

## 50. Smokeless tobacco: a silent killer

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Ballroom East-Westin

Type of session Symposium

Track Tobacco control

Description Smokeless tobacco (ST) consumption poses a public health problem affecting many populations in the world. Its use leads to a variety of cancers and cardiovascular diseases but despite this, ST remains a neglected issue. In many countries, such as those in South Asia, ST is the predominant form of tobacco use. Yet, efforts to control tobacco even in these countries have largely focused on cigarettes. In general, there is a global failure to appreciate the magnitude of the problem posed by ST amongst health professionals, policy-makers and funders, which results in limited progress in addressing it.

Target audience

1. Tobacco control advocates, funders, researchers and policy-makers
2. Health policy-makers, and health service managers
3. Doctors, nurses and other health professionals

Objectives

1. To highlight that ST consists of diverse products with differences in their cancer and cardiovascular risks
2. To show that ST poses a risk to human health and contributes to the global disease burden
3. To galvanise early efforts to develop and evaluate novel approaches to prevent and control ST

Keywords Smokeless tobacco, chewing, cancer

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Presentations

**15:30 - 15:40** Smokeless tobacco, cancers and cardiovascular diseases: a systematic review and meta-analysis  
Aishwarya Vidyasagaran (India), Sarwat Shah (UK)

**15:45 - 15:55** Global burden of disease due to smokeless tobacco consumption in adults: analysis of data from 113 countries  
Kamran Siddiqi (UK)

**16:00 - 16:10** Smokeless tobacco consumption among adolescents: a global epidemiological perspective  
Israel Agaku (USA), Olalekan Ayo-Yusuf (South Africa)

**16:15 - 16:25** Smokeless tobacco addiction: an evaluation of ST dependence measures in Bangladeshi consumers  
Rumana Huque (Bangladesh)

**16:30 - 16:40** Developing and evaluating a behavioural support intervention for smokeless tobacco cessation in Pakistan and the UK  
Omara Dogar (UK)

**16:45 - 17:00** Discussion