

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

3-10. Increase the proportion of physicians and dentists who counsel their at-risk patients about tobacco use cessation, physical activity, and cancer screening.

3-10a. Internists who counsel about smoking cessation.

National Data Source	Survey of Physicians' Attitudes and Practices in Early Cancer Detection, ACS. ¹
State Data Source	Not identified.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Adapted from 16.10 (Cancer) and 3.16 (Tobacco).
Changes since the 2000 Publication	None.
Measure	Percent.
Baseline (Year)	50 (1989)
Target	85
Target-Setting Method	70 percent improvement. For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
Numerator	Number of internists who counsel about smoking cessation.
Denominator	Number of internists.
Population Targeted	U.S. civilian, noninstitutionalized population.
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	Assessment questions not released.
Expected Periodicity	Periodic.
Comments	Objective 3-10 differs from Healthy People 2000 objective 16.10, which tracked health providers who counseled patients about tobacco-use cessation and cancer screening. The Healthy People 2000 objective focused on physicians and nurse practitioners, while objective 3-10 tracks counseling

by physicians and dentists.

Objectives 3-10a, b, and c are also similar to Healthy People 2000 objective 3.16, which tracked smoking cessation counseling and follow-up by physicians, nurse practitioners, and dentists.

See Appendix A for focus area contact information.

References

1. 1989 Survey of Physicians' Attitudes and Practices in Early Cancer Detection. *CA: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians*. 1990. 40; 77-101.