

# Reducing Tobacco Use and Secondhand Smoke Exposure: Provider Reminders with Provider Education

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## Task Force Finding

### Intervention Definition

Multicomponent efforts to increase tobacco use cessation include implementation of provider reminders and efforts to educate providers to identify and to intervene with tobacco-using patients, as well as to provide supplementary educational materials when indicated.

### Task Force Finding (February 2000)

Multicomponent interventions that include a provider reminder system and a provider education program, with or without educational materials for tobacco-using patients, are strongly recommended on the basis of strong evidence that this combination (1) increases provider delivery of advice to quit to tobacco-using patients, and (2) increases patient tobacco use cessation. The Task Force recommendation reflects the evidence of effectiveness of the most common combination evaluated, as the contribution of the individual components to overall effectiveness of these interventions could not be determined.

### Publications

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