

# E-Cigarettes Use Among Pregnant Women

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#### Focus Areas















# E-Cigarettes/Electronic Smoking Devices



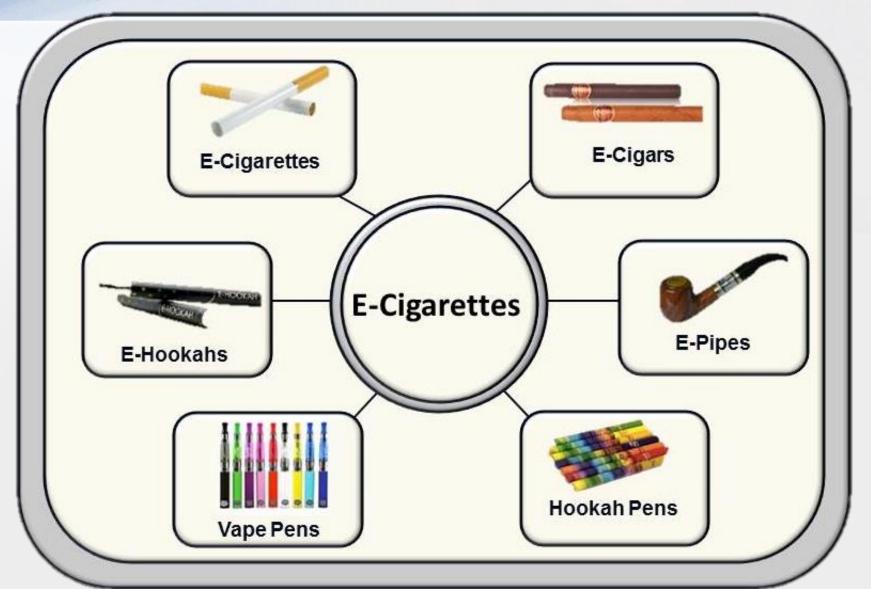








## E-Cigarettes Include:



# **How They Work:**





# Candy-Flavoring







#### CHEAP

1- 15ML, 18mg/mL bottle of e-juice = 10.385 packs of cigarettes (equivalent amount of Nicotine)

Each e-juice bottle=~\$12

Typical starter kit for a rechargeable/refillable e-cigarette=~\$40

Typical 20-pack of Marlboro Cigarettes=~\$7-8



"Nicotine-Free" ≠ ZERO Nicotine

# So What's the Problem?

# Proposed E-Cigarette Regulations: FDA



Currently, e-cigarettes are not regulated, nor are they FDA approved for cessation.

The FDA is currently in the process of deciding whether or not to regulate e-cigarettes. The proposed deeming regulations would:

#### Include:

- -Sales to Minors (already law in Wisconsin)
  - Disclose IngredientsWarning label

#### **NOT Include:**

- Removing Flavors
- Advertising Restrictions
  - Product Placement
     Internet Sales

- Conventional cigarettes contain nicotine, as well as up to 4,000 other toxins. E-cigarettes usually contain nicotine, water, and propylene glycol, but they can contain other, hidden toxins as well
- Nicotine can be very dangerous for a developing fetus and can lead to various harmful birth complications.

- Nicotine is known to narrow one's blood vessels, which means less oxygen and fewer nutrients reach a fetus via the placenta. This would affect how the baby grows
- Nicotine can increase a baby's heart rate and blood pressure
- Nicotine is very addictive—so ingesting while pregnant could cause that same addiction in the unborn child

- Nicotine has also been linked to high risk pregnancies, premature birth, lower birth weight, and fetal injury
- Nicotine levels are unregulated, and an FDA report revealed that some cartridges did not accurately report the amount of nicotine found in them.

- Liquid nicotine is poisonous—calls to Poison Centers have significantly increased in recent years. 1 tsp of the e-juice is a fatal amount for a small child; 1TBSP is a fatal amount for an adult
- "Secondhand Vapor" isn't just water vapor—it has been proven that the aerosol that is exhaled contains high levels of nicotine, heavy metals (tin, nickel, chromium, lead), carcinogens (formaldehyde and benzene), and propylene glycol



Health Information

#### **Health Warnings**

 MarkTen® product packaging contains the following warning:

WARNING: This product is not a smoking cessation product and has not been tested as such. This product is intended for use by persons of legal age or older, and not by children, women who are pregnant or breastfeeding, or persons with or at risk of neart disease, nigh blood pressure, diabetes, or taking medicine for depression or asthma. Nicotine is addictive and habit forming, and it is very toxic by inhalation, in contact with the skin, or if swallowed. Nicotine can increase your heart rate and blood pressure and cause dizziness, nausea. and stomach pain. Inhalation of this product may aggravate existing respiratory conditions. Ingestion of the non-vaporized concentrated ingredients in the cartridges can be poisonous.

CA Proposition 65 Warning: This product contains nicotine, a chemical known to the state of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.

## Mixed Messaging

LOVE YOUR LUNGS



SIMPLE REFRESHING SMOKE FREE







#### Common Pushbacks

- "Well, E-Cigarettes are 'safer' than regular cigarettes..."
  - Please note the earlier slides. E-cigarettes do still contain nicotine, which is known to have adverse effects on a fetus and pregnancy overall. Even if the e-cigarette is labeled 'Nicotine-Free' doesn't guarantee that truly is.
  - And the e-juice can be deadly if a small child were to ingest even a small amount

#### Common Pushbacks

- "My friend quit smoking with these [e-cigarettes]..."
  - While this may be the case, e-cigarettes have not been proven to be successful in cessation. Additionally, ecigarettes are not FDA approved for cessation.

#### Common Pushbacks

- "It's just water vapor..."
  - Again, reference the previous slides. The aerosol that is exhaled is not just water vapor. The aerosol includes nicotine, heavy metals, carcinogens, and other chemicals.

#### For more information...

...Please visit the First Breath website at www.wwhf.org/programs/first-breath/healthcareproviderportal



There is an excellent article regarding this topic from the May newsletter archived

There will be a brochure addressing some of the most common myths surrounding E-Cigarettes and pregnancy available later this month! Please see the upcoming newsletter for details on this new material.

## Resources

#### **TFCDC** Website:

www.tfcdc.com



#### Facebook:

www.facebook.com/tfcdc1



# Tobacco Control Resource Center: <a href="https://www.tobwis.org">www.tobwis.org</a>



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