

## Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

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

#### **3-10b. Family physicians who counsel about smoking cessation.**

<b>National Data Source</b>	Survey of Physicians' Attitudes and Practices in Early Cancer Detection, ACS. <sup>1</sup>
<b>State Data Source</b>	Not identified.
<b>Healthy People 2000 Objective</b>	Adapted from 16.10 (Cancer) and 3.16 (Tobacco).
<b>Changes since the 2000 Publication</b>	None.
<b>Measure</b>	Percent.
<b>Baseline (Year)</b>	43 (1989)
<b>Target</b>	85
<b>Target-Setting Method</b>	98 percent improvement.  For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
<b>Numerator</b>	Number of family physicians who counsel about smoking cessation.
<b>Denominator</b>	Number of family physicians.
<b>Population Targeted</b>	U.S. civilian, noninstitutionalized population.
<b>Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data</b>	Assessment questions not released.
<b>Expected Periodicity</b>	Periodic.
<b>Comments</b>	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

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