

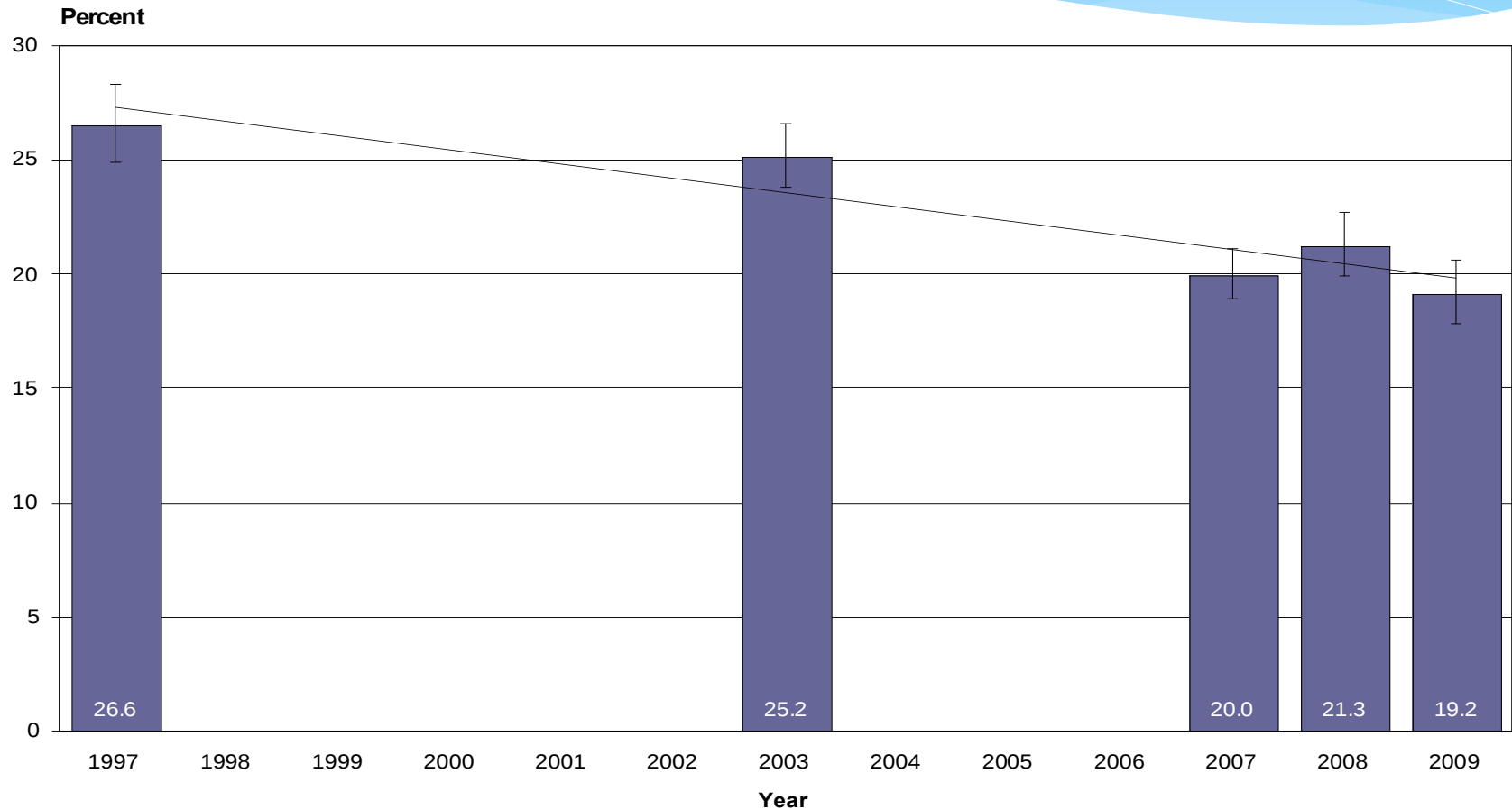


Smoking Cessation Initiatives

Karen Evison
Tobacco Target Champion

Smoking in people aged 15–64

Source: 2009 New Zealand Tobacco Use Survey



Do smokers want to smoke?



- 4 in 5 smokers said that they would not smoke if they had their life over again
- 3 in 5 had tried to quit in the last 5 years

Tar wars over smoking cessation



- * Preventing uptake has been a traditional mantra
- * Promoting cessation in current smokers will save far more lives

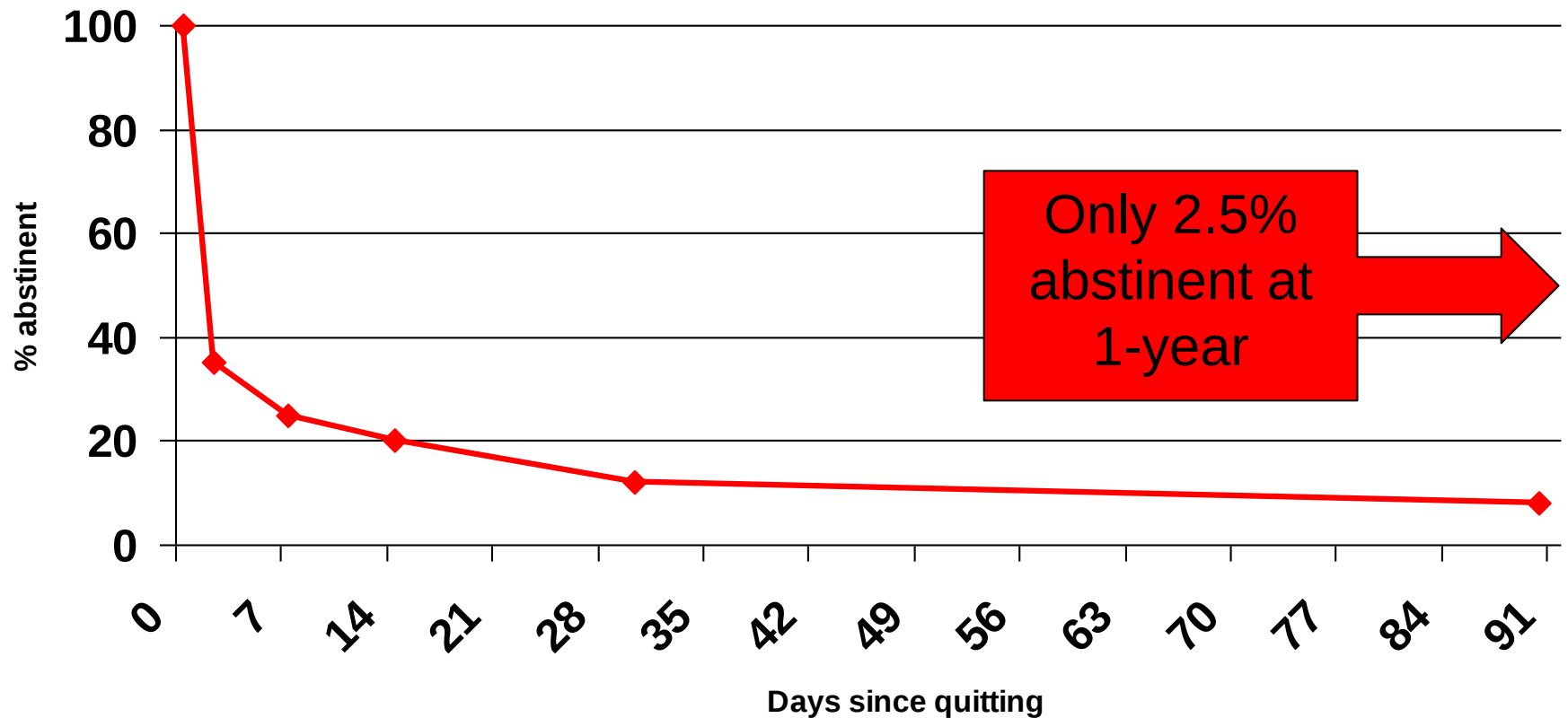


Why provide treatment?



- * Most people try to stop smoking unassisted
- * Most of those who are ex-smokers stopped in this way
- * However this approach is associated with the lowest long-term quit rates

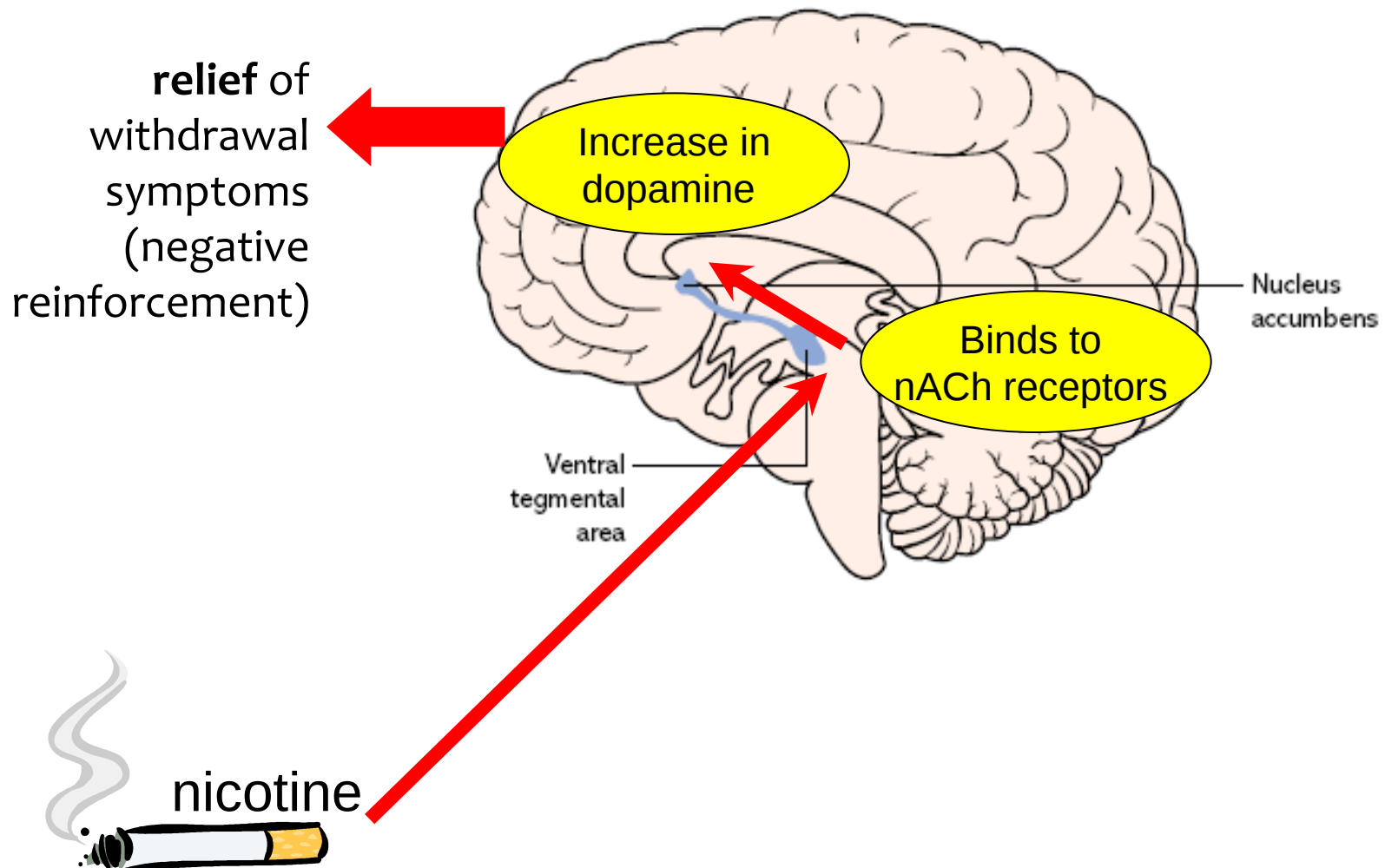
Quitting without support



Tobacco Dependence & Withdrawal

Why people smoke?
Why they find it difficult to stop?

The Actions of Nicotine



Tobacco withdrawal syndrome

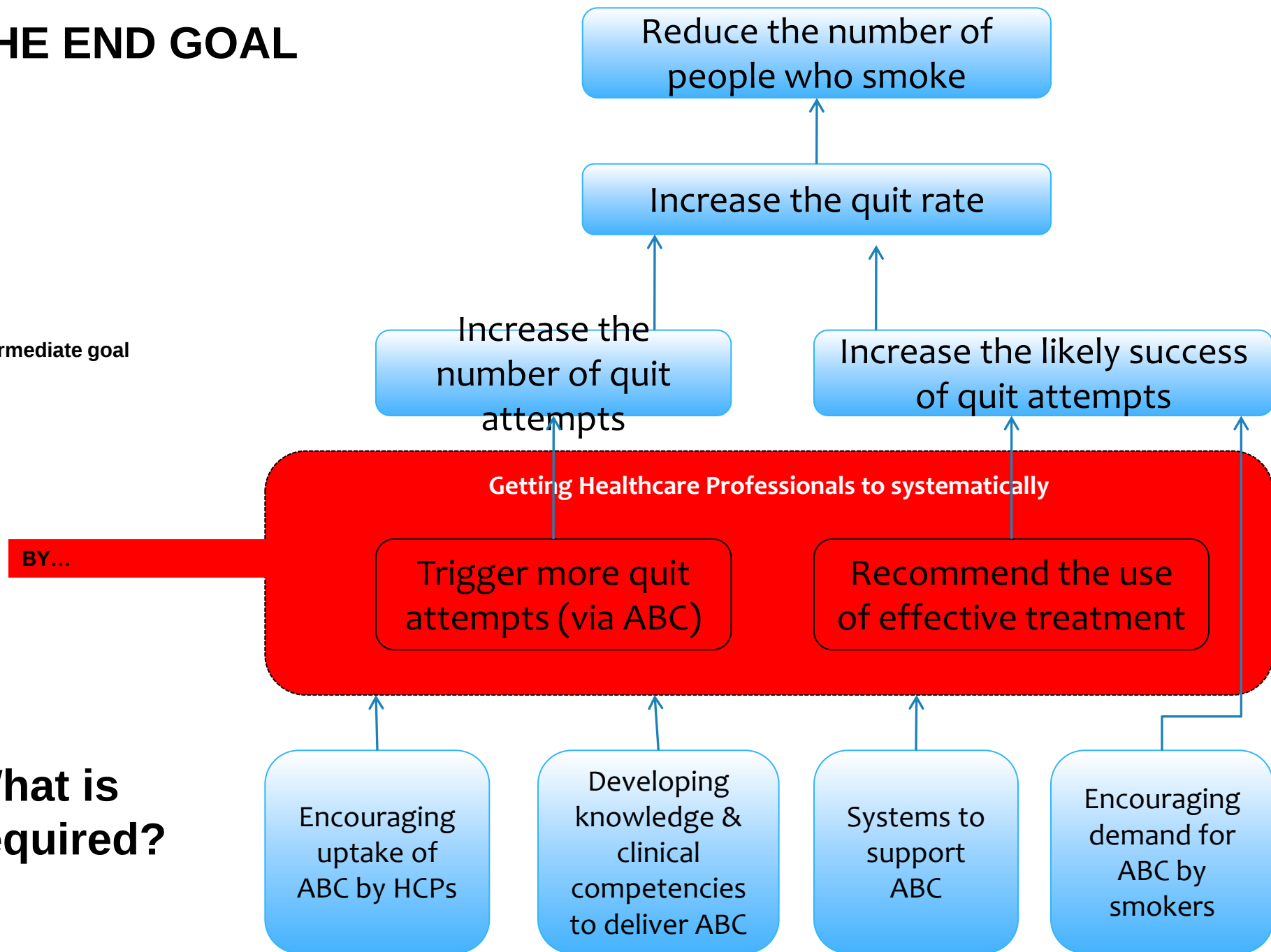
Signs & symptoms	Duration	Prevalence
Irritability	< 4 weeks	50%
Depression	< 4 weeks	60%
Restlessness	< 4 weeks	60%
Poor concentration	< 2 weeks	60%
Increased appetite	> 10 weeks	70%
Sleep disturbance	< 1 week	25%
Urges to smoke	> 2 weeks	70%
↓ Heart rate	Long-term	> 80%
↓ Tremor	Long-term	> 80%
↑ Skin temperature	Long-term	> 80%
Mouth Ulcers	> 4 weeks	40%
Constipation	>4 weeks	17%

Key Steps to Successful Quitting



THE END GOAL

Intermediate goal



HCP Role in Smoking Cessation

- HCPs can increase a patient's odds of quitting with brief advice, medication, and behavioural support¹
- Tasks
 1. Identifying people who smoke
 2. Motivating a quit attempt
 3. Providing treatment and support
 4. Supporting ongoing abstinence

Despite good evidence that HCPs can play a role...

Globally, most HCPs do not engage in helping people quit¹

1. American Legacy Foundation (2007). *Physician Behavior and Practice Patterns Related to Smoking*. AAMC. Available at: <http://www.aamc.org/workforce/smoking-cessation-full.pdf>

Roadblocks to Treating Tobacco Dependence

Physician-perceived barriers

- Lack of time
- Treat other diseases before smoking
- Lack of training
- Lack of patients' interest
- The physician smokes
- Not their job to treat smoking
- Lack of reimbursement
- No access to important medications
- Lack of access to other support resources



The New Zealand ABC approach

- * **A - ask** whether a person smokes
- * **B - give **brief**** advice to quit to all people who smoke and
- * **C – make and offer of and refer to **cessation treatment****



Brief Advice to Quit

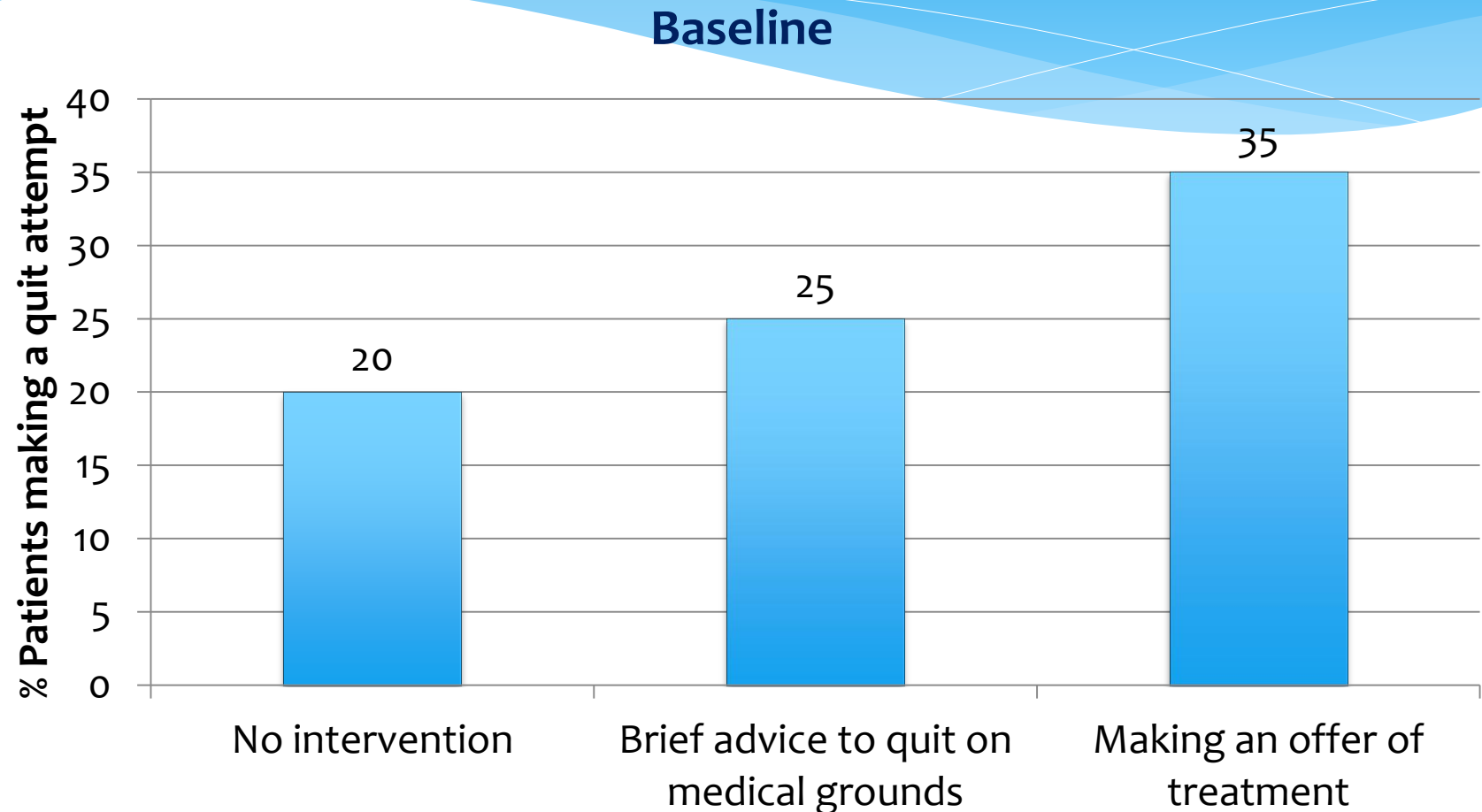
Importance of brief advice



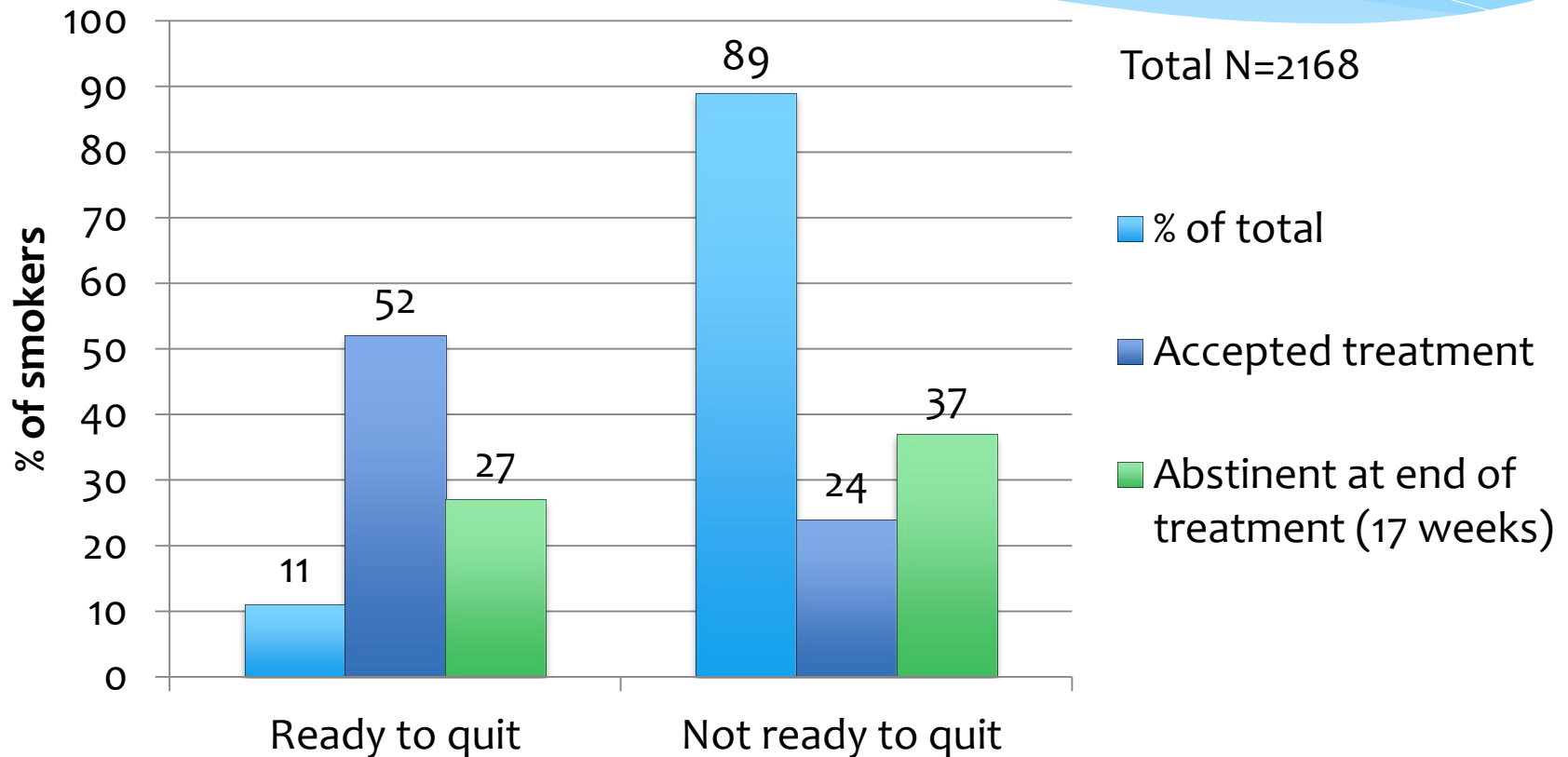
- * Simply advising people to stop has an effect (increases quit rates by 1-3%)

- * $NNT = 40$

% patients making a quit attempt in 6 months following a GP visit



Acceptance of smoking cessation treatment by readiness to quit



Encourage 'not a puff'

- * Most people who smoke are trying to change their behaviour and cutting down is a common approach
- * Unfortunately this approach is associated with few health benefits and people can rarely maintain this behaviour
- * When people cut down they typically compensate by smoking their fewer cigarettes more intensively – e.g. taking bigger puffs and holding the smoke down for longer
- * Cutting down is **not the answer**
- * Clinician to offer cessation options

MedTech Quitline referral

MedTech-32 MMH Test [Terminal]

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FOWLER Laura (703842.1)
16 Brenton Place, Orakei, 09 521 0866

A3 - R
06 Feb 1979 33 yrs Female

N - Not Funded
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Quitline Referral (ManageMyHealth)

Web



Quitline Referral
For information about Quitline please visit
www.quitline.org.nz



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Refer to Quitline

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Patient

Patient Details

First Name *
LAURA

Surname *
FOWLER

NHI

Date Of Birth *
06/02/1979

Gender
☒ Male ☐ Female ☐ Other

Residential Address

Street Address *
16 Brenton Place

Suburb *
Orakei

City *
Auckland

Post Code *
1071

Contact Information

Daytime Phone *
095210866

Home Phone

Mobile

Email Address
laura.fowler@mmh-demo.com

Postal Address

Street Address
16 Brenton Place

Suburb
Orakei

City
Auckland

Post Code
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Pregnancy

Is the Patient
☐ Yes ☒ No

Patient/Guardian Consent

Has Patient/Guardian
☐ Yes ☒ No

The Tobacco Health Target

The objective is to trigger a quit attempt

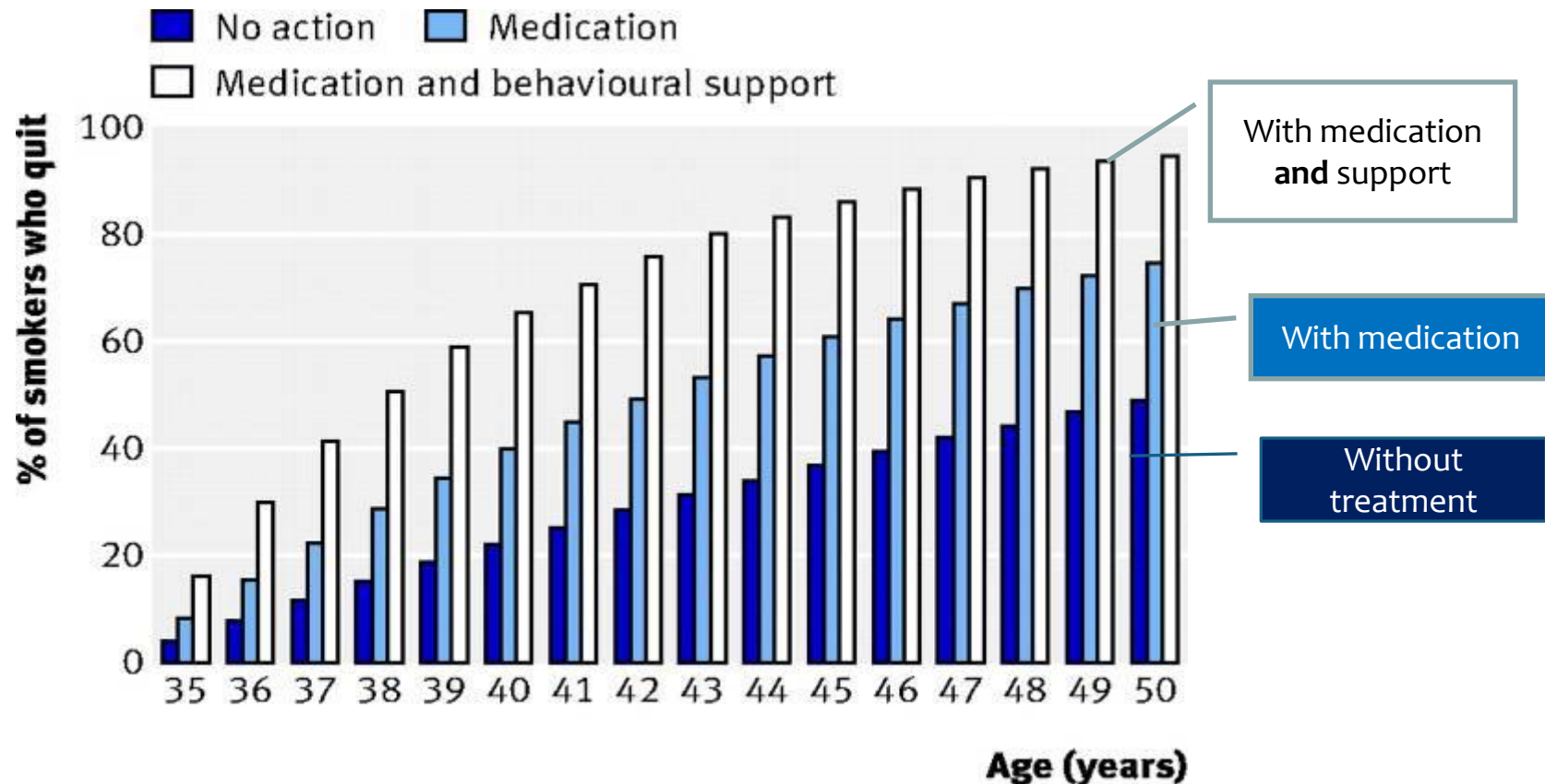
The Health Target



95% of **hospitalised** smokers will be provided with advice and help to quit by July 2012.

90% of enrolled patients who smoke and are seen in **General Practice**, will be provided with advice and help to quit by July 2012.

Cumulative chances of quitting over time when making one quit attempt per year with and without cessation treatment



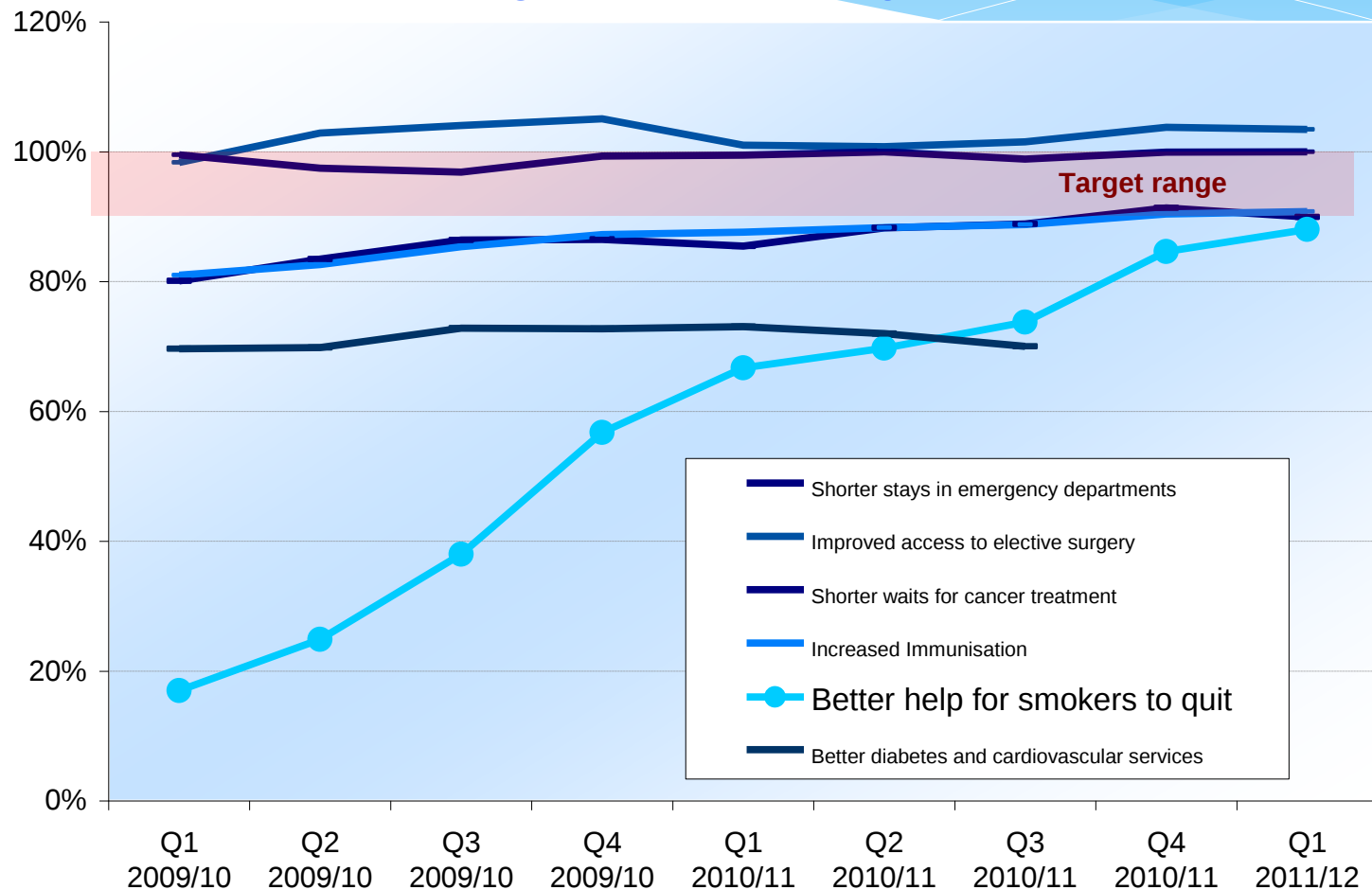
Health Target results

Better
help for



Smokers to Quit

Health Targets Results over 2 years



How is your DHB performing?

2011/12 QUARTER TWO RESULTS

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This is the last time the CVD diabetes target will be reported in this form. From quarter three, the new target is 'More heart and diabetes checks'.

Shorter stays in



Emergency Departments

Improved access to



Elective Surgery

Shorter waits for



Cancer Treatment

Increased



Immunisation

Better help for



Smokers to Quit

Better



Diabetes and Cardiovascular Services

Shorter stays in Emergency Departments				Improved access to Elective Surgery				Shorter waits for Cancer Treatment				Increased Immunisation				Better help for Smokers to Quit				Better Diabetes and Cardiovascular Services			
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Shorter stays in Emergency Departments

The target is 95 percent of patients will be admitted, discharged, or transferred from an Emergency Department (ED) within six hours. The target is a measure of the efficiency of flow of acute (urgent) patients through public hospitals, and home again.

Improved access to elective surgery

The target is an increase in the volume of elective surgery by an average of 4,000 discharges per year.

* DHBs planned to deliver 73,114 discharges year to date, and have delivered 2,793 more.

Shorter waits for cancer treatment

The target is everyone needing radiation treatment will have this within four weeks. Six regional oncology centres provide radiation oncology services. These centres are in Auckland, Hamilton, Palmerston North, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin.

Increased immunisation

The national immunisation target is 95 percent of two year olds will be fully immunised by July 2012.

This quarterly progress result includes children who turned two years between October and December 2011 and who were fully immunised at that stage.

Better help for smokers to quit

The target is that 95 percent of hospitalised smokers will be provided with advice and help to quit by July 2012. The data covers patients presenting to Emergency Departments, day stay and other hospital based interventions.

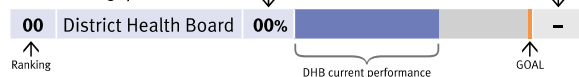
Better diabetes and cardiovascular services

This graph represents the average progress made by a DHB towards three target indicators:

- 90 percent of the eligible adult population will have had their cardiovascular disease risk assessed in the last five years;
- an increased percent of people with diabetes will attend free annual checks;
- an increased percent of people with diabetes will have satisfactory or better diabetes management.

* Due to data corrections, the quarter one All DHBs result has been revised from 70 percent to 73 percent.

How to read the graphs

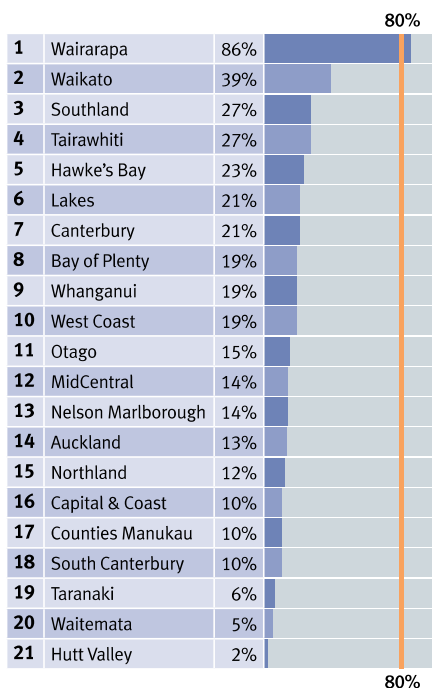
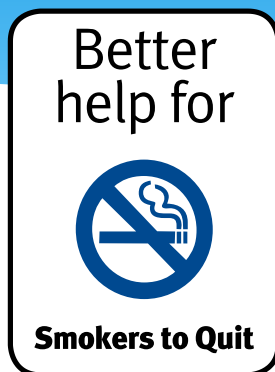


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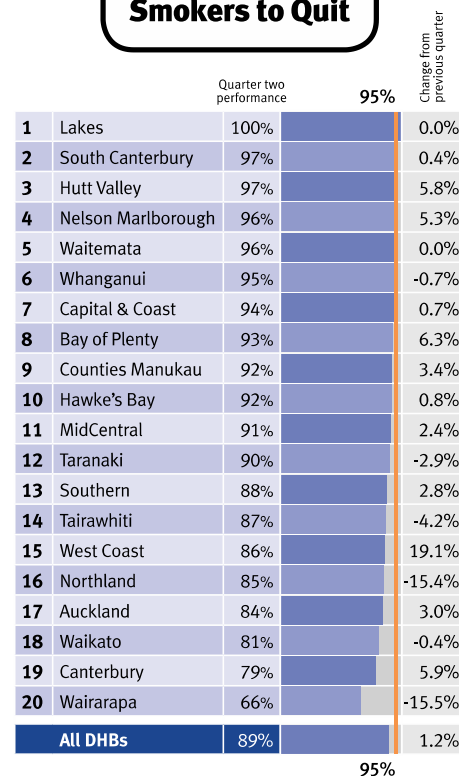
New Zealand Government

Improvements in Secondary Care

2009



2012



How have the results been achieved?

- * Training
- * Audit and feedback
- * Leadership from SENIOR Management
- * Clinical Champions
- * Systems and tools to prompt clinicians
- * Smoking status and tobacco treatment plan in discharge summary

Support from GPs

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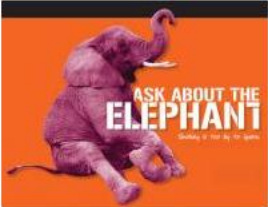
From July this year, the Minister of Health will be introducing the 'Better Help for Smokers to Quit' health target into the primary care sector. The goal is to see 90% of smokers consistently offered brief advice and support to quit by their local health practitioner.

This is not just a box-ticking exercise, it is about saving lives. In each practice, the vast majority of patients who smoke wish they didn't, and want help to quit. They just don't know how and many aren't convinced it's possible.

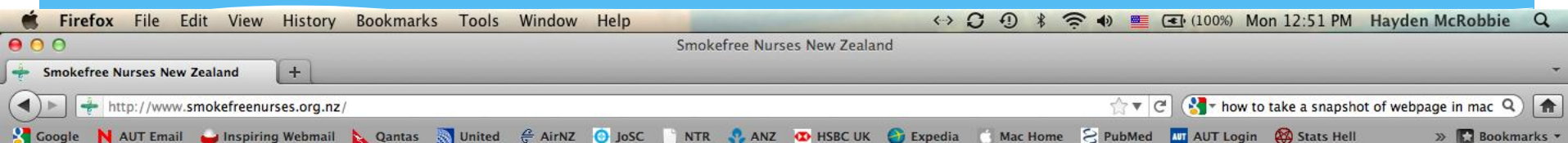
With the aim for New Zealand to become smokefree in 2025, this is a vital step in achieving its success. Over the last few years, we have seen a sustained increase in calls to Quitline and in 2007 there was a two percent reduction in smoking in a 12 month period, equating to 60,000 fewer smokers. As a result of the health target, the total number of hospitalised patients who received brief advice in the first year alone was 45,000. For the first nine months of the 2010/11 year over 68,000 people were provided with brief advice. Even the briefest interaction can make a difference.

Smoking is the single greatest preventable risk to your patient's well being and there are many other health issues that are symptomatic of tobacco use.

It's as simple as ABC



Support from Nurses



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Smokefree Nurses, working towards a healthier New Zealand

- **5000 New Zealanders die** unnecessarily from smoking-related conditions – that's over 10 times the annual road toll. Helping Kiwis quit smoking is one of the most cost effective means of improving our nation's health.
- **80% of New Zealand smokers wish they had never started** and two-thirds of them want to quit.
- **Smokers expect to be asked** about their smoking status.

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Latest results for secondary
care targets - [read more...](#)

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- Read how three DHBs have achieved their targets and how they intend to improve. [More....](#)
- Waitemata introduces new smokefree EDS which supports patients upon discharge. [More...](#)

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What do patients and staff think?

Quotes from Timaru hospital patients asked about their smoking status [Ken Bagnall, Timaru]

- "I wish they'd had this help before" (a chemo patient who doesn't feel able to quit now.)
- "At that price why wouldn't you try?" (a smoker on being informed about the availability of NRT and the \$3 script available at discharge.)
- "I've quit... I think it's great you can get this help here." (an ex smoker)
- "No, it's a good thing... how can you be smoking if you're coming in here?" (a non smoker).

Staff member

Liked the fact that everyone was now being asked and that it was just a routine part of a patients care. It was clear what was expected of the nurse and what action to take. And patients were now getting used to the fact that they would be asked their smoking status so didn't take offence.

Treatment



Benefits of smoking cessation: A worked example

- * Assumed long term quit rates

- * No treatment 5%
- * Minimal treatment 10%
(e.g. doctors advice & stop smoking medicine)
- * Optimal treatment 20%
(e.g. multi-session behavioural support & stop smoking medicine)

- * If 100 smokers were treated

- * an extra 5 would stop with minimal treatment
- * an extra 15 with optimal treatment

Avoiding Excess Deaths

- * To determine how many of these 5 or 15 avoided an excess death from smoking, assume that if they continued to smoke, half would have died
- * Then assume half of these smokers stopped before age 30 years and almost all of this risk was avoided, and that half stopped at age 50 years and half of this risk was avoided, therefore:
- * Minimal treatment would avoid 1.9 deaths NNT = 52
- * Optimal treatment would avoid 5.7 deaths NNT = 18

NNT Comparison

- * Daily aspirin treatment for a lifetime
 - * NNT of 40 to prevent an early death from heart disease
- * Ten annual mammograms to prevent an early death
 - * NNT ranges from 377 for women aged 60–69 years to 1904 for women aged 39–49 years

Number Needed to Treat to Benefit

Medicine	Number needed to treat to benefit
NRT	23 (95% CI: 20-27)
Bupropion (Zyban)	20 (95% CI: 16-26)
Varenicline (Champix)	10 (95% CI: 8-12)

What do people need help with?

- * The first major obstacle to quitting is **withdrawal discomfort**
- * Worse in smokers with high pre-abstinence nicotine intake
- * Urges to smoke and depression predict relapse

Getting over the initial withdrawal discomfort

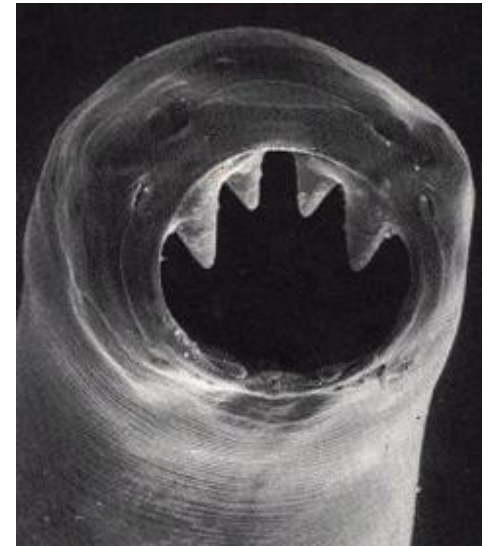
- * Behavioural support is of proven efficacy
 - * Can be delivered in different formats
 - * Face-to-face (individual or group)
 - * Telephone
 - * Internet
 - * Apart from setting up a quit date, the key factors include
 - * *guidance and information*
 - * *motivational support.*
- * NRT, bupropion (Zyban), nortriptyline and varenicline (Champix) are of proven efficacy

Helping people cope with common withdrawal symptoms

- * Explain this is common
 - * if people think their experience is unusual, it worries them more
- * Explain this is temporary
 - * knowing this facilitates coping
- * Inform on likely duration
 - * confirms you are not just using platitudes and sets benchmarks

Explaining the reason for the discomfort may help some patients

- * Nicotine has caused changes in your brain. Parts of it now need nicotine, and make you feel uncomfortable without it
- * When you smoke, you feel better –
until more nicotine is needed
- * It is a bit like having a parasite
which demands to be fed



Explaining the reason for the discomfort may help some patients

- * If you do not smoke at all, your brain gradually goes back to normal and you are fine again. It is a bit like starving the parasite to death.
- * If you have even a single cigarette after you quit, it is likely to bring the need to smoke (which was already weakening) back to life. You made the parasite strong again.

Explaining the reason for the discomfort may help some patients

- * It may help to realise that it is not you who needs cigarettes. You will be healthier, wealthier and happier without them
- * It is only your dependence, your parasite, which needs them. If you do not feed it, it will die and you will be free.

How to make quitting easier

- * Understanding what is going on
- * Weekly support
- * Using medication



Motivate

- * Deal with ambivalence
- * Elicit commitment
- * Use CO monitoring
- * Explain importance of a good start



Prepare for quit date

- * Explain the quit date and the rationale of recommending complete abstinence
- * Discuss the problems with gradual reduction if needed
- * Discuss preparation and coping. Prepare for medication use.

Orient on withdrawal

- * Reassure about symptom duration, careful with 'predicting' symptoms
- * Flue analogy, monster analogy, focus on positive developments
- * Regarding weight gain, advise against 'going on a diet' - going hungry

Deal with lapses

- * Keep explaining the rationale for total quit and temporary nature of discomfort
- * Discuss risks and coping strategies
- * Set a new quit date if patient smokes daily

- * Debrief, explain need for a break, find positive lessons learned for future

Behavioural Support

The TOP FIVE

1. Building rapport
2. Use of CO monitoring as a motivational tool
3. Explaining how to use medications
4. Explaining the rationale for not having a single puff
5. Eliciting commitment from the client to the not-a-puff rule

Treatment format

CO-validated 4-week abstinence		
	OR (95% CI)	p value
Intervention type (reference: one-to-one)		
Closed group	1.43 (1.16-1.76)	0.001
Drop-in	0.72 (0.57-0.90)	0.003
Open (rolling) group	1.46 (1.19-1.78)	<0.001
Other	0.97 (0.68-1.38)	0.851

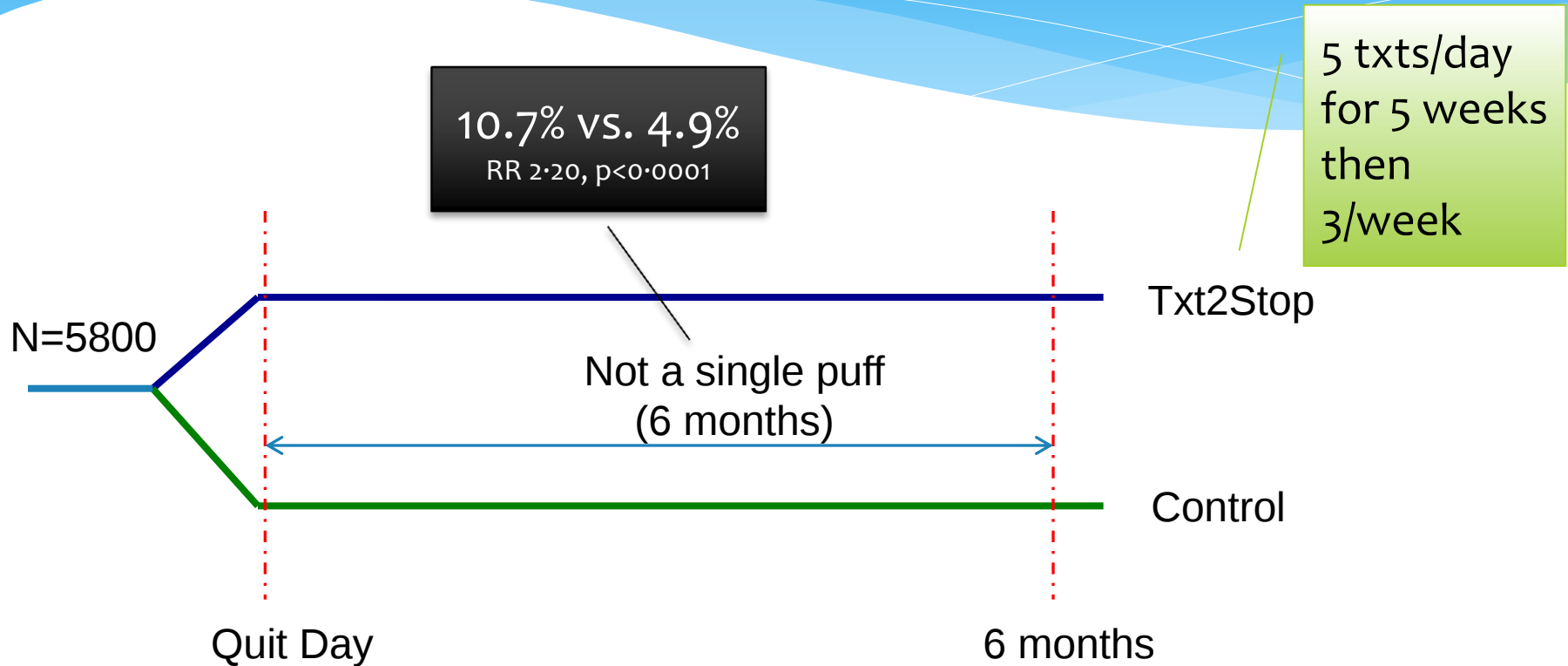
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Text based cessation support

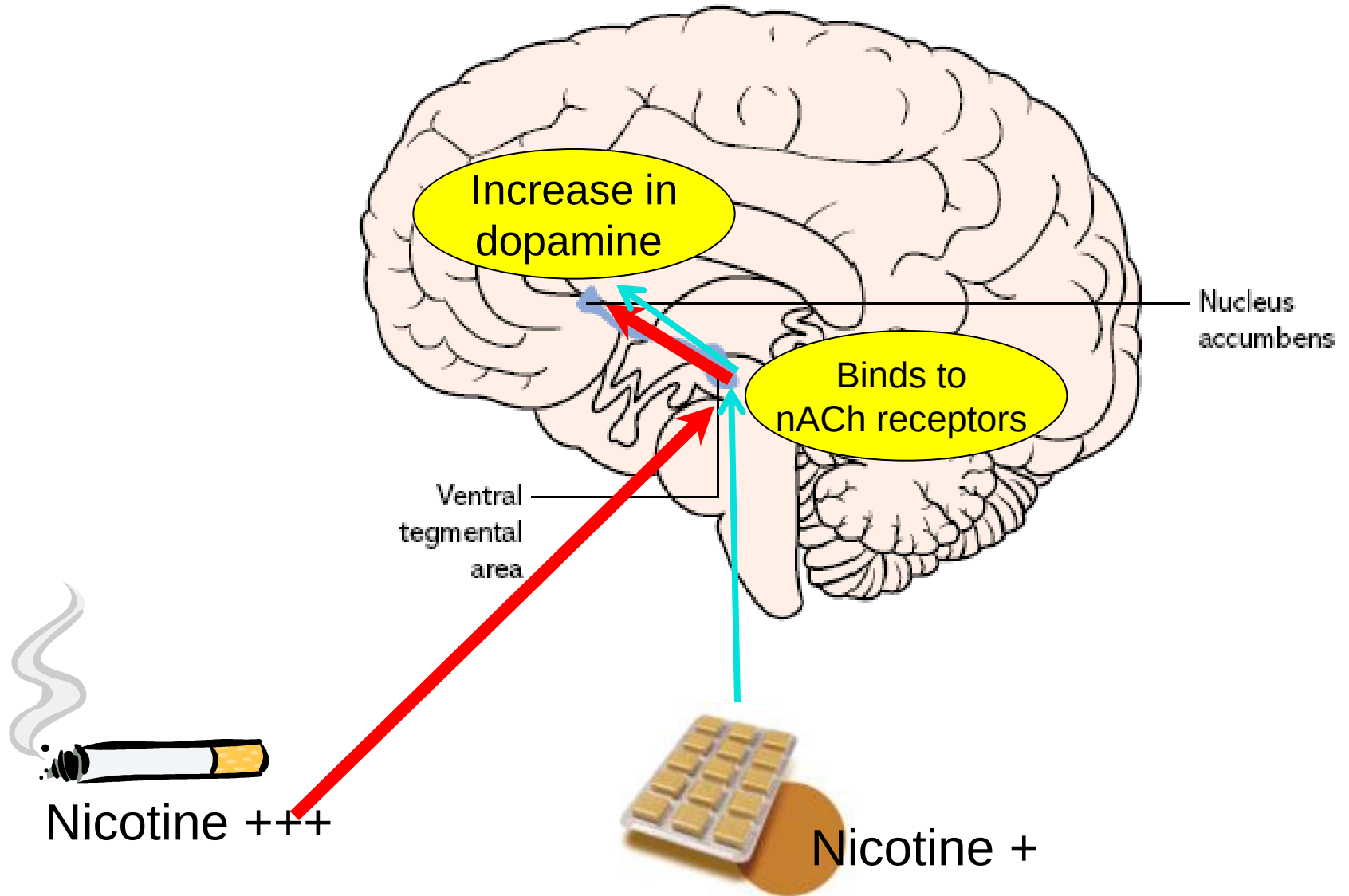
- * Simple and relatively low cost intervention
- * Mobile phone coverage in many countries is high
- * First study (Rodgers 2005) showed short-term, but not long-term benefit
 - * 6 weeks: 28% vs. 13% (RR=2.20, 95% CI 1.79-2.70)
 - * 6 months: 25% vs. 24% (RR=1.07, 95%CI:0.91-1.26)

7-day point prevalence abstinence rates

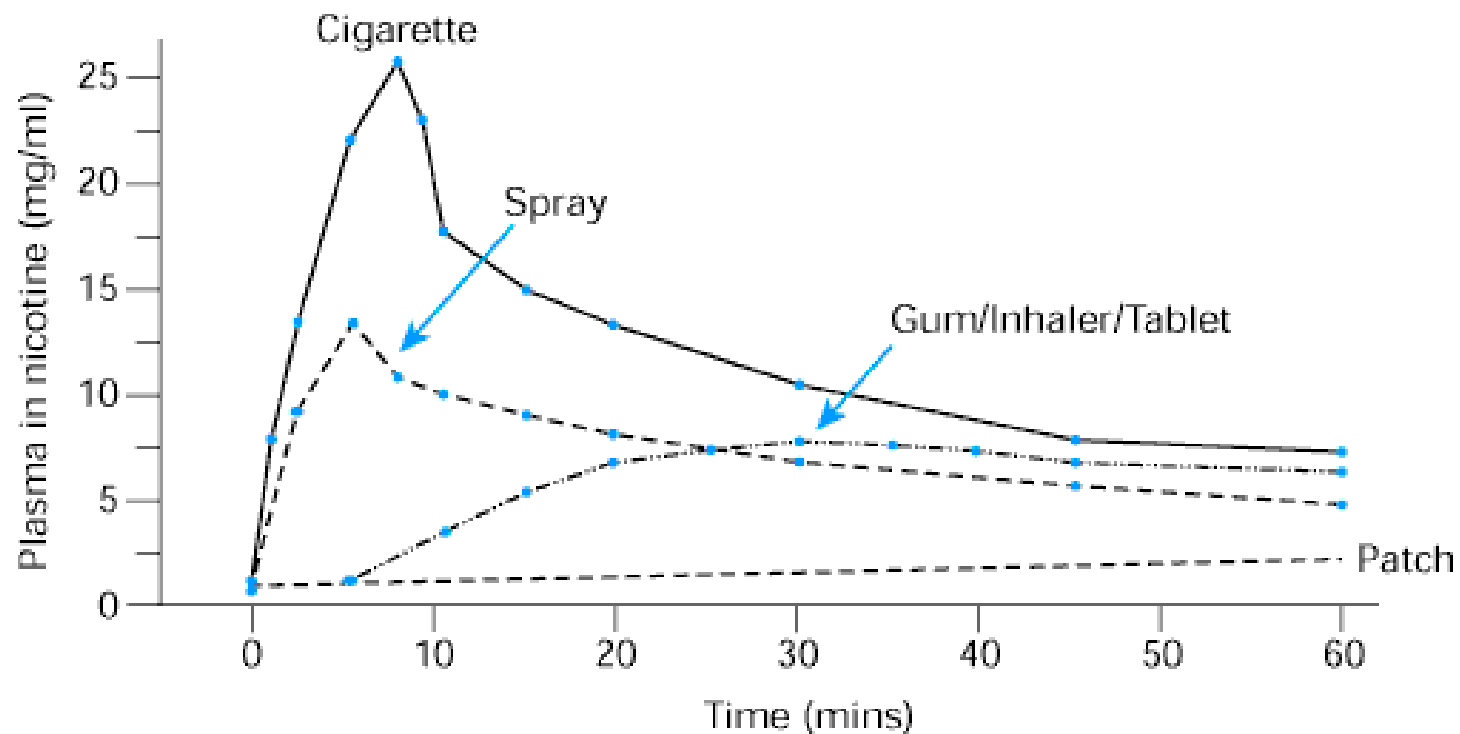
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Nicotine replacement therapy



Nicotine Delivery



NRT - safety and side-effects

- * There are no 'real' contraindications to NRT
 - * Some individual product differences e.g. gum not good for people with dentures
- * No drug interactions
- * The most common side effects are localised e.g.
 - * Taste of oral products
 - * Stinging sensation of nasal spray
 - * Skin irritation with patch

Basic dosing

- Smokes 10 or more a day
 - Full strength patch (21mg) PLUS
 - Gum or lozenge (dose based on time to first cigarette)
- Smokes less than 10 a day
 - Gum or lozenge (dose based on time to first cigarette)
 - Or start with a medium strength patch (14mg)
- Time to first cigarette
 - Smokers within 60 minutes of waking – use high dose gum (4mg) or lozenge (2mg)
 - Smokes after 60 minutes of waking – use low dose gum (2mg) or lozenge (1mg)

Reasons for NRT failure

- Unrealistic expectations
- Incorrect use
- Not used for long enough
- Nicotine is often seen as the dangerous element in cigarette smoke
 - Safety concerns can be a barrier to use



Encouraging compliance is important

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Bupropion

- * Atypical antidepressant which acts on dopamine and noradrenaline pathways and possibly as a nicotinic antagonist, designed to reduce motivation to smoke by

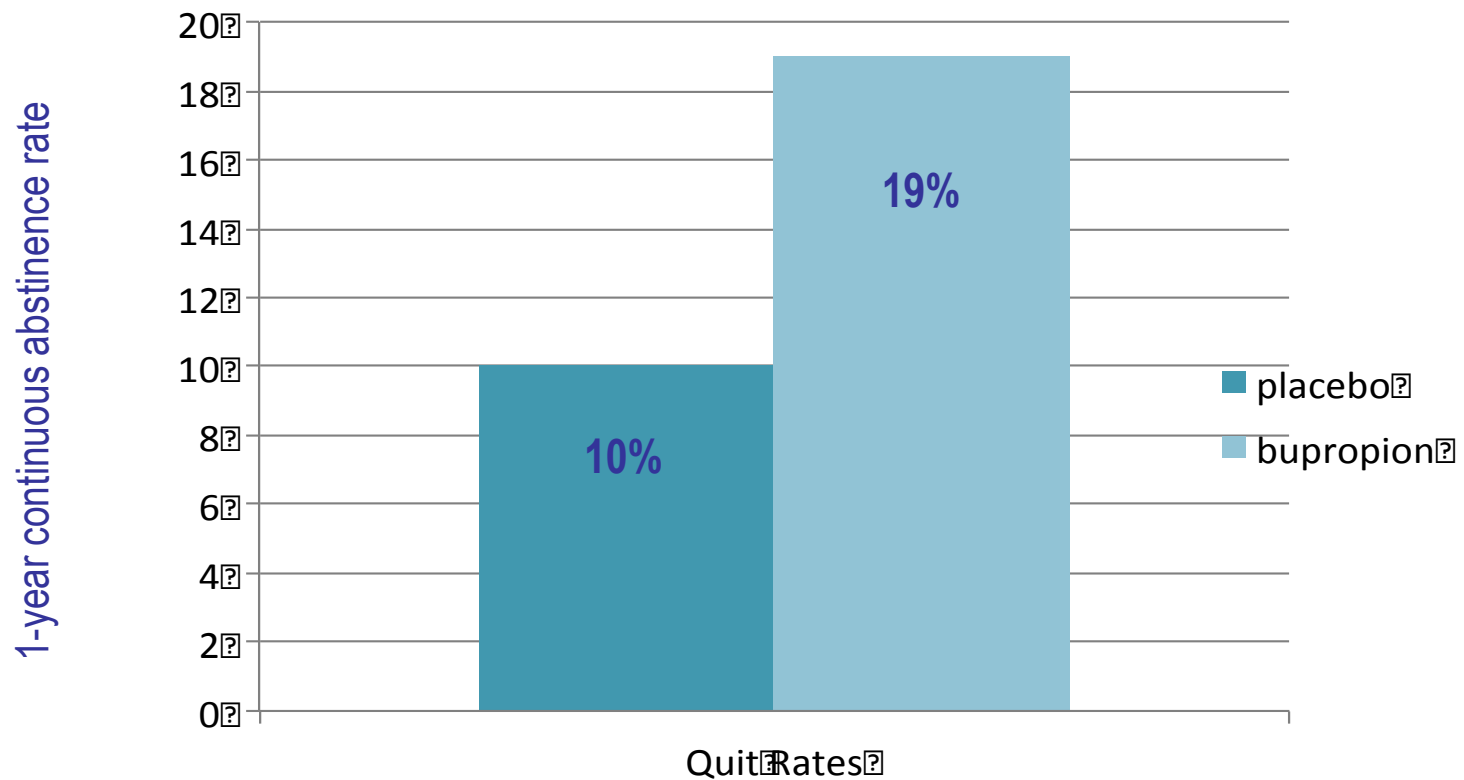
- * reducing cravings and withdrawal symptoms
- * reducing the rewarding effect of smoking



What to say to your patients?

- * Works by alleviating craving and other withdrawal symptoms
- * It's not a magic cure, but it will make quitting easier

Clinical Efficacy



Use of bupropion

- * Started at least a week before the target quit date
 - * One tablet (150mg) once a day for the first three days then
 - * One tablet twice a day, with at least 8 hours between each dose
 - * Use for at least 7 weeks



What to say to your patients

- * Smoke as normal prior to your Target Quit Date and then you should aim not to have a single puff from then
- * Don't take too close to bed-time as it can cause sleep disturbance

Safety and side-effects

- * There are a number of contraindications
- * There are a number of drug interactions
- * The most common side effects are
 - * Insomnia
 - * Headache
 - * Dry mouth
 - * Rash



Rash from Zyban



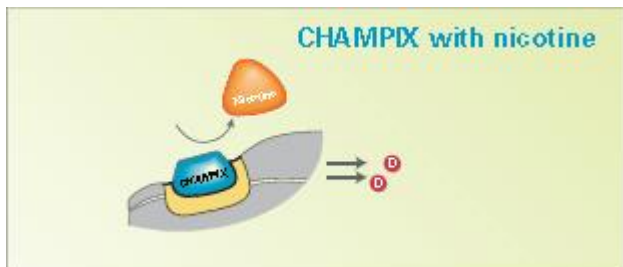
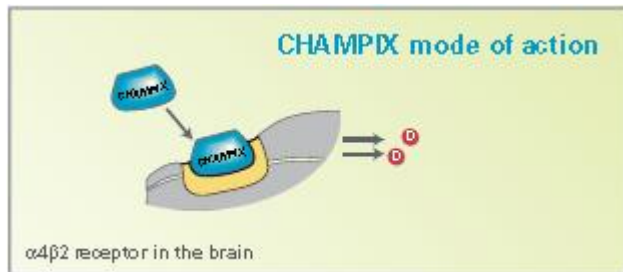
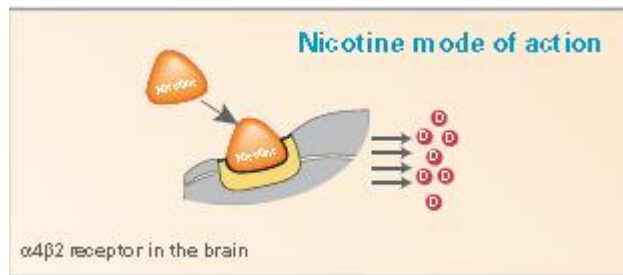
Is Zyban more effective than NRT?

- No – they both roughly double the chances of quitting long-term

Can Zyban be used with NRT?

- Yes, although there is no evidence to say that chances of success are improved significantly when using both
- Start with Zyban, and add in an oral NRT if needed for break-through craving

Varenicline

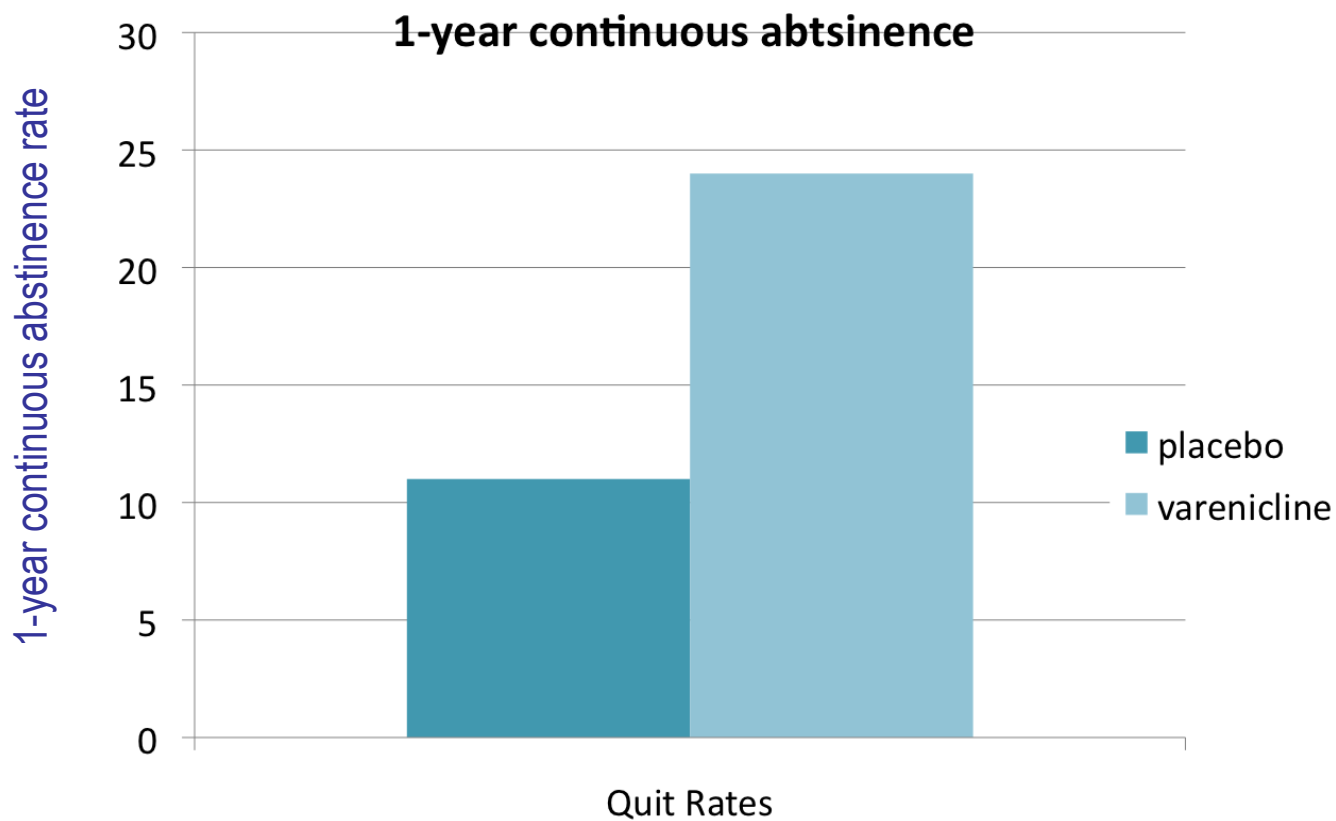


Varenicline = partial agonist of the $\alpha 4 \beta 2$ nAChR

What to say to patients

- * Varenicline works by reducing craving for cigarettes making quitting smoking a little easier and increases the chances of stopping for good.
- * However it's no magic cure and effort is still required.

Clinical Efficacy



Who can use it? How to use it?

- * There are some contraindications
 - * *E.g. allergy to Champix*
 - * *Also not recommended in pregnant & breastfeeding women and those aged <18*
- * No drug interactions
- * Prescription only and special authority restrictions
- * Start at least 1 week before target quit date
- * Three month course of treatment

Special Authority Criteria

- * The patient is part of, or is about to enrol in, a comprehensive support and counselling smoking cessation programme, which includes prescriber or nurse monitoring **AND**
- * The patient is not pregnant **AND**
- * The patient has tried but failed to quit smoking after at least two separate trials of nicotine replacement therapy, at least one of which included the patient receiving comprehensive advice on the optimal use of nicotine replacement therapy **OR**
- * The patient has tried but failed to quit smoking using bupropion or nortriptyline

Dosing instructions

Start therapy with the Initiation pack and set quit date				
Days 1-3			0.5 mg once-daily	 CHAMPIX packs designed for easy use
Days 4-7			0.5 mg twice-daily	
Days 8-14			1 mg twice-daily [†]	
			Quit	
Continue therapy with the Initiation pack				
Days 15-28			1 mg twice-daily	
Maintain therapy with the Continuation pack				
Months 2 and 3			1 mg twice-daily	

Safety and side-effects

- * Side effects

- * Nausea (30%) – mostly well tolerated
- * Strange dreams, headache, flatulence, and insomnia
- * Concerns about mood disturbance

- * Dealing with nausea

- * Warn people that they should expect some nausea
- * Reassure them that this is likely to be mild
- * Advise to take the tablets with food
- * Reduce dose to 1 tablet daily if nausea persists
- * Refer back to GP if necessary

Mood changes

- * Drug effect or Abstinence effect?
 - * Depression is a withdrawal symptom
 - * People who are depressed are more likely to have suicidal ideation
- * Also suicide risk in smokers is 3-4 times that of non-smokers
- * **Regulatory bodies recommend the following action:**
Healthcare professionals should monitor patients taking Champix for behavior and mood changes

'ABC' e-learning tool

www.smokingcessationabc.org.nz



Brief Advice

People you may come across

A

B

C

Before you go any further, hover over the people below to identify someone you might come across in your role. Then click on their photo to find out how brief advice could be given to them and how long it takes.

Note: These people are actors, engaged to show examples of how ABC can be used. The transcripts have been developed by a registered health-care professional.

Allen

Allen is 53 years old and currently smokes 20 cigarettes a day. He's tried to stop smoking in the past. Today, he's seeing his GP, for cardiovascular disease risk assessment.



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Any questions?

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