

School of Medicine Policy on Smoking and Tobacco Funding

Responsible Office: School Of Medicine Research Office

Effective Date: July 21, 2003

Purpose:

Cigarette smoking is the leading preventable cause of death in the United States. It kills over 440,000 Americans, including an estimated 1,007 infants, each year ⁽¹⁾. An estimated 4.2 million people worldwide died from tobacco use in 2000 and 10 million are projected to die between 2025 and 2030, 70% of these in developing countries. Of every human being alive today, 500,000,000 persons will eventually be killed by tobacco ⁽²⁾.

Tobacco companies produce a product and have behaved in a manner that are at cross purposes to our academic mission, our ethical standards and our goal of "making people healthy." As one of the nation's leading centers of teaching, patient care, and research, we intend to ensure that our tobacco policy is in line with our mission and our role as a leader in health care and clinical research.

Applicability:

This policy applies to all faculty and students enrolled at the Emory University School of Medicine.

Policies and Responsibilities:

The School of Medicine prohibits the solicitation or acceptance of funding for research or other purposes from tobacco companies and from those who make or market tobacco ⁽³⁾. Further, the School of Medicine supports efforts undertaken by the University to make its dormitories smoke-free.

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(1) MMWR - Annual Smoking-Attributable Mortality, Years of Potential Life Lost, and Economic Costs - United States, 1995-1999. MMWR Highlights. April 12, 2002 / Vol. 51 / No. 14.

(2) Ezzati M, Lopez A, Mortality and burden of disease attributable to smoking and oral tobacco use, Global and Regional estimates for 2000, Comparative Risk Assessment, World Health Organization, 2002.

(3) R.J. Reynolds-Kraft, Phillip Morris (Altria), U.S. Tobacco, British-American Tobacco, Japan Tobacco International and the Center for Indoor Air Research, or other tobacco product companies and their subsidiaries.