



History of ACCP Antitobacco Activity

- 1960** **Statement on cancer of the lung**
In response to the alarming increase in lung cancer cases, the ACCP publishes a statement in *CHEST* (1960; 37:248), the official journal of the College, emphasizing the need to find the causative agents of lung cancer. Smoking is cited as a probable cause.
- 1962** **Resolution relating cigarette smoking and cancer**
After several years of studying the effect of cigarette smoking on the respiratory and cardiovascular systems, the Committee on Lung Cancer of the ACCP passes a resolution regarding the harmful effects of cigarette smoking. The US Surgeon General presents the resolution to a national advisory committee appointed to study the health aspects of smoking.
- 1965** **Passage of the Labeling Act**
Prompted by ACCP and other medical society efforts to provide conclusive medical evidence on the harmful effects of cigarette smoking, the US Congress passes the bill requiring the Surgeon General's warning label to be printed on all cigarette packages.
- 1968** **Worldwide smoking awareness campaign**
ACCP develops smoking-awareness signs for display in reception rooms of physician offices. The signs are distributed free of charge to physicians throughout the world and read: "Smoking can be a serious health hazard. Please do not smoke in the reception room—it may affect other patients."
- Deliberations with the United States Public Health Service**
ACCP and the United States Public Health Service join forces to evaluate the role of the physician in the office management of smoking problems. The groups discuss physicians' attitudes toward smoking, the relationship of smoking to disease, how to help patients stop smoking, and approaches to office management of smoking. Consensus reports are published in *CHEST* (1968; 54:169-220).

- 1970** **Special report on cigarette smoking**
A two-part report, "Cigarette Smoking: Questions Patients Ask Doctors," is published in *CHEST* (1970; 58:147-151 and 1970; 58:369-72). The report, written in response to the challenging inquiries patients are making about smoking cessation, outlines responses to commonly asked questions.
- 1971** **Symposium on cigarette smoking**
The College holds a symposium, "Cigarette Smoking: The Physician's Role and Benefits of Cessation." The group discusses information regarding cigarette smoking and how physicians can use this information in guiding patients toward smoking cessation. The results, including a plan of action, are published in *CHEST* (1971; 59:414-417).
- 1972** **Adoption of "no smoking" policy**
ACCP attracts the attention of the national media when it limits smoking to a specially designated area of the assembly hall at its annual meeting.
- Program for team approach to smoking cessation**
Under a federal contract with the National Clearinghouse for Smoking and Health, ACCP works with other health organizations to outline a program for a team approach to smoking cessation. The plan involves a cooperative effort among physicians, nurses, and other allied health professionals caring for patients.
- 1979** **Nonsmoking pledge**
"As a fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians and a leader in the most important struggle faced by health-care professionals, the prevention and control of our major health problems of lung cancer and cardiovascular and chronic pulmonary disease, I shall make a special personal effort to control tobacco use and to eliminate this hazard from my office, clinic, and hospital. I shall ask all my patients about their use of tobacco, and I shall assist the tobacco user in eliminating this deadly habit. I make this pledge to my patients and to society."
- 1982** **Management of smoking in the physician's workshop project**
Recognizing the importance of the physician assuming a leadership role in smoking cessation, the ACCP Committee on Smoking and Health campaigns to eliminate smoking in physician offices. The Committee publishes procedural guidelines for smoking management in *CHEST* (1982; 82:360-361).
- Monograph identifying the physician's role in smoking cessation**
The College prepares and publishes for distribution a monograph identifying the responsibility of chest physicians to ask all patients about their smoking habits and to assist patients in smoking cessation.

- 1983 The Smoking Prevention, Health Education Act of 1983**
The ACCP supports this bill, which would promote public awareness of the hazards of smoking through labeling and advertising.
- 1985 Cigarette excise tax**
ACCP joins with the Coalition on Smoking OR Health and 37 national organizations in the formation of the Ad Hoc Group to increase the cigarette excise tax from 16¢ to 32¢ a pack.
- 1986 Development of Alton Ochsner Award Relating Smoking and Health**
ACCP and the Ochsner Medical Institutions combine to develop the Alton Ochsner Award for Relating Smoking and Health. The award is presented for outstanding scientific work that provides insight into the mechanisms and potential early treatment of lung cancer related to smoking. The award is presented during ACCP's Convocation Ceremony at the annual meeting and will be presented on an annual basis at subsequent Convocation Ceremonies.
- Cigarette excise tax**
As the first initiative to raise the cigarette excise tax (1985) did not pass, ACCP continues its work with the Coalition on Smoking OR Health and other member-groups to raise the cigarette excise tax from 16¢ to 24¢ a pack.
- 1990 Campaign for smoke-free society by 2000**
The ACCP Government Liaison Committee develops a plan to achieve a smoke-free society by the year 2000. The plan focuses on:
- Reducing or banning cigarette advertising
 - Raising taxes on cigarettes
 - Limiting tobacco sales throughout the nation
- Smoking ban on domestic flights**
The College plays a key role in the passage of federal legislation on February 25, 1990, banning smoking on domestic flights within the continental US, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. ACCP involvement includes:
- Educating Congress during the deliberation of the original bill
 - Working with the US House members of the committee to support a stronger version of the bill
 - Working with other organizations, such as airline pilots, who also support the ban
- The Tobacco Product Education and Health Protection Act**
ACCP is one of 64 national organizations to endorse the bill establishing a Center for Tobacco Products at the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to administer such programs as:

- National information program
- Model state leadership incentive grants
- Antitobacco use education programs in the workplace
- Regulatory provision on additives in cigarettes
- Education provisions

1991 Cipollone v Liggett Group, Inc.

The College files an *amicus curiae* brief in the US Supreme Court in support of Rose Cipollone in *Cipollone v Liggett Group, Inc.* The brief is unique in that it:

- Deals exclusively with the medical evidence of the health hazards of smoking
- Addresses the addictive nature of nicotine

In a landmark decision, the court rules in favor of Cipollone, sending the case back to the lower courts to determine whether the cigarette manufacturers misrepresented the health hazards of their product through their labeling practices.

1992 Veterans Health Care Act of 1992 Amendment

The ACCP Government Liaison Committee initiates a letter-writing campaign to express opposition to an amendment to the Veterans Health Care Act of 1992. Rather than require the VA medical centers to be smoke-free, this amendment requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to make available separate ventilated indoor smoking areas available in VA medical centers and to make tobacco products available for purchase in VA canteens. As tobacco use is one of the leading causes of disease among VA medical center patients, ACCP members send letters of opposition to their respective US Senators.

1993 The Tobacco Consumption Reduction and Health Improvement Act of 1993

The ACCP Government Liaison Committee initiates a letter-writing campaign in support of this bill to increase the excise tax on cigarettes from 24¢ to \$1 a pack. Over 80% of the revenue from tax dollars collected is to be used to provide health-care access.

The College also creates a coalition with 26 national organizations to support the bill. A coalition letter is sent to all members of the US House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee.

Harkin Bill, S.609

ACCP supports the Harkin Bill to reduce the tax deductions for tobacco advertising from 100% to 50%. According to the Joint Committee on Taxation, this would raise \$1.9 billion over the next 5 years; 40% of the resultant revenue would finance antismoking advertising.

Synar Bill

ACCP serves on the Legislative Advisory Council of the Coalition on Smoking OR Health during deliberation of the Synar Bill, legislation requiring the US Food and Drug

Administration to regulate tobacco products. ACCP is one of three medical societies to issue news releases in support of the bill.

***Congressional Record* article**

The College is commended in an October 19, 1993, *Congressional Record* statement by the Honorable Richard J. Durbin (D-IL) for its longstanding antismoking efforts. College members are also recognized for the nonsmoking pledge they make to society.

1994

International Committee on Smoking and Health

The ACCP, American Thoracic Society, European Respiratory Society, Asia-Pacific Respiratory Society, and International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease join forces to form an international Committee on Smoking and Health. The Committee begins work to produce a consensus statement, for release in 1995, representing an international agreement relating to:

- The addictive nature of smoking
- The relationship between smoking and disease
- The role of physicians relating to smoking
- The need to oppose expansion of the international tobacco market

Mississippi v The American Tobacco Company et al

ACCP takes the leading educational role in this case, planning to provide to the courts medical evidence of the addictive nature of tobacco and the adverse health effects of smoking. In addition, ACCP plans to file an *amicus curiae* brief with the court to formally outline this evidence. To broaden physician support for Mississippi in this case, ACCP launches a public awareness campaign focusing on physicians in the state and surrounding area. The College also initiates a coalition of other medical societies to collectively serve as expert advisors.

Minnesota and Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Minnesota v Philip Morris Incorporated et al

Again, ACCP takes the leading educational role in this case, acting as a medical resource for the state through the development of expert testimony on the addictive nature of nicotine and the severe health hazards of smoking.

Cigarette excise tax

The ACCP Government Liaison Committee initiates a letter-writing campaign among its membership to encourage the House Ways and Means Committee to set the excise tax on cigarettes at \$2 a pack. ACCP supports such an increase, so generated revenue will be sufficient enough to cover the health-care costs associated with smoking.

Delta Air Lines award

ACCP honors Delta Air Lines with a corporate award at the ACCP President's International Reception and Awards Ceremony for implementing an unprecedented smoking ban on transatlantic, intra-Europe, and New York/JFK to Mexico flights.

1995

Partnering for World Health Award

Presented to Mayor Rudolph Guiliani of New York City

CHEST 1995 ANNUAL MEETING

General Session: Tobacco Control: Not Just Blowing Smoke: A Report From the Trenches on the Tobacco Wars:

Joe Cherner, New York, NY

Ronald M. Davis, MD, Lansing, MI

Christopher Buckley, New York, NY

Alan Blum, MD, Houston, TX

International No Smoking Statement

A Statement of the Joint Committee on Smoking and Health *by the American College of Chest Physicians, American Thoracic Society, Asia Pacific Society of Respiriology, Canadian Thoracic Society, European Respiratory Society, and International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease*

Continued work with Minnesota and Mississippi tobacco lawsuits

Supported 8th graders in fight for passage for local ordinance

Eighth grade students in Highland Park, IL, conduct a project on how tobacco affects health. The ACCP became aware of this project and lends educational support to this group of students. As a result of this project, two ordinances are passed by the Highland Park City Council. The first ordinance requires merchants selling tobacco products in the city to buy a \$50 license. The second ordinance prohibits minors from possessing tobacco in the city. Those found with tobacco products would be issued a ticket similar to a parking ticket. This ordinance also prohibits cigarette vending machines in the city.

1996

ACCP initiates coalition letter

The College organizes a coalition with 13 national medical organizations who request by letter that the US House of Representatives support further investigations of the truthfulness of allegations that Mr. Thomas E. Sandefur, former Chair of the Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp, lied under oath to Congress about his views on nicotine addiction. This coalition letter is sent to Speaker of the US House of Representatives and the Minority Leader of the US House of Representatives stating that the American public has a right to know the truth on this matter.

***Amicus Curiae* Brief for the state of Mississippi tobacco litigation**

The ACCP submits an *amicus curiae* brief (friend of the court brief) to the Supreme Court of the state of Mississippi. This brief is accepted by the US Supreme Court.

CHEST 1996 ANNUAL MEETING

General Session: The Ultimate Challenge: Facing the Tobacco Industry

Moderator: The Honorable Mike Moore, Attorney General, State of Mississippi

Panelists: The Honorable Skip Humphrey, Attorney General, State of Minnesota
The Honorable Drew Edmundson, Attorney General, State of Oklahoma
The Honorable Grant Woods, Attorney General, State of Arizona

Partnering for World Health Award

Presented to The Honorable **Mike Moore**, Attorney General for the state of Mississippi, The Honorable **Skip Humphrey**, Attorney General, State of Minnesota, The Honorable **Drew Edmundson**, Attorney General, State of Oklahoma, and The Honorable **Grant Woods**, Attorney General, State of Arizona.

Presented to **His Majesty, the King of Thailand, Bhumibol Adulyadej, Rama IX** by Deborah Shure, MD, Master FCCP, Immediate Past President of ACCP.

1997

Continued participation in state tobacco litigation

The ACCP attends the Mississippi Supreme Court hearing in support of the Attorney General's position against the Governor of Mississippi. ACCP is the only medical society present for this hearing.

Development of the Tobacco Education Learning Center, CHEST 1997

Part of the exhibit hall at CHEST 1997. Tobacco control groups are invited to exhibit their educational products for physicians to use in their education of patients with regard to the negative health effects of tobacco. Many of the exhibitors have developed educational materials geared to children.

ACCP receives grant from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to distribute the Agency for Health Policy and Research Guidelines for Specialists to its membership.

Participate in tobacco settlement talks

Attorney General of Mississippi Mike Moore invites an officer of the ACCP, John E. Studdard, MD, FCCP, to join the panel of state attorneys general and other key negotiators involved in the ongoing tobacco settlement talks. Dr. Studdard attends the

negotiations and serves as an educational resource for the tobacco settlement negotiating team.

Advisory Committee on Tobacco Policy and Public Health

Participates as a member of this committee, co-chaired by Dr. C. Everett Koop and Dr. David A. Kessler. The ACCP representative to this committee is D. Robert McCaffree, MD, Master FCCP, President-Elect.

AMA Task Force on Tobacco Settlement Agreement

Participates as member on this committee for ACCP—D. Robert McCaffree, MD, Master FCCP, President-Elect.

International Partnering for World Health Award at CHEST 1997, annual meeting

Presented to Claude J. M Lenfant, MD, FCCP, and Judith Longstaff Mackay, MBChB

Participate in Coalition of Public Health Groups to further tobacco settlement

ACCP is invited to become a member of a coalition of Public Health organizations interested in furthering the discussions of the tobacco settlement. This group wants to avoid the breakdown of talks due to disagreements about some of the provisions originally drafted.

ACCP Task Force on Women, Smoking, and Lung Cancer

Chaired by Carolyn Dresler, MD, FCCP, and Diane Stover, MD, FCCP. The task force unveils a new speaker's kit on Women and Girls, Smoking, and Lung Cancer.

ENACT (Effective National Action to Control Tobacco)

ACCP is one of the original 11 public health organizations that formed the coalition ENACT. This coalition pledges to work with the Congress and the Administration to help pass comprehensive, sustainable, effective, well-funded, national tobacco control legislation. ACCP actively participates on all working committees.

1998

Established position statement on national tobacco legislation

Continued work as part of the ENACT Coalition to pass fully funded national tobacco legislation during the 105th Congress.

Review Tobacco Legislation S1415

ACCP is asked to review S1415, "The National Tobacco Policy & Youth Smoking Reduction Act," authored by Senator John McCain.

Focus on tobacco legislation at Capitol Hill Caucus

5th Capitol Hill Caucus focuses on national tobacco legislation and speaks with staff and members of Senate, McCain, Nickles, Durbin, Hatch, and Lott.

Introduce Women & Girls, Smoking, and Lung Cancer Speakers Kit

Pilot testing of ACCP's Women & Girls, Smoking, and Lung Cancer Speakers Kit by over 20 ACCP members around the United States.

Presenting congressional testimony on tobacco

D. Robert McCaffree, MD, Master FCCP, ACCP President, testifies before House Commerce Committee Subcommittee on Health and Environment regarding the tobacco settlement and its importance to the public health community.

Leadership role in Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi

John Studdard, MD, FCCP, Chair of the ACCP Public Affairs Committee, is asked to sit on the Board of Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi, a state public education committee funded by the Mississippi tobacco litigation settlement.

Discussions with the World Health Organization

ACCP delegation meets with World Health Organization, in Geneva, Switzerland, to discuss worldwide tobacco education programs.

1999

Discussions with the World Medical Association

ACCP delegation meets with President of the World Medical Association to discuss building global strategic alliances on tobacco and other specific health issues.

2000

Oklahoma Pilot Project on Women & Girls, Tobacco, and Lung Cancer

Mary Anne McCaffree, MD, FCCP, initiates and develops a pilot program in Tulsa, OK, based on the ACCP Speakers Kit on Women & Girls, Tobacco, & Lung Cancer. This program involves numerous presentations of the Speakers Kit to some 3,000 middle-school-aged girls.

11th World Conference on Tobacco OR Health: "Promoting a Future Without Tobacco"

ACCP exhibits at the 11th World Conference on Tobacco OR Health held in Chicago, IL, where 3,500 attendees, ranging from voluntary agency staff to government health workers, educators, researchers, clinicians, public policy officials, tobacco control advocates, and association leaders attend. The purpose of the conference is to strengthen national, regional, and global leadership networks dedicated to prevention and control of tobacco use.

Framework Convention on Tobacco Control

D. Robert McCaffree, MD, Master FCCP, submits written testimony on behalf of the ACCP to the framework Convention on Tobacco Control in October 2000. The testimony includes important initiatives to be considered.

Task Force on Women and Girls, Tobacco, and Lung Cancer Speakers Kit

The Speakers Kit is revised, and a CD-ROM and Web version are developed to ensure the greatest number of children and adults can benefit.

Project Focus created to educate women and girls

The Speakers Kit is used as the basis for a pilot program on 10 college campuses in seven states where sorority members mentor their peers and elementary schoolchildren.

2001 Relationship building with Office of Women's Health at HHS

Meetings with Frances Page, RN, MPH, Director of Policy and Program Development and Dr. Jonelle Rowe, Senior Advisor for Adolescent Health, at the Office on Women's Health, to build partnerships for program initiatives on the effects of tobacco on the health of women and girls.

Continued participation with the ENACT Coalition

Lung Cancer Awareness Collaborative

Joins this collaborative to further the early detection and treatment of lung cancer in partnership with Cancer Care, The Wellness Community, and the Oncology Nursing Society.

Developing Guidelines for the Diagnosis, Treatment, and Care of Patients With Lung Cancer

The purpose of this project is the evidence-based development of guidelines for the continuum of care (*ie*, the entire process from prevention to detection, diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up) for patients with lung cancer.

2002 Developed Lung LessonsSM: Making Smart Decisions About Lung Health

A program designed to educate children, grades three through six, about lung health and the dangers of tobacco, helping them to make smart decisions about not using tobacco. Developed through a partnership with The Congressional Caucus on Women's Issues, the ACCP and The CHEST Foundation - the philanthropic arm of the ACCP. Women's Caucus/ACCP physician teams visit schools and community youth groups to present Lung LessonsSM.

Adapting speakers kit, Women & Girls, Tobacco, and Lung Cancer for use in other countries

Speakers kit is being adapted by Dr. Judith MacKay for use in China and other Asian countries. Versions already exist for India and Latin America.

Receives grant from Illinois Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement to develop Tobacco Cessation Tool Kit for physician's offices

Kit aids members in assisting their tobacco-using patients with the cessation process. The Kit covers everything from identification of users and assessment of their level of addiction to defining the need for pharmacotherapy and determining follow-up and relapse prevention techniques. This Kit is pilot tested in 50 physicians' offices in Cook County in Illinois. Based on results of testing, a version is developed for national distribution.

ACCP position statement on FDA control over tobacco products

Develops a position statement supporting FDA control over tobacco products and posts this on the ACCP Web site, as well as in the ACCP Advocacy program, CapWiz.

2002 Participates in development of and testifies at Senator Durbin's hearing on tobacco marketing

On Tuesday, May 14, 2002, the Senate Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring, chaired by Senator Richard Durbin, with the help of the ACCP and The CHEST Foundation, holds a hearing entitled "Tobacco's Deadly Secret: The Impact of Tobacco Marketing on Women and Girls." The ACCP and The Foundation bring Diane Stover, MD, FCCP, Chair of the ACCP/ Taskforce on Women & Girls, Tobacco, & Lung Cancer, and Chicagoan Cassandra Coleman, a former smoker, to testify at this hearing. The focus of the hearing is to examine the impact of tobacco industry marketing on smoking rates among women and girls in the US and overseas and review the steps that the US government is taking and should take to address this epidemic of smoking-related disease among women.

2003 Advocates for strong Framework Convention on Tobacco Control document

Letters written by ACCP members to President Bush urge him to support a strong international treaty to be signed by 171 participating countries.

FDA control over tobacco products

Works closely with both the Republican and Democratic Senators, and The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids to grant the US Food and Drug Administration authority over tobacco products.

Tobacco control education

Supports the Asian Consultancy on Tobacco Control and Dr. Judith Mackay to develop an Asian version of the Speakers Kit: Women and Girls Tobacco and Lung Cancer. Also supported development of similar speakers kit for the Indian subcontinent.

2004-2005 FDA control over tobacco products

Continues to work closely with both the Republican and Democratic Senators and The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids to grant the US Food and Drug Administration authority over tobacco products.

Tobacco Cessation Tool Kit

Releases second edition, on CD-ROM, with more complete information for physicians, nurses on cessation counseling to treat patients with chronic nicotine addiction.

Smoking cessation codes established

Works with CMS to establish two new Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) codes, **G0375** and **G0376**, to compensate the time physicians spend in counseling their patients to quit smoking. Effective March 22, 2005, this coverage is added for smoking and other tobacco use cessation services to help patients quit. The final Medicare coverage decision is available on the CMS Web site at www.cms.hhs.gov/mcd/viewdecisionmemo.asp?id=130.

The CHEST Foundation Ambassadors Group

Ambassador Group members begin local and international prevention and cessation youth programs in Indiana and Massachusetts in the United States, as well as in Guatemala.

2005-2006 No Smoking Pledge revised

"As a Fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians, and a leader in the most important struggle faced by health-care professionals, the prevention and control of our major health problems of lung cancer and cardiovascular and chronic pulmonary disease, I shall make a special personal effort to control tobacco use, and to eliminate this hazard from my office, clinic, and hospital. I shall ask all of my patients about their use of tobacco, and I shall assist the tobacco user in eliminating this deadly habit. I shall devote time to educating the public about the hazards of tobacco. I make this pledge to my patients and to society."

The CHEST Foundation's Ambassadors Group reaches more than 2,000 students worldwide

Over 2,000 students, ages 8 to 18, participate in lung health education programs presented by ACCP Ambassadors in their local communities and in locations worldwide, where pro bono educational courses are being presented by their spouses.

2007 FDA control over tobacco products

Working closely with both the Republican and Democratic Senators and The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids to grant the US Food and Drug Administration authority over tobacco products.

2008 The CHEST Foundation's Ambassadors Group reaches over 10,000 students worldwide

The ACCP Ambassadors have presented the *Lung LessonsSM* to over 10,000 students, worldwide.

The CHEST Foundation's Ambassadors Group produces *Lung LessonsSM: A Presenter's Guide DVD*

This how-to DVD combines video and still image media to convey proven techniques for working with schools and students to present the *Lung LessonsSM* curriculum. This training video and accompanying content was prepared by thee Ambassadors with considerable experience in youth tobacco prevention programs in the US and abroad.

2009 FDA Control over Tobacco Products

Once again, ACCP works closely with both the Republican and Democratic Senators, and The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids to grant the US Food and Drug Administration authority over tobacco products.

Rose Garden Bill Signing

The ACCP is invited to the signing the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, by President Barak Obama, granting the US Food and Drug Administration meaningful authority to regulate tobacco products.

2010 The Treatment of Tobacco Dependence: American College of Chest Physicians Tool Kit (3rd Edition) was developed to assist physicians, nurses, and cessation counselors to help their patients quit smoking. The 3rd edition is updated with new treatments, clinical issues, and additional tools, including a new section geared specifically to the pediatrician or pediatric pulmonologist.

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