

We take high pleasure in paying tribute to Larry Garfinkel for his lifelong contribution to the study of smoking and health. Few individuals have contributed as much to our present-day knowledge about the disease consequences of smoking. Since joining the American Cancer Society in 1947, he has played a critical role in this process of discovery, from organizing the earliest prospective studies in the 1950s, to the work that forms the basis of this monograph, and all the important steps in between. I would like to express my deep admiration and appreciation to Larry Garfinkel for his lifelong leadership in combating this Nation's most important health problem.

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