International Research in Tobacco Control

Tobacco use is the leading preventable risk factor for cancer worldwide, responsible for more than 20 percent of global cancer deaths. NCI's Tobacco Control Research Branch (TCRB) supports and conducts research to build the evidence base needed for global tobacco prevention and control. Research conducted in countries around the world also yields important insights for tobacco control efforts in the U.S.

International Research Grants

NCI has supported tobacco control research grants in more than 40 countries around the world, including the following, shown in blue:

- Argentina
- Australia
- Bangladesh
- Brazil
- Canada
- China
- Denmark
- Dominican Republic
- Egypt
- France
- Germany
- Hungary
- India
- Indonesia
- Ireland
- Jordan
- Kenya
- Laos
- Lebanon
- Malawi
- Malaysia
- Mexico
- New Zealand
- Philippines
- Romania
- Russia
- South Africa
- South Korea
- Spain
- Sudan
- Syria
- Tanzania
- Thailand
- The Netherlands
- Tunisia
- Turkey
- United Kingdom
- Uruguay
- Vietnam
- Zambia

International Tobacco and Health Research and Capacity Building Program (TOBAC): The TOBAC program, led by the NIH Fogarty International Center with support from NCI and other partners, funds transdisciplinary research to address the global tobacco epidemic and reduce the global burden of morbidity and mortality caused by tobacco use. The program also seeks to strengthen the research base of U.S. and foreign institutions, especially institutions in low- and middle-income countries. [http://www.fic.nih.gov/programs/Pages/tobacco.aspx](http://www.fic.nih.gov/programs/Pages/tobacco.aspx)

Partnerships for Enhanced Engagement in Research (PEER): A competitive grants program that invites scientists in developing countries to apply for funds to support research and capacity building activities on topics of importance to USAID, conducted in partnership with U.S. Government-funded partners. TCRB currently supports grants with a focus on reducing tobacco use and second hand smoke exposure. [http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/PEER/index.htm](http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/PEER/index.htm)

Reports and Resources

**Tobacco Control Monograph Series:**
The NCI Tobacco Control Monograph Series provides ongoing and timely information about emerging public health issues in smoking and tobacco control. Monographs 1-20 are available online to download and order copies free of charge. [http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brp/tcrb/monographs/](http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brp/tcrb/monographs/)

**Smokeless Tobacco and Public Health: A Global Perspective:** This report provides a snapshot of current knowledge and data sources on smokeless tobacco use, characteristics of products, and related policy efforts.

**WHO Smoking and Pregnancy Guidelines:** The guidelines aim to reduce the prevalence of tobacco use and secondhand smoke exposure in pregnant women by providing evidence-based recommendations to health care providers, as well as other health service providers.

**Smokefree.gov:** Through collaborations with WHO and in-country partners, the Smokefree.gov Initiative has provided technical assistance and mHealth resources to many international tobacco cessation programs. The Smokefree TXT library serves as an open-source resource for the WHO Be Healthy, Be Mobile Initiative. [Espanol.smokefree.gov](http://Espanol.smokefree.gov) also serves as an online resource for Spanish-language cessation content.
TCRB works with a wide range of international partners to build research capacity and disseminate research findings.

**Scientific Organizations**

**Professional Societies**

**Cancer Societies**

**Ministries of Health**

**Advocacy Community**

**U.S. Government Agencies**

**NCI Tobacco Control Research Branch**

**NCI Center for Global Health (CGH)**
NCI CGH develops initiatives and collaborates with other NCI divisions, NCI-designated cancer centers, and countries to support cancer control planning build capacity, and support cancer research and cancer research networks in low- and middle-income countries.  
http://www.cancer.gov/about-nci/organization/cgh

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**
TCRB collaborates with the CDC’s Office on Smoking and Health on a range of tobacco control topics, including a global report on smokeless tobacco, research on tobacco and maternal and child health, and analysis of global tobacco surveillance data.

**World Health Organization (WHO)**
TCRB scientists provide input to scientific activities organized by the WHO Tobacco Free Initiative, including the Study Group on Tobacco product Regulation, and the International Agency for Research on Cancer, contributing to monographs on involuntary smoking, smokeless tobacco, and evaluation of tobacco control policies.

**International Consortium for Action and Research on Tobacco (ICART)**
NCI joined with Cancer Research UK and other leading cancer organizations to mobilize cancer organizations to increase coordination across tobacco control research efforts and to promote joint investment in tobacco control research in low- and middle-income countries.

**World Conference on Tobacco or Health (WCTOH)**
NCI provides support for the WCTOH—the world’s largest gathering of tobacco control advocates, policy makers, researchers, and public health and clinical experts.

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For more information about international tobacco control research grants and activities, visit the TCRB international webpage:  http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brp/tcrb/international