#### The Role of Healthcare Providers in Adolescent Vaping Prevention

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#### Abstract

**Background and Objectives:** Electronic cigarette use, known as vaping, among adolescents was declared a public health epidemic in 2018 and has acute and chronic health consequences. Healthcare providers (HCP) play a pivotal role as health-related educators, including counseling against vaping. Primary HCPs report a lack of adequate knowledge, confidence, and screening for adolescent vaping. Increasing HCP's vaping awareness and knowledge may increase rates of adolescent vaping prevention screening and counseling. Rosswurm & Larrabee Model and Health Belief Model were utilized in project design and implementation.

**Methods:** Primary HCPs (n = 8) that provide care to adolescents at a pediatric clinic in Phoenix, Arizona completed online pre- and post- education surveys measuring vaping knowledge before and after viewing an evidence based online educational video. Participation was voluntary, open to all clinic HCPs, and informed consent was provided before the intervention. Data analysis was completed with Intellectus Statistics using descriptive and inferential statistics.

**Results:** Results of the paired samples *t*-test was significant based on  $\alpha$ =.05, t(7) = -3.56, p = .009. The mean of the post-education survey (12.38) was significantly higher than the mean of the pre-education survey (9.62). Descriptive statistics found 85.71% of HCPs reported increased intent to counsel for vaping and 57.14% of HCPs reported increased implemented vaping counseling with their adolescent patients four-weeks post intervention.

**Conclusions:** HCP vaping knowledge rates and vaping-related counseling and surveillance significantly increased after viewing the educational video. Implementing mandatory HCP vaping education training could increase adolescent vaping prevention interventions and counseling within primary care settings.

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#### The Role of Healthcare Providers in Adolescent Vaping Prevention

Electronic cigarettes, also known as e-cigarettes or a vape, have gained popularity in recent years, particularly among adolescents. Over 2 million middle and high school students reported using e-cigarettes in 2021, making it the most used tobacco product among adolescents (Parks-Lee et al., 2021). E-cigarette use is not deemed safe for adolescents and puts them at risk for various acute and chronic health consequences. Vaping amongst America's youth was recognized as a public health epidemic by the U.S. Surgeon General in 2018 (CDC, 2019). Parents, HCPs, individual communities, and states have been called upon to educate themselves and play an active role in protecting our nation's youth by reducing e-cigarette use.

#### **Background and Significance**

#### **Problem Description**

E-cigarettes are battery-operated devices that produce a heated aerosol containing nicotine carcinogens and potentially other harmful drugs that the user inhales. One vaping pod can contain 59 mg/mL of nicotine, equivalent to a pack of cigarettes, or 200 puffs (Truth Initiative, 2019). E-cigarettes are known by a variety of other names, including e-cigs, electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS), e-hookahs, hookah pens, vapes, vape pens, JUULs, mods, and tank systems (CDC, 2020b). They come in various forms and are designed to look like regular cigarettes or resemble everyday items such as pens, USB sticks, lipstick, key fobs, and inhalers.

Although initially marketed for adults as a smoking cessation aid to traditional tobacco products, e-cigarette misuse among nicotine-naïve adolescents has become a public health concern (CDC, 2020b; Hwang et al., 2020). Exposure to robust marketing strategies on social media, high nicotine content, appealing flavors, discreet designs, and affordability contribute to the appeal of vaping among the adolescent population (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration [SAMHSA], 2019). Vaping use increases the risk of subsequent use of cigarettes, marijuana, Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), alcohol, and other drugs, with one-third of vaping adolescents reporting they have also vaped marijuana, high potency cannabis oils and concentrates, or other drugs (Chadi et al., 2019).

The risks associated with e-cigarettes include nicotine and drug addiction, nicotine toxicity, long-term effects on the developing brain such as long-term learning, attention, and mood impairments, risk-taking and reward-seeking behaviors, increased rates of other substance use, chemical and heavy metal exposure which can lead to cancer, increased risk of COVID-19, stroke, myocardial infarction, seizures, e-cigarette and vaping associated ling injury (EVALI), and death (CDC, 2020b; Chadi et al., 2019; Gaiha et al., 2020; Selph et al., 2020). Tobacco use remains the leading cause of preventable disease and death within the United States (U.S.), while nearly all tobacco product use begins during youth (CDC, 2020b; Selph et al., 2020). It is estimated that 5.6 million adolescents alive today will die prematurely of smoking-related illness, including 115,000 children in Arizona alone (Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, 2020; U.S. Preventive Services Task Force [USPSTF], 2020).

Healthcare providers (HCPs) "lack an evidence-based framework with which to approach health implications of e-cigarette use, to the potential detriment of patient counseling and education" (Hwang et al., 2020, p. 6), while most providers who screen their patients for ecigarette use do not use appropriate language or questioning techniques to get an accurate assessment of adolescent e-cigarette and nicotine use (Hendricks et al., 2018). Many HCPs report that instead of staying up to date on research through literature reviews, they instead get most of their knowledge about e-cigarettes from sources such as news outlets and social media, which is tailored for the general public, not HCPs, and may lead to biased, inaccurate, or incomplete knowledge (Hwang et al., 2020). Although the 2011 American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommendation is to screen all adolescents for tobacco and other drug abuse, Dai et al. (2018) discovered the prevalence of tobacco screening is only at 37.9% during primary healthcare visits. It was also noted that there was a decrease in the prevalence of advising adolescent patients not to use tobacco, down from 31.4% in 2011 to 26.9% in 2015 (Dai et al., 2018).

#### **Internal Evidence/Setting Generated Data**

A primary care pediatric office in Phoenix has identified increased rates of adolescent vaping and failure to deliver comprehensive, consistent education regarding vaping prevention and cessation. Internal evidence regarding this practice gap comes from collaborative discussion among the HCPs within the organization and recognizing the need for improvement within the care and resources they can use for this specific population. An identified factor contributing to this gap in care is a lack of proficient knowledge regarding vaping, such as its adverse effects and appropriate interventions for cessation. With increased knowledge and awareness regarding vaping, providers will be better equipped to assess and provide assistance and treatment options for their patients that vape. The primary clinic does not currently have any established policies or identified screening tools to assess adolescent vaping use. This identified knowledge deficit among HCPs and lack of standardized policies and screening could lead to many missed opportunities to help this at-risk population.

#### **Purpose and Rationale**

Primary pediatric HCPs are on the front lines against adolescent vaping with frequent interactions with this population throughout childhood. Improper screening and surveillance from these providers contribute to the increased prevalence of vaping. Lack of provider education and awareness regarding vaping, its associated effects and risks, and evidence-based recommendations related to vaping prevention and cessation also contribute to this growing epidemic. The purpose of this project is to determine whether increasing pediatric HCPs' awareness and knowledge regarding vaping influence overall adolescent vaping prevention.

The identification of this problem has led to the clinically relevant PICOT question, how does the implementation of a screening tool with augmented HCP education regarding vaping compare to current health practices in the identification of adolescents who vape?

#### **Evidence Synthesis**

#### **Search Strategy**

A literature review was conducted using the following databases: PubMed, Cumulative Index of Nursing and Allied Health Literature (CINAHL), and PsycINFO. The databases were searched using a combination of keywords relevant to the PICOT question, including *adolescents, teenagers, vaping, e-cigarettes, primary care, screening, intervention, quitting,* and *cessation*. Filters included articles about the pediatric population published within the past five years (2016-2021), primary research from peer-review journals, and articles in the English language.

Initial results of *adolescents* OR *teenagers, vaping* OR *e-cigarettes, primary care, quitting* OR *cessation* resulted in a robust number of results, including 9,288 on PubMed, 47,026 on CINAHL, and 485,269 on PsycINFO. Narrowing the search of the keywords to *adolescents* AND *vaping* OR *e-cigarettes* AND *primary care* resulted in 1,031 results in PubMed, eight results in CINAHL, and 246 results in PsycINFO. To obtain more relevant results related to the PICOT, the keywords *screening* OR *assessment* was added to the search to yield 56 results in PubMed, six results in CINAHL, and 48 results in PsycINFO. Results from all three databases included a variety of both qualitative and quantitative research studies. A review of the titles and abstracts of the narrowed search results narrowed it down to 20 studies, which then underwent rapid critical appraisal to narrow them down to eleven high-quality studies that may address the proposed PICOT question. Grey literature, including government publications from the CDC, AZDHS, USPSTF, SAMHSA, the Truth Initiative, and Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids were also searched and obtained.

#### **Critical Appraisal**

Selected research articles were evaluated for their quality and level of evidence using rapid critical appraisal (RCA) tools (Melynk & Fineout-Overholt, 2019). Qualitative and quantitative studies were obtained, ranging from evidence levels I-VI. The quantitative studies examined the effectiveness of various interventions and screenings to identify and influence ecigarette use. Although qualitative studies are considered a lower level of evidence, examining current HCP knowledge, beliefs, and practices related to e-cigarette use in their adolescent population were more adequately explored through qualitative methods. The evaluation of qualitative (see Appendix A, Table A1) and quantitative studies (see Appendix A, Table A2) were included in evaluation and synthesis tables (see Appendix A, Table A3) to examine the role of HCP education and screening tools in the identification of adolescents who vape.

Sample sizes varied in number from 20 to 51,233 subjects. The age of subjects ranged depending on whether the subjects were adolescents or HCPs, with the average age of 14.3 years and 37.7 years, respectively. HCPs had a reported mean of 10.1 years of practice and included attending and resident physicians, advanced practice providers, medical and nursing students. Of the studies that reported sex and ethnicity demographics, homogeneity of female and Caucasian subjects were revealed. Although all studies were conducted within the US, the specific study

settings revealed heterogeneity within clinical practice sites, individual homes, and schools. Almost all the studies were conducted with subjects on an individual basis via a survey, interview, or screening tool, except few studies within the meta-analysis by Duncan et al. (2018) that examined parent-child dyad or school-based educational interventions. While some studies consisted of only the amount of time required to complete a survey or screening tool, other studies lasted up to two years. Common variables included adolescent's knowledge, attitudes, and external factors that influenced their frequency, dependence, and cessation likelihood of vaping. Studies revealed that social-environmental influences such as peer groups and parental smoking are prominent factors that contribute to adolescent e-cigarette use. It was determined that most screening interventions positively identified youth either at risk for or currently using ENDS. The Hooked on Nicotine Checklist (HONC) and the E-cigarette Dependence Scale (EDS) were found to be reliable and validated screening tools evaluating nicotine dependence in the adolescent population (see Appendix A, Table A2). The interventions found most effective in preventing vaping initiation among adolescents were those conducted in the primary health care setting, such as providing tailored education about risks associated with e-cigarettes, such as adverse health effects and addiction, facilitating interpersonal discussions regarding the prevention of their use, and teaching cognitive-behavioral techniques for how to refuse ecigarette offers among peers. In the examination of HCPs, studies identified striking homogenous themes, including an overall lack of knowledge regarding vaping, poor confidence in their abilities to accurately educate on ENDS, and inadequate time, resources, and screening tools available for the prevention and identification of adolescents vaping.

#### **Foundations of Evidence**

The need to improve the quality of primary HCP knowledge regarding e-cigarettes and provide them with effective strategies in the identification and counseling of adolescents currently using or at risk for vaping use is apparent. Although many HCPs are aware of the current vaping epidemic, evidence has shown that many providers do not possess an adequate foundation of knowledge on the topic to properly counsel adolescents regarding the adverse effects and risks associated with e-cigarette use. Overall screening rates for e-cigarette use are subpar due to inadequate resources and incompetent ability to discuss vaping with identified individuals accurately. Accurate identification of adolescents at risk for e-cigarette use and implementing interventions to prevent future use are most effective in reducing ENDS use in this patient population. Primary care settings are the most effective in implementing interventions geared towards the prevention of e-cigarette use. By administering effective screening tools, providing tailored education through interpersonal discussions, and teaching cognitivebehavioral techniques to assist in the refusal of social pressures, evidence has shown the incidence of adolescent vaping rates can be reduced. Providing a tailored educational program to primary HCPs that includes information on vaping devices, their adverse effects, effective screening tools and interventions, and reputable available resources available to providers would increase the incidence of identifying adolescents who vape.

The need for this quality improvement project was identified when the key stakeholders at the project site noted increased rates of adolescent vaping within their patient population and collectively identified overall deficiencies in their abilities to deliver comprehensive and consistent education related to vaping prevention and cessation. The purpose of this project is to increase pediatric primary HCPs' knowledge levels regarding adolescent vaping to increase effective identification of adolescents at risk for or currently vaping. By increasing HCP knowledge regarding vaping, their confidence in discussing vaping and providing appropriate counseling and resources will increase and improve the quality of care to their adolescent patient population and decrease adolescent vaping rates.

### **Theoretical Framework**

The Health Belief Model (HBM) examines health behaviors concerning specific belief patterns (Rosenstock, 1974). It suggests that one's belief of a personal threat of a particular health problem, combined with their belief of the effectiveness of proposed health behavior, ultimately predicts adopting the behavior (Rosenstock, 1974). Six theoretical constructs within the Health Belief Model influence whether health-promoting behaviors will occur. These constructs include perceived risk susceptibility, perceived risk severity, benefits to action, barriers to action, selfefficacy, and cues to action (see Appendix A, Figure A1). Perceived risk severity is a subjective assessment of the severity of the proposed health problem and its potential consequences. At the same time, perceived risk susceptibility refers to the subjective assessment of the individuals' risk of developing the health problem (Rosenstock, 1974). If perceptions of the severity and susceptibility of a health problem increase, the likelihood of engaging in behaviors to prevent the health problem will likely increase as well (Rosenstock, 1974). An individual will also assess the benefit of engaging in health-promoting behaviors to decrease their health risk and the perceived barriers that may prevent them from engaging in the health-promoting behavior (Rosenstock, 1974). Modifiable variables such as demographic, psychosocial, and structural variables can affect ones' perceptions of health-related behaviors (Rosenstock, 1974). As research on the HBM evolved, two additional constructs were included. Self-efficacy refers to the individual's perception of their abilities to successfully perform a behavior; increased self-efficacy correlates with successful health behavior change (Rosenstock et al., 1988). For health-promoting

behaviors to occur, a cue to action or trigger must occur. These may be either internal or external cues to action, and the intensity of cues vary among individuals based on their perceived susceptibility, seriousness, benefits, and barriers (Rosenstock et al., 1988). The HBM model can be used within the primary care setting to encourage change in HCP belief patterns and health-related behaviors focused on identifying adolescents who vape. By increasing HCPs' awareness of the severity of vaping use, patient susceptibility to vaping, benefits of surveillance, addressing practice barriers, and improving HCP self-efficacy, the incidence of surveillance and counseling against vaping will increase.

#### **Implementation Framework**

The implementation of this project is guided by the Rosswurm & Larrabee Model to effectively guide HCPs in the change to evidence-based practice (EBP) (see Appendix A, Figure A2). It allows for EBP changes derived from quantitative and qualitative data, clinical expertise, and contextual evidence (Rosswurm & Larrabee, 1999). This model guides the systematic process for change, in six steps, beginning with the initial assessment and recognition of a need for change within current practices with eventual integrating and maintaining change into practice. The key stakeholders within the primary care clinic first identified a need for change within their practice by recognizing a gap in vaping knowledge among their HCPs. Interventions focused on vaping education and awareness were developed after an exhaustive literature search and evaluation of evidence-based studies in the second and third steps of the model. The evidence synthesis combined with site resources led to an intervention design using the fourth step of the model. The intervention will be implemented within the primary care clinic and evaluated for efficacy, dissemination of evidence will occur, and recommendations for sustainability will be provided to the site stakeholders using the fifth and sixth steps of the model.

#### Methods

#### **Setting and Population**

The project setting is a primary care pediatric office in the southwest area of Phoenix, Arizona. The clinic provides care to pediatric patients from newborn to 18 years of age and averages approximately 30,000 patient visits annually for both the sick and well-child. The identified clinic aims to be a medical home for the pediatric population and values quality care, positive healthcare experiences, accessible, up-to-date, and knowledgeable HCPs for their patient population and their families. Six physicians, one physician's assistant (PA), and six nurse practitioners (NP) currently practice at the clinic location. The length of practice among the providers ranges from one to 32 years. The participants that the intervention will focus on are the HCPs practicing at the identified project site since they are responsible for the evaluation and treatment of the patients.

Through collaborative discussion, the HCPs identified increased rates of adolescent vaping and a failure to deliver comprehensive, consistent education regarding vaping prevention and cessation to their patient population. The HCPs (physicians, PAs, and NPs) are key stakeholders since they are primarily responsible for comprehensive healthcare to the adolescent population including the responsibility to survey and accurately identify vaping among patients and provide appropriate counseling, resources, and treatments. Adolescent patients and their family members are also stakeholders with a right to comprehensive care for optimum health, including standardized screening and surveillance for vaping by HCP; by increasing the incidence of vaping surveillance, it will promote a trusting patient-provider relationship and could increase overall compliance with vaping prevention recommendations. Clinic administration is responsible for recognizing the need for improvement in routine screening and the overall improvement in comprehensive care and treatment for adolescents. These recognitions can lead to higher patient satisfaction scores, increased patient referrals to the practice, interprofessional collaboration with other HCPs and practices, and healthcare reimbursement, making the administration staff key stakeholders. By increasing vaping surveillance rates among adolescents and increasing prevention and cessation counseling and resources provided, the overall health of Arizona's youth would ultimately improve, making the Arizona Department of Health Services (AZDHS) a significant stakeholder.

#### **Intervention Planning**

The project evaluated the following question: Does HCP adolescent vaping knowledge and surveillance rates improve with an online educational intervention upon completion and at 4 weeks post intervention? The need for a change in adolescent patient care was identified through a collaborative discussion among the stakeholders within the clinical site. Upon completion of the evidence synthesis, it was found that interventions implemented within a primary care setting were most effective in decreasing adolescent vaping rates (Duncan et al., 2018; Selph et al., 2020). It was found that by educating primary HCPs on appropriate vaping terminology, ecigarette contents and adverse effects, appropriate surveillance and screening, and resources for vaping cessation counseling increased their overall recognition of vaping risks and confidence when counseling adolescent patients about vaping (Hendricks et al., 2020; Selph et al., 2020). An educational tool was developed and delivered to provide up-to-date evidence based (EB) education on vaping, adolescent use, and its associated health risks that HCPs can use to improve their awareness and overall efficacy to educate their patient population and prevent adolescent vaping initiation or promote vaping cessation.

Before the intervention, an informational handout was disseminated among all HCPs at the clinic that will detail the reason for the intervention, an explanation of the proposed intervention requirements, informed consent information, a proposed timeline of the intervention, and personal contact information for any questions, concerns, or troubleshooting issues providers may have during the intervention. An email was then sent to participants that contained links to a pre-education survey, visual educational tool, and post-education survey for each HCP to complete individually and within one sitting. The pre-education survey assessed current HCP adolescent vaping knowledge and consisted of fifteen questions developed via an online survey site. Upon completion of the pre-education survey, participants viewed an online educational tool geared towards pediatric primary HCPs in the form of a voiced-over PowerPoint presentation. Topics addressed within the educational tool include background and significance of adolescent vaping, appropriate vaping terminology, e-cigarette contents and their associated adverse health effects, recommended validated and reliable screening tools, and effective evidence-based interventions such as providing tailored education, facilitating interpersonal discussions, and cognitive-behavioral counseling.

Immediately following the completion of the educational tool, the HCPs completed a fifteen question post-education survey via an online survey site to evaluate the effectiveness of the tool increasing vaping knowledge. Four weeks after the intervention was completed, a final online survey link was emailed to the HCPs to assess if the intervention led to increased surveillance and counseling or other management among adolescents at risk for vaping. Data analysis and interpretation of the results occurred upon the completion of the intervention to

evaluate the efficacy of the intervention, provide recommendations for the sustainability of the practice change, and ultimately disseminate the study findings.

#### **Ethical Considerations**

HCP participation was voluntary, with all individuals having the right to refuse or stop the study before completion. Inclusion criteria required provider participants to be active providers (physicians, PAs, and NPs) to adolescent patients at the project site. There was no exclusion criteria among those that meet the inclusion criteria such as gender, sex, or ethnicity to ensure fairness and avoid potential bias. Participant anonymity was maintained throughout the study as no personal identifiers or demographics were collected, nor IP addresses monitored. Use of Survey Monkey, an online site for survey completion, prevented personal identifiers such as participant email addresses from being linked to participant survey responses. Surveys were answered confidentially and autonomously by each participant, and results were stored with the project facilitator on a private external flash drive. For data analysis, participants were randomly assigned a subject ID.

#### **Data Collection and Outcome Measurement**

Data was collected through the pre- and two post-education surveys through the online survey site. The pre and immediate post-education surveys contained fifteen questions and the four-week post-education survey consisted of only three questions. The pre- and post-education surveys to test the knowledge of the HCPs were developed specifically for this project by the project facilitator and site consultants, thus face validity for this data collection tool was utilized. Upon completion of the proposed intervention, two main outcomes were evaluated. First, the evaluation of whether there was a change in HCP knowledge regarding adolescent vaping following the educational tool was assessed. This outcome was measured by examining the differences between the pre- and post-education survey responses using descriptive statistics to summarize the data and help show relationships and patterns. A paired sample t-test was used to determine if the responses from the pre- and post-education surveys had statistical significance. The second measurable outcome was if the intervention led to a change in the HCPs' daily clinical practice among adolescent patients to survey, screen, and counsel on vaping use and prevention. This outcome was measured based on the four-week post-education survey using Likert scale responses. Descriptive statistics were used to describe the participant's responses. Upon examination of these two outcomes, a demonstrated statistical significance between HCP vaping education and increased surveillance rates of adolescents for vaping use would indicate a change in HCP belief patterns and health-related behaviors focused on the identification of adolescents who vape.

#### Budget

The implementation of this project intervention included two direct costs: the purchase and utilization of survey development and SPSS analysis technology (see Appendix C). The survey development technology was necessary for the creation and dissemination of the pre and two post-education surveys and was purchased at a student rate. The SPSS software was necessary for data analysis after completion of the intervention and was also purchased at a student rate. The HCPs and clinical administration that partook in the intervention are salary staff and their participation is optional, so budgeting for their time to complete the intervention was not necessary. There were no projected indirect costs associated with the identified project implementation, nor were there not any anticipated interruptions within daily clinical flow processes that would impact productivity costs within the clinic site. The identified costs were incurred by the student.

The potential revenue that could be generated with the implementation of the project included increased use of CPT billing codes and ICD-10 codes for the use of screening tools or diagnoses identified through increased surveillance and screening. Early identification of patients at risk for electronic cigarette use and its associated adverse health effects can result in increased disease prevention and overall decreased treatment expenses to the healthcare clinic.

#### Results

#### **Survey Outcomes and Significance**

To compare the changes in vaping knowledge results from the pre-education survey to the post-education survey results, a paired samples *t*-test was conducted (n = 8). There was a significant difference seen in the pre-education total score (M=9.62, SD=2.20) and the post-education total score (M=12.38, SD=1.41);  $\alpha$ =.05, t(7) = -3.56, p = .009, Cohen's d=1.26, indicating a strong effect size.

Descriptive statistics were used to examine HCP responses from the four-week posteducation survey regarding changes in vaping counseling intent and implementation (n = 7). The most frequent response for increased intent to counsel was Yes (n = 6, 85%.71%) and the most frequent response for increased implemented counseling was Yes (n = 4, 57.14%). These findings are significant clinically, as they indicate increased surveillance and counseling rates for vaping use among adolescent patients to contribute to overall adolescent vaping prevention strategies within the community.

#### **Project Impact and Sustainability**

Increased vaping knowledge among HCPs allows for increased awareness and confidence regarding vaping, thus generating increased frequencies of anti-vaping discussions with adolescents. By educating the adolescent and their family members about the harms of vaping, dispelling vaping myths commonly encountered in advertising and social media, and arming them with tools to resist peer pressured use of e-cigarettes, the vaping epidemic could be reduced. Implementation of policies requiring mandatory vaping knowledge education for annual staff trainings and on-boarding for new hires would allow for HCPs to remain up to date on evidence-based vaping knowledge to educate their patients about. The resulting increased rates of anti-vaping and tobacco counseling will impact overall revenue generated for the project site by allowing increased use of CPT billing codes and ICD-10 codes for tobacco prevention interventions and increased healthcare reimbursement. More comprehensive adolescent health visits could lead to higher patient satisfaction scores, increased patient referrals to the practice, and interprofessional collaboration with other HCPs and practices. As successful vaping prevention interventions increase in frequency, vaping-related healthcare expenditures would decrease as the overall health of the adolescent population improves.

The continued use of the developed educational tool within staff trainings would allow for sustainability of this intervention. As current EB vaping education comes out within the literature, educational tools can be updated accordingly. The easily accessible online format and the minimal time requirement required to complete the educational tool increases the likelihood of sustainability of its use within a busy primary care practice among its HCPs. Dissemination of the video to adjacent clinics within this organization can also allow for further sustainability of this project intervention.

#### Discussion

#### Summary

Evidence reveals that many HCPs do not possess adequate vaping knowledge or competent abilities to properly counsel adolescents against e-cigarette use, leading to

substandard screening, surveillance, and counseling rates for e-cigarette use among adolescents. The accurate identification of adolescents at risk for e-cigarette use and implementation of interventions within primary healthcare settings to prevent future use are most effective to reduce vaping in this patient population. Internal evidence at a pediatric primary care clinic in Phoenix, AZ found that HCPs lacked adequate vaping knowledge despite the noticeable increased rates of vaping among the adolescents within their community.

The implementation of an EB video for primary pediatric HCPs providing the background and significance of vaping, associated health effects from their use, and recommendations for vaping surveillance and counseling with their patients such as utilizing appropriate vaping technology, providing tailored education through interpersonal discussions, administering effective screening tools, and teaching cognitive-behavioral techniques to assist in the refusal of social pressures was found to be impactful among HCPs. Results reveled there was a significant increase in vaping knowledge among HCPs after viewing the EB video and that the intent and implementation of vaping counseling increased four weeks after the EB video intervention. The findings initially presented by Hendricks et al. (2018) and Hwang et al. (2020) stating HCPs do not have an EB framework to use when approaching patient education and counseling related to health implications of vaping was evidenced from the project findings of a low pre-education mean score with significant improvement after viewing the EB educational video.

Future recommendations would be to implement the EB vaping knowledge videos into pediatric primary HCP annual staff trainings and new hire on-boarding orientation to keep providers up to date on vaping use and recommendations to prevent e-cigarette use.

#### **Strengths and Limitations**

Strengths of this project included a design that was easy to implement as the participating HCPs were able to complete it at their own convenience. Minimal cost and time requirements were necessary to design and complete the intervention. The organization was very supportive and responsive with the project team throughout the process which allowed implementation to run smoothly. Limitations to the project was the relatively small sample size of eight HCPs for the pre- and post-education surveys. One initial participant did not end up completing the four-week post intervention survey, thus the sample size for the follow-up survey was seven HCPs.

#### Recommendations

For future study, resurveying HCPs implemented vaping counseling rates in approximately one year would help examine the long-term effects of vaping EB educational tools within daily practice. Collection of demographic information among participants such as educational background, profession (physician, NP, or PA), number of years practicing, age, sex, and ethnicity would provide additional information to examine and interpret. Implementing various delivery styles of EB vaping education such as in-person educational sessions or realtime Zoom sessions and determining the associated differences in pre/post-education knowledge levels would allow examination of what type of educational tool would be most beneficial in the primary care setting.

The use of vaping products among adolescents continues to be a significant health crisis that can have short- and long-term health implications. Providing EB vaping education to pediatric primary HCPs has been found to make significant improvements in vaping knowledge that they can in turn confidently educate their adolescent patients with to promote vaping prevention. Implementation of these educational tools to other pediatric clinics within the Phoenix, AZ area could increase the overall success in the current fight against the adolescent vaping epidemic.

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## Appendix A

## **Evaluation and Synthesis Tables**

#### Table A1

**Evaluation Table Qualitative Studies** 

Citation	Theoretical/	Design/ Mathad/	Sample/Setting	Ma	ajor Themes	Measurement/	Data A polysis	Fir	dings/Themes	Level of
	Fromowork	Method/		50	uuleu/Definitions	Instrumentation	Analysis			Evidence;
	I T AIIICWUI K	Sampling								Decision for
										practice/
										Generalization
Bascombe et	None stated,	Туре:	$\mathbf{N} = 20$	1)	Most HC providers	Interview:	SPSS,	Fir	idings:	LOE: VI
al., (2016)	inferred KAB,	Qualitative			did not identify EC	Individual face-	descriptive	1)	Lack of	
Primary	HBT, CM	Phenomenologi	Demographics:		when asked about	to-face, semi-	analysis,		knowledge	Strengths:
healthcare		cal Theory	Average age 45.25		tobacco products	structured 25-45	MaxQDA,		about	Identifies need for
provider			years, 15.93 years'	2)	Belief some tobacco	minutes; recorded	deductive		alternative	increased
knowledge,		Sampling:	experience, 65%		products less		and		tobacco	education
beliefs, and		Convenience	female, 60%		harmful than		inductive		products,	regarding
clinic-based			Caucasian; 75%		traditional cigarettes		coding		health	alternative
practices			MD	3)	Unsure of health		methods		implications	tobacco products
regarding					effects of EC or				and	and marijuana
alternative			Setting: Rural and		their role in smoking				addictiveness	their health risks
tobacco			urban GA HC		cessation			2)	Look of	and notantial
products and			providers in	4)	Do not inquire about			2)	Lack Of	
marijuana: A			Atlanta		specific tobacco				empirical avidance to	addiction
qualitative			metropolitan area		products during				inform their	
study			and rural southern	5)	screening				CDC or	Weaknesses:
C ( UC			GA	5)	Cessation tools:				disquestions	Convenience
Country: US					brochures, brief				uiscussions	sampling, lack of
					counseling, Quit					

Funding:			Inclusion:		Line,					generalizability,
NCATI of NIH			Physician,		pharmacotherapy					small sample size
			physician's							
Bias: None			assistant, or nurse							Feasibility/Appli
identified			in PCS, practice in							cation to
			Atlanta or 32							practice:
			county service area							Generalizable
			of Cancer							within pediatric
			Coalition of South							population and
			Georgia							HC providers
			Exclusion: Not							
			disclosed							
			Attrition: Not							
			disclosed							
Gorzkowski et	None stated,	Type:	N= 37	1)	Knowledge of EC	Focus group: 4-8	Taylor-	Th	iemes:	LOE: VI
al. (2016)	inferred KAB,	Qualitative			and their health	participants	Powell and	1)	EC knowledge:	
Pediatrician	HBT, CM	KAP survey	Demographics:		effects	1 1	Renner's		general, users,	Strengths:
knowledge,		methodology	76% female;	2)	Perceptions and	Semi structured	approach to		health effects,	Increased
attitudes, and			average 12 years		attitudes towards EC	discussion guide	content		sources of	understanding
practice related			practicing; 65%	3)	Clinical practices	_	analysis		knowledge	helps to develop
to electronic			primary care		and experiences	Topical questions		2)	Attitudes:	educational
cigarettes					related to EC	and structured			Feeling wary,	resources to
-			Setting: AAP	De	finitions	prompts			traditional	address EC in
Country: US			annual meeting	EC	: nicotine delivery				cigarettes	practice
-			(2014)	de	vices which allow	Audio recorded			smoking	Weakness Small
Funding:				use	ers to mimic some	and transcribed			cessation, harm	N <sup>•</sup> convenience
American			Inclusion:	sm	oking behaviors				reduction	sample: low level
Academy of			Pediatricians that	wi	thout smoking			3)	Practices:	evidence.
-				co	mbustible tobacco				screening,	e Hachee,

Pediatrics Friends of Children Fund <b>Bias:</b> None identified			attended October 2014 AAP annual meeting <b>Exclusion:</b> Work less than 20 hours/week <b>Attrition:</b> 21%				discussion frequency, barriers to discussion, confidence	population demographic homogeneity (limits generalizability) Feasibility/Appli cation to practice: Could be easily reproduced
Hwang et al., (2020) Where there's smoke, there's fire: What current and future providers do and do not know about electronic cigarettes Country: US Funding: Jefferson College of Population of Health	None stated, inferred KAB, HBT, CM	Type: Qualitative grounded theory methodology	N= 91 <b>Demographics:</b> 33 medical students, 28 nursing students, 15 resident physicians, 15 attending physicians; 51% age 18-25 <b>Setting:</b> TJU and TJU hospital <b>Inclusion:</b> Employed or studying at facility June-October 2018	Common words/ phrases associated with: 1) EC 2) Health implications of EC use and 1) Sources of EC- related information 2) Familiarity with evidence-based health implications of EC use <b>Definitions:</b> EC: tobacco product initially marketed as cigarette alternative	Freelisting interview: No limit on time or number of responses Survey: Forced- choice and Likert- type responses	Salience index (Smith's S) and basic descriptive statistics	<ol> <li>Themes:         <ol> <li>Overall lack of scientifically driven understanding of EC and health-implications among HC providers</li> <li>Lack of standardized health-oriented approach with EC discussions</li> <li>Misinformation about EC exists and can misinform patient counseling</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	LOE: VI Strengths: Knowledge gaps and inconsistences regarding EC among HC providers identified to improve future curriculum development in schooling and Continued Medical Education Weakness: Convenience

<b>Bias:</b> Potential bias with interpretation of meaning and categorizing synonymous ideas of free listing terms			Attrition: None					4)	Global lack of familiarity with trends of tobacco use in youth (increased in AP)	sampling from single medical center; overall small sample size; small number of RP and AP Feasibility/Appli cation to practice: Could be easily reproduced among other groups of HC providers to determine knowledge deficits regarding EC
Peterson et al., (2018) Pediatric primary healthcare provider preferences, experiences and perceived barriers to discussing electronic cigarettes with adolescent patients	None stated, inferred KAB, HBT, CM	Type: Qualitative grounded theory methodology	N = 25 <b>Demographics:</b> 52% male; 80% White; median number years practicing: 8.2; 44% family care physician <b>Setting:</b> Three pediatric medical offices in AMA	<ol> <li>1)</li> <li>2)</li> <li>3)</li> </ol>	Topics PPCPs believe are important to discuss in clinical encounter Communicative strategies PPCPs use during conversations regarding EC Identify barriers to EC counseling PPCPS encounter/anticipate	Interview: Skype, phone, or in person; semi- structured script; 15-38 minutes	NVino software; Constant comparison method; open coding	Top Deb add ider as p gate lack Disc stra Emj unc mot inte	pics to discuss: bunking myths, ressing risks, ntify behavior botential eway substance, c of regulation cussion ategies: phasize medical ertainty, use of tivational erviewing,	LOE: VI Strengths: Identify barriers to discussion/screeni ng of adolescent EC to address and improve Weaknesses: Lack of diverse sample

		Inclusion: PPCP	Definitions:		provide outside	Feasibility/Appli
Country: US		that regularly	Adolescent: Patient's		resources	cation to
		counsel	age 13-19 years			practice: Could
Funding: Not		adolescents			Conversational	be easily
disclosed					barriers: Lack	reproduced to
		Attrition: None			medical	identify perceived
Bins: Social					knowledge,	preferences and
					unfamiliar	h and
desirability bias					motivations, slang,	barriers
may have					inadequate	discussing EC
affected results					screening, lack	with adolescents
					time	

Table A2		
Evaluation	Table Quantitative	Studies

Citation	Theory/ Conceptual Framework	Design/ Method	Sample/ Setting	Major Variables & Definitions	Measurement/ Instrumentation	Data Analysis	Findings/ Results	Level/Quality of Evidence; Decision for practice/ application to practice
DiFranza et al., (2002) Measuring the loss of autonomy over nicotine use in adolescents: The DANDY Study Country: US Funding: NCI Bias: None discussed ***Outdated article but relevant study due to HONC being a validated and recommended	AT, IST, NRT, SMT	Type: Quantitative longitudinal design	<ul> <li>N = 679</li> <li>Demographics: 7th grade student, mixed racial and ethnic background, mean age 13 years</li> <li>Setting: Central Massachusetts, two school systems</li> <li>Inclusion: Now or previous smokers, age of 12-15 years at start of study</li> <li>Attrition: Not disclosed</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>IV: HONC measurement</li> <li>DV1: Attempt at smoking cessation</li> <li>DV2: Continued smoking until end of FU</li> <li>DV3: Daily smoking</li> </ul>	Quantitative: CI 95%, P value < 0.05	Quantitative: Pearson correlation coefficient, logistic regression analysis, principal component factor analysis, <i>t</i> test, nonparametric tests (Mann- Whitney <i>U</i> test),	Quantitative: DV1: + HONC and failed attempt at smoking cessation (OR 29, CI 13-65) DV2: Continued smoking until FU (OR 44, CI 17-144) DV3: Daily smoking (OR 58, CI 24-142) HONC score and correlation of maximum amount smoked (r = 0.65, P < 0.001); HONC score and maximum frequency	LOE: IV Strengths: Observed reliability and internal consistency of HONC, making it validated, theory- derived tool for measuring nicotine dependence in adolescents Weaknesses: Narrow sample size (age range), skewed results (reporting performance expectations or sociocultural influences), reliability of self- administered vs provider collection, sex differences Conclusion: A single positive result on HONC associated with nicotine dependance and lost autonomy, with failed

for EC use by the AAP							smoking (r = 0.79, <i>P</i> < 0.001)	smoking cessation attempt, continued smoking, and daily smoking; correlated with maximum amount smoked and frequency
								Feasibility/Application to practice: Found to be appropriate for use in adolescents as measure for nicotine dependence and predictor of relapse in smoking cessation
Duncan et al., (2018) Smoking prevention in children and adolescents: A systematic review of individualized interventions Country: US Funding: No funding	None stated: inferred TTM	Type: Quantitative mixed- method SR following PRISMA guidelines	N = 16 studies; 51,233 participants Databases: MEDLINE, PsycINFO, CINHAL, PubMed, SCOPUS, Sport Discus Inclusion: Primary	<ul> <li>IV: Smoking prevention intervention</li> <li>DV1: Self- reported smoking behavior</li> <li>DV2: Attitudes towards smoking</li> <li>DV3: Intentions to initiate and/or quit smoking in</li> </ul>	Quantitative: CI $95\%, p < 0.05$ Qualitative major themes:Impact of smoking prevention interventions on smoking behaviors, attitudes, intentions to start or quit smoking, and influences of	PRISMA checklist	DV1: Self- reported smoking behavior: 6/14 studies positive preventive effects, 2/14 nonsignificant lower smoking rates, 6/14 no effect DV2: 7 studies, - positivity about drug effect,	LOE: I Strengths: Rigorous review, extraction, and bias assessment methods; identification of potential settings/strategies for smoking prevention and intervention Weaknesses: Limited focus on EC use, limited inferences for reliability and validity of some interventions: key outcomes
received			trial/experiment, English written, published after	future	smoking in settings outside of schools		frequent smoking with favorable	interventions; key outcomes operationalized differentially across studies

Blas: Individual studies may have risk for bias; evaluated by two independent reviewers; Downs and Black instrument for bias risk assessment	Not stated,	Туре:	N = 1009	<b>IV:</b> EDS	Quantitative:	Descriptive	attitudes, nonsignificant changes in attitudes <b>DV3:</b> Initiation factors: sleep < 8 hours, not wearing seatbelt, alcohol in past 30 days; control group (63%) and intervention group (73%) quitting efforts; intention to try tobacco products in next year decline ( $p <$ 0.05) <b>DV4:</b> Smoking initiation: family/friends/ significant other, smoking behaviors (+/-), parental smoking (+), parental communication (+/-) <b>4-item CFA:</b>	Imiting comparative analysis of outcomes Conclusion: Effective interventions utilizing interpersonal communication, support strategies, and tailored education conducted in HC settings Feasibility/Application to practice: Generalizable and interventions can be applied to pediatric population in PCS
(2019)	inferred	Quantitative		measurement	Bentlers CFI >	statistics,	RMSEA = 0.044,	

Psychometric evaluation of the E-cigarette Dependence Scale <b>Country:</b> US <b>Funding:</b> NIDA, FDACTP, NIH, FDA CECTR <b>Bias:</b> Anonymity	incentive- sensitization theory	Cross- sectional mixed method	Demographics: 50.2% male, 77.1% White, mean age 35.81 years, 66.4% daily EC users, 72.6% smokers Setting: Recruited via Qualtrics Online Sample; email survey Inclusion: Weekly EC use at least once in past week, American adult Attrition: Not disclosed	<b>DV:</b> EC nicotine dependence	0.90, RMSEA < 0.08, SRMR < 0.08 <b>Qualitative:</b> Online EC survey, Likert scale	Bentler's CFI, RMSEA, SRMR, Cronbach's alpha, bivariate correlations, independent samples <i>t</i> -tests	CFI = 0.997, SRMR = 0.010; internal consistency: alpha = 0.86,	Strengths: EDS psychometrically sound for EC dependence, 4-item EDS advantage over longer measuring tools Weaknesses: Potential skewed results (online, self- reported, anonymous), lack of sample diversity Feasibility/Application to practice: Could be reproduced in adolescent population
Rohde et al., (2018) The role of knowledge and risk beliefs in adolescent e- cigarette use: A pilot study	KAB Theory	Type: Quantitative Cross- sectional survey	N = 69 <b>Demographics:</b> 48% male, 81% White, 41% 12 <sup>th</sup> grade, 16.33 mean age, 30%	<ul> <li>IV: Knowledge and risk beliefs of EC use</li> <li>DV: Adolescent EC use</li> <li>Definitions: EC liquid contains</li> </ul>	Online EC survey, Likert- scale	Chi-square test, multivariable logistic regression, bivariate analyses, logistic regression	<b>Findings:</b> ECEU less likely to worry about HR of EC ( $p =$ 0.049) and believe EC leads to addiction ( $p <$ 0.001)	LOE: IV Strengths: Identify need for awareness of addiction and EC use through media campaigns and HC messages

Country: US Funding: NCI, FDACTP Bias: None identified			have used EC (not current) Setting: National sample Inclusion: Age 14-18 years with smartphone, send/receive texts Attrition: 22%	addictive chemical nicotine, can prime addiction to other harmful drugs		analysis, SPSS version 23	Belief EC leads to addiction less likely to use ( <i>p</i> < 0.05)	Weaknesses: Sample not nationally representative, modest sample size (decreased statistical power) Feasibility/Application to practice: May be easily reproducible within additional population samples
Selph et al., (2020) Primary-care relevant interventions for tobacco and nicotine use prevention and cessation in children and adolescents: Updated evidence report and systematic review for the US Preventative	None stated, inferred TTM	Type: Quantitative meta- analysis	N = 24 studies; 44,521 participants Databases searched: CCRCT, CDSR, MEDLINE, PsycINFO, EMBASE Inclusion: RCT and NRCI studies of children and adolescents evaluating prevention or	<ul> <li>IV: Primary care interventions</li> <li>DV1: Initiation of tobacco products</li> <li>DV2: Smoking cessation in tobacco products users</li> <li>DV3: Smoking status at FU</li> <li>DV4: Smoking cessation with bupropion</li> </ul>	CI: 95%, <i>p</i> value < 0.05, relative risk	Random- effects model (Strata version 14.2), I2 statistic, coefficient 0.01, meta- regression	DV1: Nonsmokers decreased likelihood of initiation (13 studies); 7.4% vs 9.2%; relative risk, 0.82 (95% CI, 0.73-0.92) DV2: Smokers in smoking cessation: no significant benefit (9 studies): 80.7% vs 84.1%	LOE: I Strengths: Recognizes potential benefit of BI in reduction of SI in nonsmoking children and adolescents Weaknesses: 4 studies rated good quality, the rest fair- quality; methodology: unclear allocation concealment methods, lack of clarity regarding baseline group similarities, high attrition, many studies only examined cigarette smoking, studies published

Services Task			cessation of any	<b>DV5:</b> Smoking			<b>DV3:</b> continued	> 10 years ago, BI
Force			tobacco product.	cessation with			smoking at FU;	heterogenous, inconsistent
			reported health	nicotine			relative risk, 0.97	definitions (baseline
Country: US				replacement			(95% CI 0.93-	smoking status initiation
5			offects on	therapy			1.01)	shoking status, initiation,
Funding:				15				abstinence), lew numbers of
AHRO.			tobacco use,				<b>DV4:</b> Bupropion	studies available
USPSTF			frequency of				cessation no	Fassibility/Application to
001011			other substance				significant	reasibility/Application to
Bias:			abuse, minimum				benefit (2	practice: Generalizable to
Individual			6-month follow-				studies): 17%	apply BI to children and
studies may			up, English				(300 mg) and 6%	adolescents in the PCS
have risk for			written articles				(150  mg)  vs  10%	
bias. not							(placebo), 24%	
individually			Exclusion: Poor				(150  mg)  vs  28%	
discussed: two			quality studies				(placebo)	
investigators			quality staates				u ,	
individually			Attrition.				<b>DV5:</b> Nicotine	
assessed study			Individual study				replacement	
quality/bias			attrition notos				therapy no	
1 0			attrition rates				significant	
			not discussed				benefit (1 study);	
							8.1% vs 8.2%	
Stalgaitis et	None stated,	Method:	N = 1,167	IV: Peer crowd	In-person	Chi-Square	Findings: Risk	LOE: IV
al., (2020)	inferred SLT	Quantitative		identification	screening survey,	test with	differed by peer	
Who uses		Cross-	<b>Demographics:</b>		self-reported	follow up z-	crowd; highest	Strengths: Examines use of
tobacco		sectional	Age 12-17 years	DV: Tobacco	demographic,	tests with	use rates Hip	variety of tobacco products,
products?		survey	old (M = $14.79$ ),	product use	peer crowd,	Bonferroni	Hop peer crowd	sample large and
Using peer		-	non-cigarette		tobacco use and	corrections or	(12.8%)	geographically/demographic
crowd			established users	<b>Definitions:</b>	openness to use	ANOVA with	(cigarettes) to	ally diverse; data collection
segmentation			56.1% female,	Peer crowds:		Bonferroni	33.4% (e-	during increased incidence
to identify			59.1% Hispanic	macro-level teen		corrections	cigarettes)	of youth e-cigarette use
youth at risk				subcultures with		and		

for cigarettes, cigar products, hookah, and e- cigarettes <b>Country:</b> U.S. <b>Funding:</b> U.S. FDA <b>Bias:</b> Volunteer bias			Setting: Four middle schools and five high schools in CA, CO, NY, GA, and FL Inclusion; Middle school and high school students Attrition: Not disclosed	shared values, beliefs, interests, and norms, transcend geography and race/ethnicity (alternative, country, hip hop, mainstream, popular)		multivariate logistic regression	<b>Differences in</b> tobacco use between peer crowds: p < 0.05	Weaknesses: Convenience sample; lower representation in Alternative and Country peer crowds may lead to drawing conclusions about particular crowds; excluded smokeless tobacco use Feasibility/Application to practice: Could be easily reproduced if have appropriate sample population diversity
Yang et al., (2019) Effects of a nicotine fact sheet on perceived risk of nicotine and e-cigarettes and intentions to seek information about and use e-cigarettes <b>Country:</b> US	Theories: TR and HBM	Method: Quantitative RCT	N = 756 Demographics: 100% current adult smokers or recent former smokers: 54.2% female 70.5% White 63.4% daily smokers 47% EC use Setting: Online study, participants recruited by	<ul> <li>IV: Nicotine educational fact sheet</li> <li>DV: Smoker's perceived harm of nicotine/e- cigarettes and behavior intentions to seek further information</li> <li>Definitions: Nicotine: A chemical found naturally in</li> </ul>	Likert scale, pretest/posttest	Log-Poisson regression with robust error and linear regression	Nicotine harm: 95% CI = 1.51, 2.82, p = 0.001 Intention to seek e-cigarette information: 95% CI = 0.15, 0.74, p = 0.003	LOE: II Strengths: Examines how use of educational tool may influence perception harm from nicotine products and inquiry for smoking cessation resources Weaknesses: Adult only sample; population demographic homogeneity (limits generalizability) Feasibility/Application to practice: Could easily be

Funding:	commercial	tobacco; main		reproduced (pediatric
NIDA and	research	addictive		population)
NCI	company	ingredient in		
(NIH/FDA's		tobacco products		
CTP)	Inclusion:			
	Current adult	E-cigarette:		
Bias:	smokers or	Electric nicotine		
Preconceived	recent former	containing		
beliefs	smoker (quit	devices		
regarding	past 2 years			
nicotine may				
bias findings	Attrition: Not			
	disclosed			

# Table A3

Synthesis Table

Study	Bascombe et al., 2016	DiFranza et al., 2002	Duncan et al., 2018	Gorzkowski et al., 2016	Hwang et al., 2020	Morean et al., 2019	Peterson et al., 2018	Rohde et al., 2018	Selph et al., 2020	Stalgaitis et al., 2020	Yang et al., 2019
Design/LOE	Qual, VI	Longitudinal, IV	SR, I	Qual, VI	Qual, VI	CS, IV	Qual, VI	CS, IV	MA, I	CS, IV	RCT, II
Sample											
N subjects	20	679	51233	37	91	1009	25	69	44521	1167	756
N studies			16						24		
Country	US	US	US	US	US	US	US	US	US	US	US
Demographics											
Mean age (years)	45.45	13				35.81		16.33		14.79	
Age range			7-18		18-46				12-18		
% female	65			76		49.8	48	52		56.1	54.2
% Caucasian	60					77.1	80	81		6.2	70.5
EC current/potential		Х	X			X		X	X	X	Х
users											
НСР	Х			Х	Х		Х		Х		
Mean # years practicing				12			8.2				
Setting											
Home			X			Х		X			Х
Practice	X		X	Х	Х		Х		Х		
School		Х	X							Х	
Other			X								
Measurement Tools											
Survey		Х				Х		X		Х	Х
Interviews	X				X		Х				
Focus group				Х							
Screening tool		Х				X					
Various			X						X		
Framework	KAB, HBT CM	AT, IST, NRT, SMT	TTM	KAB, HBT, CM	KAB, HBT, CM	IST	KAB, HBT, CM	KAB	TTM	SLT	TRA and HBM
IV											
Adolescent educational tool											X

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Adolescent peer crowd										Х	
Adolescent EC								X			
knowledge/attitudes											
Screening tool		Х				X					
Prevention intervention			X						X		
Social/environmental			Х								
influences											
DV											
Cessation attempt		Х	X						Х		
EC use/frequency		Х						X	Х	X	
Nicotine dependence		Х				Х					
identification											
Adolescent likeliness to			X								Х
use EC											
Outcomes											
Screening identifies EC		Х	X			Х			Х		
use/dependence											
Education reduces EC									Х		Х
use											
EC use dependent on			X								
social/environmental											
influences											
Adolescent								Х		X	
knowledge/beliefs/peer											
groups influence EC											
Drimony conc									v		
intervention influences									А		
adolescent EC use											
Thomas											
Inchequate resources	v			v			v				
Lock of provider EC					v						
knowledge							Λ				
Lack of provider				X							
confidence											
Lack of EC screening					X						
Lack of time							Х				

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# Appendix **B**

# **Models and Frameworks**

Figure B1

Health Belief Model

# The Health Belief Model



Rosenstock et al. (1988)

# Figure B2

Rosswurm & Larrabee Model

<b>1. Assess</b> need for change in practice	2. Link problem interventions and outcomes	3. Synthesize best evidence	<b>4. Design</b> practice change	5. Implement and evaluate change in practice	6. Integrate and maintain change in practice
<ul> <li>Include stakeholders</li> <li>Collect internal data about current practice</li> <li>Compare internal data with external data</li> <li>Identify problem</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use standardized classification systems and language</li> <li>Identify potential interventions and activities</li> <li>Select outcomes indicators</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Search research literature related to major variables</li> <li>Critique and weigh evidence</li> <li>Synthesize best evidence</li> <li>Assess feasi- bility, benefits, and risk</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Define proposed change</li> <li>Identify needed resources</li> <li>Plan imple- mentation process</li> <li>Define outcomes</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pilot study demonstration</li> <li>Evaluate process and outcome</li> <li>Decide to adapt, adopt, or reject practice change</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Communicate recommended change to stakeholders</li> <li>Present staff in-service education on change in practice</li> <li>Integrate into standards of practice</li> <li>Monitor process and outcomes</li> </ul>

Rosswurm & Larrabee (1999)

# Appendix C

# Budget

Phase	Activities	Cost	Subtotal	Total
Preparation	Creation of pre and two post-education surveys via Survey Monkey: Standard Monthly Plan at student discount pricing rate	\$70/month		
			\$70	
Delivery				
	No anticipated costs for intervention delivery	N/a		
Evaluation				
	Intellectus SPSS software for data analysis: Student discount monthly rate	\$59/month		
			\$59	
				\$129