Reducing Tobacco Use and Secondhand Smoke Exposure: Provider Assessment and Feedback

Task Force Finding

Intervention Definition

Feedback interventions use assessment of provider performance in delivering tobacco use cessation information or advice to patients to inform and motivate providers. Retrospective assessments are conducted through chart reviews or computerized medical records. Assessment and feedback interventions can also involve other activities, such as provider education, and these combinations are considered in this section.

Task Force Finding (February 2000)

After a review of the scientific evidence, the Task Force found insufficient evidence to assess the effectiveness of provider feedback when used alone or in combination with other interventions. The Task Force considered the evidence insufficient on the basis of (1) the small number of studies (n =3), and (2) an insufficient number of studies providing measurements of changes in provider advice to quit or measurements of changes in patient tobacco use cessation.

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