

Endothelial cells have been shown to secrete inflammatory and proatherogenic cytokines in response to smoke exposure. Endothelial dysfunction is the result of all of these events. Endothelial cell loss occurs owing to apoptosis or necrosis as a result of the direct physiological effects of smoke chemicals and the generation of active forms of oxygen (ROS)(Fig. 5) (12).

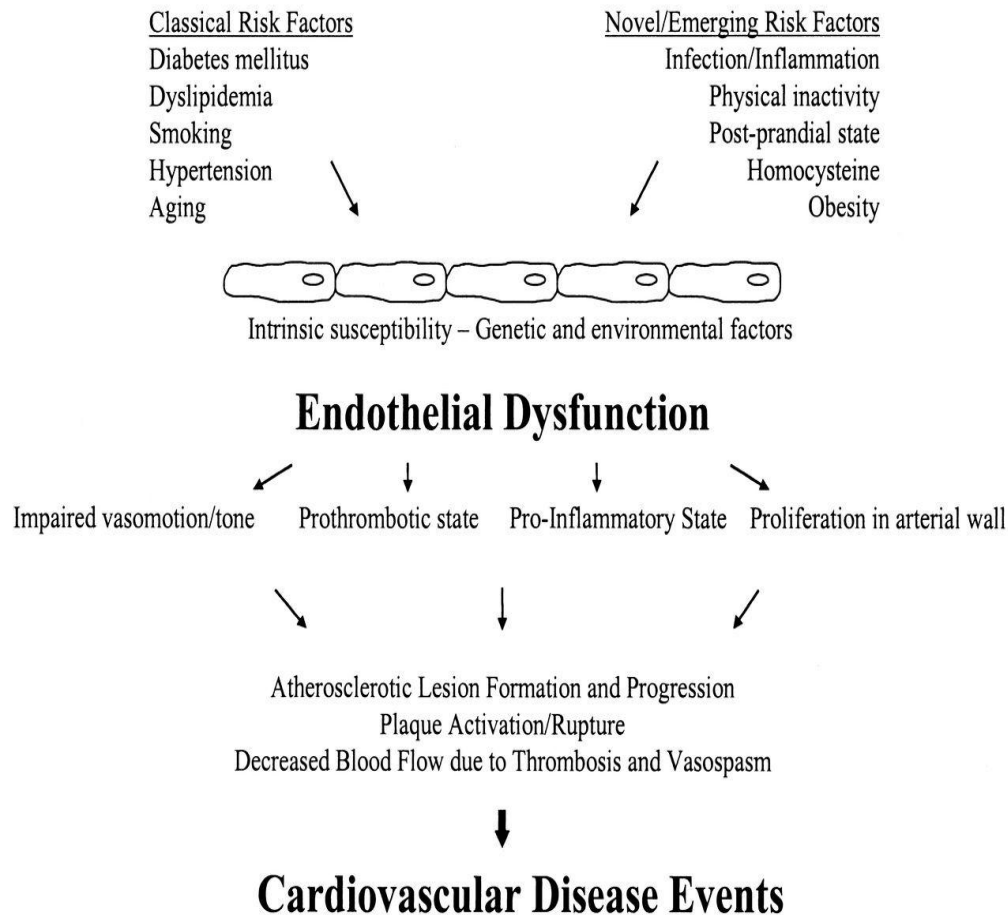


Figure 5 (Endothelial Damage in Smokers) (12)

Inflammation

Studies suggest that inflammation affects atherosclerosis as high leukocyte counts and high CRP and fibrinogen levels are potent predictors of future cardiovascular events. However, the mechanism by which tobacco smoking promotes inflammation has not been fully elucidated (Fig. 6) (13).

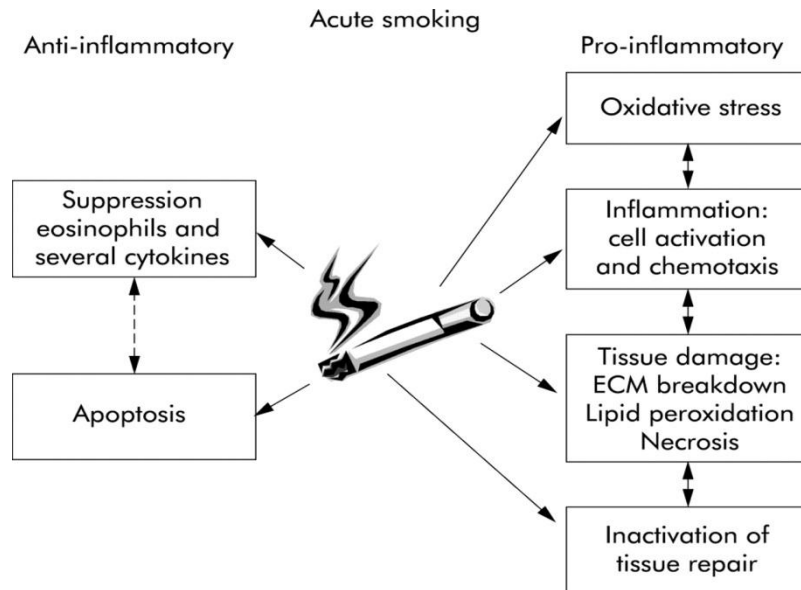


Figure 6 (inflammation pathogenesis in smokers) (13)

Smoking and Diabetes

Numerous studies have shown that smoking negatively affects glucose and lipid metabolism in people with or without diabetes. The investigators reported that smoking in diabetic patients was associated with decreased metabolic control and an increased risk of microvascular and macrovascular complications and death (Fig. 7) (14).

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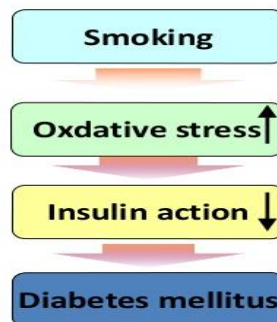


Figure 7 (How Smoking causes Diabetes) (14)

Complications:

Microvascular Complications

The microvascular disorders of diabetes (retinopathy, nephropathy, neuropathy) are associated with metabolic control in type 1 and type 2 diseases. The mechanisms of development of microvascular diseases are not fully understood, although several pathogenic mechanisms have been proposed. Hyperglycemia plays a key role as a trigger for downstream events such as the conversion of glucose to sorbitol by aldose reductase; non-enzymatic glycosylation of proteins and receptors in affected tissues; increased exposure to oxidative stress; and activation of protein kinase C and mitogen-activated protein kinases (Fig. 7, 8) (15).

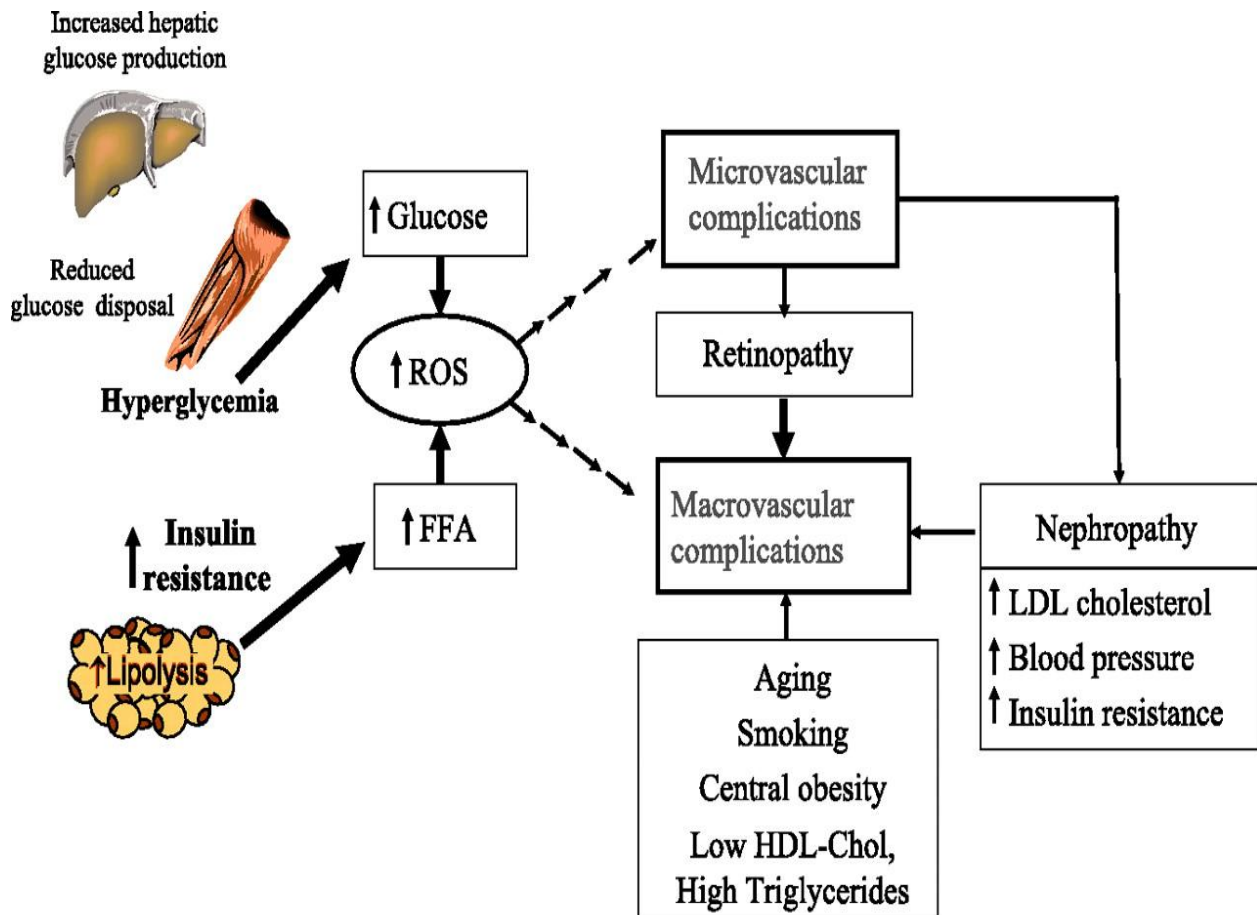


Figure 8 (Microvascular Complications of Smoking) (15)

Nephropathy:

Smoking and hyperglycemia increase oxidative stress and lipid accumulation, which regulates TGF- β , accumulates AGEs, reduces nitric oxide production, leads to inflammation of the lower glomerular membrane and mesangial proliferation, and further progression of mesangial glomerulosclerosis and interstitial fibrosis, as well as the effects of fibrosis (fig. 9) (15).

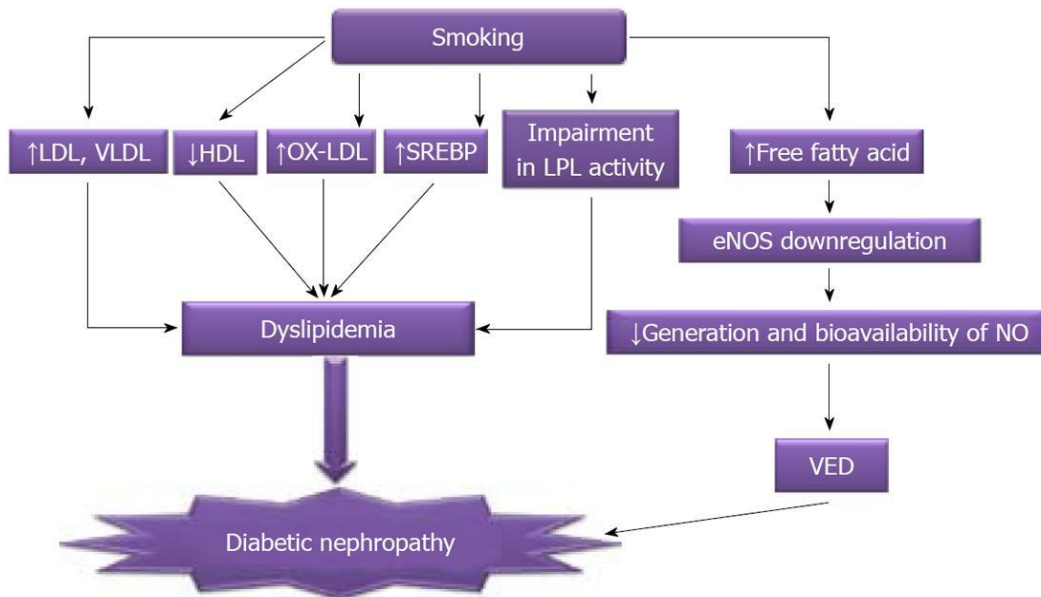


Figure 9 (How Smoking Causes Diabetic Nephropathy) (15)

Retinopathy

In general, researchers have never considered smoking to be a major risk factor for diabetic retinopathy. The results of a very large multicenter study show no strong support for such associations, except in the elderly with certain medical conditions. However, at least two studies of patients with type 1 diabetes suggest that smoking prioritizes patients with this retinopathy (Fig. 10) (16).

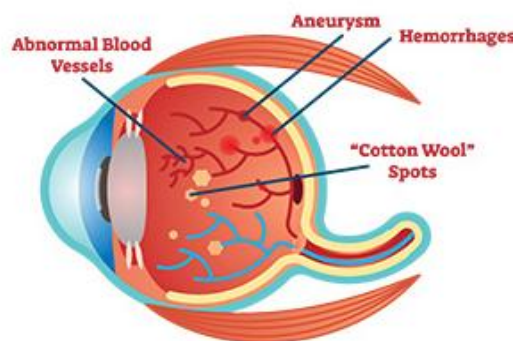


Figure 10 (Effect of Smoking on the Eye) (16)

Neuropathy

Smoking affects blood circulation and can increase the risk of peripheral neuropathy. Care should be taken in foot care, as peripheral neuropathy can begin slowly with numbness in the feet. Check your feet daily for cuts and other wounds (Fig. 11) (17).



Figure 11 (Effect of Smoking on Neurons) (17)

Macrovascular Complications

Smoking-related disorders, as well as coronary artery disease and death, are more common in diabetic patients. In the Multinational Study of Vascular Diseases of Diabetes, funded by the World Health Organization, smokers with type 1 or type 2 diabetes did not significantly increase their risk of CHD in a study group in London, England, among other things. The Stroke Diabetes and Complication Management Study (New England Journal of Medicine 1993), which looked at the role of intensive insulin therapy and glycemic-controlled therapy in type 1 diabetes, found that smoking was not a major risk factor for macrovascular complications after an eighth year. Because the participants were so few, this study was not well designed to assess the role of cigarette use. According to certain research, smoking increases the risk of CHD in young persons with type 1 diabetes (Fig. 12) (18).

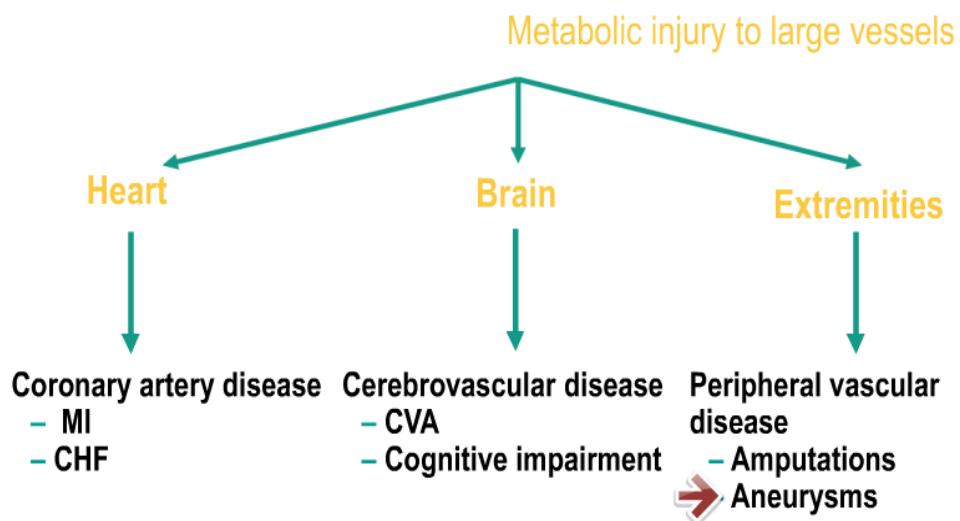


Figure 12 (Macrovascular Complications of Smoking) (18)

First, Second, and Third Hand Smoke Effects

The dangers of smoking are well-known. Inhaling nicotine and other dangerous substances in cigarette smoke can cause heart disease, stroke, and lung cancer in smokers and nonsmokers alike. The impact of so-called "thirdhand smoke," which refers to the potentially cancer-causing compounds that form when tobacco smoke particles mix with gases in the air and absorb into nearby surfaces like carpets, rugs, clothes, bedsheets, wall paint, car dashboards, and even toys, is less well understood. Tobacco smoke residue can stay in these materials for years after a cigarette has been put out, raising concerns among researchers that this could be harmful to people's health. However, assessing the dangers of thirdhand smoking is difficult, and research on its consequences is scarce (19).

Thirdhand smoke is created when particles from a cigarette or other tobacco-burning device infiltrate and permeate into items including hair, clothes, furniture, carpet, and walls. The compounds are then aged, which changes their chemical structure. When nicotine reacts with indoor air pollutants like nitrous acid, it generates carcinogens or compounds that might cause cancer. The gas is periodically re-emitted into the air in a process known as "off-gassing." (20).

Opening windows or using a fan to spread the smoke does not prevent thirdhand smoke from developing or being inhaled, and the residue may emit dangerous chemicals for years, if not decades. Thirdhand smoking isn't a one-time occurrence, according to Dr. Bechara. "As a result of increased exposure, it's a phenomenon that develops over time." Contaminants are also unaffected by standard cleaning processes. The only options are to replace the carpets or repaint the walls in most cases (21).

Even though it is a relatively new term, thirdhand smoking has been a research topic for decades. In 1953, a doctor from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis discovered that painting mice with tobacco smoke condensate—or liquid from gas condensation—caused cancer. In a 1991 study, researchers identified nicotine in the dust of smokers' homes. In a 2004 study, researchers discovered that nicotine was still present in homes where smokers tried to decrease their exposure by smoking outside. A 2008 study comparing smokers' and non-smokers' automobiles showed similar findings, including cigarette residue on the dashboards of cars driven by smokers who had banned smoking in their vehicles (22).

The term "thirdhand smoke" became well-known after it was first used in a 2009 study published in *Pediatrics*. "Children are more vulnerable to thirdhand smoke exposure because they breathe near, crawl and play on, touch, and mouth polluted surfaces," the authors theorized, "because they breathe near, crawl and play on, touch, and mouth polluted surfaces." To mitigate the risk, the American Academy of Pediatricians issued recommendations for limiting children's exposure. "Smokers should be aware of this," Dr. Bechara says, "since it may act as an incentive for them to quit for the sake of themselves and their loved ones." "Becoming aware of thirdhand

smoke might help smokers realize that they may be harming others in addition to themselves." (23).

Different Types of Smoking in Asian Countries

Additional country-specific options included hookah (sheesha), bidi, and cigars in India, Pakistan, Nepal, and Bangladesh; cigars in the Philippines; hand-rolled tobacco in Timor Leste; Pan Masala and Gutkha in India; and nuswar in Pakistan. Respondents were classified as 'current smokers' if they answered 'yes' to the first question, 'pipe' to the fourth question, or smoked hookah, bidi, cigars, or hand-rolled tobacco. Respondents were classified as 'current SLT users' if they answered the fourth question with any type of SLT, such as 'chewing' tobacco, 'Pan Masala,' 'Gutkha,' and snuff.' (23).

Methods to Reduce Exposure

Evidence-based options for treating smokers include behavioral and pharmacological treatments that significantly increase rates of long-term abstinence from smoking. Despite this, absolute abstinence rates are modest, ranging from 8% to 25% depending on the research group and treatment. Furthermore, only a small fraction of smokers are interested in treatment at any given time. Patients with CVD are more motivated to quit smoking and have a better likelihood of staying smoke-free for a long time than the general population of smokers. Despite this, abstinence rates remain dismally low, especially given the enormous health benefits that come with quitting smoking for this cohort (23).

Researchers are interested in studying interventions that could minimize the risk of smoking among patients who continue to smoke due to unsatisfactory treatment outcomes. Although there is little evidence that reducing cigarette exposure reduces harm, these strategies are commonly referred to as "harm reduction" measures. Only a few clinical trials, prospective cohort studies, and epidemiologic research have examined the impact of measures for reducing exposure on CVD risk factors and development to date (23).

Biomarkers of inflammation (e.g., CRP, leukocyte counts, and fibrinogen); thrombosis (e.g., fibrinogen and PAI-1); lipid abnormalities (e.g., total cholesterol, HDLc, LDLc, triglycerides, APOs A-I and B, and HDLc to LDLc ratio); and oxidative stress (e.g., total cholesterol, HDLc, LDLc (blood pressure, heart rate, angina, exercise tolerance, MI, other adverse events, and death) (24).

Epidemiology

Even though low- and middle-income countries account for more than 80% of the global burden of cardiovascular disease, wealthier countries have a better awareness of the impact of risk factors. As a result, the impact of such factors on the risk of coronary heart disease is unknown in most regions of the world (25). A systematic case-control study of acute myocardial infarction

was built in 52 countries that represented every continent inhabited. The study enrolled a total of 15152 patients and 14820 controls. The link between smoking, hypertension, diabetes, waist/hip ratio, dietary habits, physical activity, alcohol consumption, blood apolipoproteins (Apo), and psychosocial factors, as well as myocardial infarction, is investigated in this study. Using odds ratios and their 95 percent confidence intervals, the connection of risk variables to myocardial infarction and their population attributable risks (PAR) was estimated (25).

Smoking (odds ratio 2.87 for current vs never, PAR 35.7% for current and former vs never), raised ApoB/ApoA1 ratio (3.25 for top vs lowest quintile, PAR 49.2% for top four quintiles vs lowest quintile), history of hypertension (1.91, PAR 17.9%), diabetes (2.37, PAR 9.9%), abdominal obesity (1.12 for top vs lowest tertile and 1.62 for middle vs lowest tertile, PAR 20.1% for top two tertiles vs lowest tertile), psychosocial factors (2.67, PAR 32.5%), daily consumption of fruits and vegetables (0.70, PAR 13.7% for lack of daily consumption), regular alcohol consumption (0.91, PAR 6.7%), and regular physical activity (0.86, PAR 12.2%), were all significantly related to acute myocardial infarction ($p < 0.0001$ for all risk factors and $p = 0.03$ for alcohol). These connections were found in both men and women, young and old, and in all parts of the globe. In men, these nine risk factors accounted for 90% of the PAR, while in women, they accounted for 94%. (26). Abnormal lipids, smoking, hypertension, diabetes, abdominal obesity, psychosocial variables, consumption of fruits, vegetables, and alcohol, and regular physical exercise all contribute to the majority of the risk of myocardial infarction in both sexes and at all ages in all places. This research suggests that global preventative programs can be built on similar principles and can prevent the majority of myocardial infarctions before they happen (27).

Discussion

Tobacco kills one person every six seconds, or one out of every ten adults. Tobacco-related ailments will eventually kill up to half of today's smokers. Around 80% of the world's more than 1 billion smokers live in low- and middle-income nations, where tobacco-related diseases and fatalities are significantly more prevalent. Every year, an estimated 6 million people die from the effects of smoking around the world. In public locations, about half of youngsters are exposed to cigarette smoke regularly. At least one parent smokes, which affects more than 40% of children. Each year, 600,000 people die prematurely as a result of secondhand smoke. According to the 2012 Eurobarometer report "European Attitude Tobacco," 28 percent of Europeans aged 15 and older smoke, with Greece (40 percent) having the greatest prevalence and Sweden having the lowest (13 percent). Italy (like the Netherlands) is in fourth place with a frequency of 24% from last time. The 2012 Italian DOXA survey, which is commissioned every year by the Istituto Superiore di Sanita, found a low rate of 21% (28).

Specifically, In Egypt, 37.7% of men, 0.5 percent of women, and a total of 19.4% (9.6 million adults) smoke cigarettes. Every day, 35.8% of men and 0.5 percent of women in the country smoke. Hookah is currently used by 6.2 percent of men, 0.3 percent of women, and a total of 3.3

percent (1.6 million adults). Secondhand smoke is inhaled by 6.5 million persons (60.7 percent of adults whose workplace includes their home). Another study of high school students in Egypt's suburbs discovered that 19% had ever smoked hookah. Three studies found that 11-15 percent of older men living in the valleys smoked in pipe clubs. Smoking is also prevalent among healthcare professionals and medical students. According to a 2010 study, smoking prevalence among healthcare workers in Italy is 44 percent, more than double that of the general population, and this is attributed solely to an increase in the number of nurses (48.2 percent). Doctors (33, 9%), medical students.(35%) and graduate students (52.9%) (29).

Nicotine, carbon monoxide (CO), oxidizing gases, and other cigarette smoke components, including atherogenesis in CVD pathogenesis, have all garnered a lot of attention as contributing factors to CVD. Nicotine, which is rapidly absorbed from cigarette smoke, is present in blood at concentrations of 40 to 100 ng/ml after each cigarette is eaten. Typically, 1 to 2 milligrams of nicotine are consumed per cigarette in a systematic manner (mg). The end of a two-hour half-life of nicotine is connected with this pattern of deposition. Nicotine levels in venous plasma in smokers reach a peak early in the morning and stay there until bedtime. As a result, these findings indicate that the average smoker is exposed to considerable nicotine levels 24 hours a day. Nicotine stimulates the release of catecholamines from neurons and the adrenal gland on a local level. In studies of the pharmacodynamics of nicotine, the severity of its main effects is more rapid (30).

Summary and Conclusion

The largest preventable cause of cardiovascular illness and mortality is cigarette smoking. Smoking has been linked to a two- to fourfold increased risk of coronary heart disease, a 70 percent excess rate of coronary heart disease death, and an increased risk of sudden death. Hypertension, hypercholesterolemia, glucose intolerance, and diabetes, all of which have a synergistic effect with smoking, exacerbate these risks. The link between smoking and the risk of developing peripheral vascular disease has also been well established. Approximately 70% of patients with atherosclerosis obliterans and practically all of those with thromboangiitis obliterans are smokers. Although smokers have a higher risk of stroke and stroke-related death than nonsmokers, the link between smoking and cerebrovascular disease is still being debated. Smoking has also been implicated in the development of cor pulmonale, but a direct association with congestive heart failure has not been established.

Nicotine and carbon monoxide appear to play key roles in the negative consequences of smoking on the cardiovascular system. Both components have been demonstrated to affect the myocardial oxygen supply/demand ratio and cause endothelial damage, which leads to the formation of atherosclerotic plaque. There have also been negative impacts on the lipid profile, although the link between these changes and the risk of cardiovascular disease has yet to be established. Smoking cessation, in particular, resulted in a significant reduction in the risk of death from both coronary heart disease and stroke. Given that smoking rates have dropped predominantly among

educated segments of the population in the United States, future efforts must focus on offering effective education, including smoking cessation approaches, to the less educated.

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As per international standard or university standard ethical approval has been collected and preserved by the authors.

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There is no conflict of interests to declare.

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