The Harm Reduction Opportunity with Innovative Oral Tobacco-Derived Nicotine Products

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## Agenda

- Current Situation
- VERVE® Innovative Oral Tobacco Derived Nicotine Products
- ALCS Framework for Assessing Harm Reduction
  - Scientific Evidence
- Overall Conclusions



### Cigarette Smoking: A Significant Public Health Problem

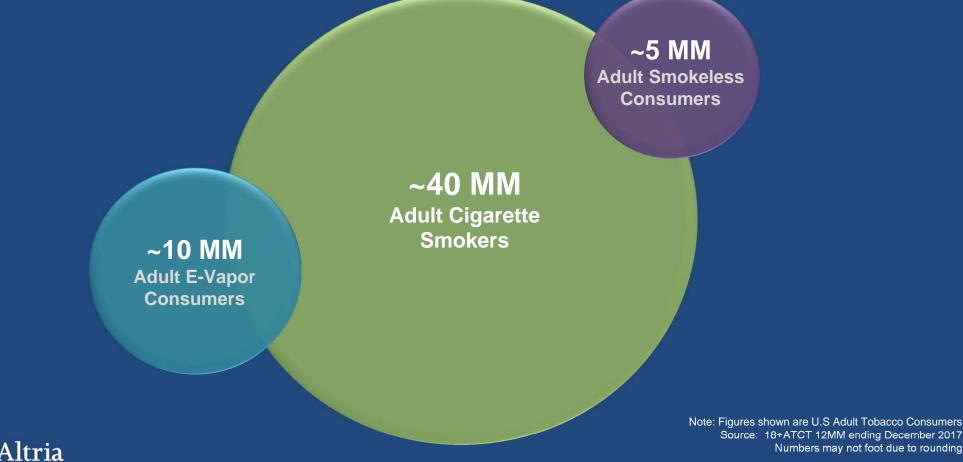
Cigarette smoking causes about one of every five deaths annually in the U.S.

Cigarette smoking causes an estimated **480,000 deaths** annually Smokers' life expectancy is about 10 years shorter than nonsmokers'

Source: http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/data\_statistics/fact\_sheets/health\_effects/tobacco\_related\_mortality/index.htm#cigs



# Harm Reduction Opportunities



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### FDA Recognizes Continuum of Risk

"We must recognize the potential for innovation to lead to less harmful products, which, under FDA's oversight, could be part of a solution. While there's still much research to be done on these products and the risks that they may pose, they may also present benefits that we must consider."

Dr. Scott Gottlieb FDA Commissioner

Combusted Tobacco Products

Most Harmful

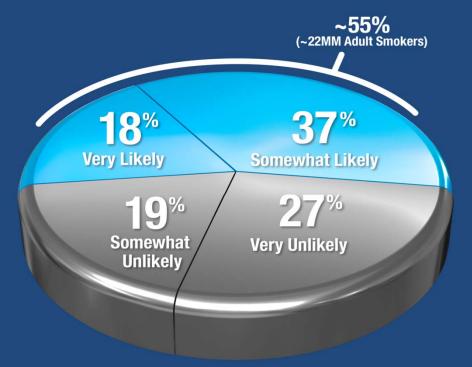
Non-combusted Tobacco Products

Least Harmful

July 28, 2017: Protecting American Families: Comprehensive Approach to Nicotine and Tobacco https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Speeches/ucm569024.htm



## Over Half of U.S. Adult Smokers Are Interested in Reduced-Risk Tobacco Products



Numbers may not foot due to rounding



Source: Based on ALCS analysis of PATH Wave 1 data Sept 12, 2013 – Dec 14, 2014; Response to question – "If a tobacco product made a claim that it was less harmful to health than other tobacco products, how likely would you be to use that product?"

### Innovative Non-Combustible Product Platforms





### **VERVE®** Discs Product Overview

#### Innovative Oral Tobacco-Derived Nicotine Discs

- Flavor Varieties: Blue Mint & Green Mint
- VERVE<sup>®</sup> Discs contain:
  - USP Grade Tobacco-Derived Nicotine
  - Food Grade Ingredients
  - Biocompatible Medical Grade Polymer
- ~1.5mg of nicotine per Disc
- 16 Discs per child resistant package





### **VERVE®** Chews Product Overview

#### Innovative Oral Tobacco-Derived Nicotine Chews

- Flavor Varieties: Blue Mint & Green Mint
- VERVE<sup>®</sup> Chews contain:
  - USP Grade Tobacco-Derived Nicotine
  - Food Grade Ingredients
- ~1.5mg of nicotine per Chew
- 12 Chews per child resistant package



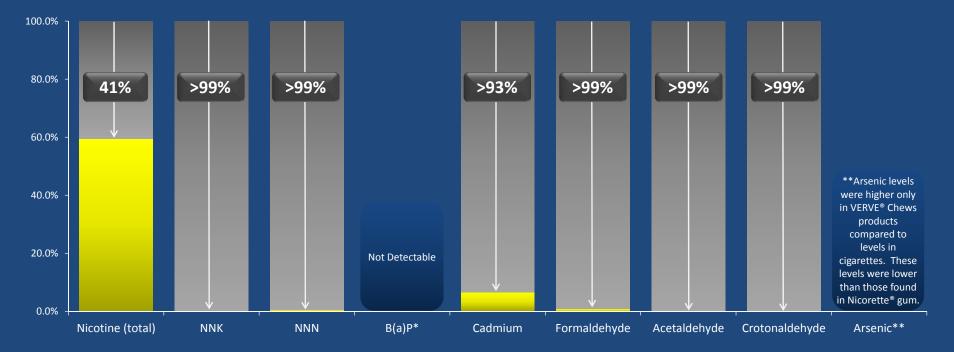


## ALCS Reduced Harm Evaluation Framework

	Constituent Reduction		Individual Risk Reduction		Population Harm Reduction	
	Product Design and Control	Chemical and Physical Characterization	Toxicology and Risk Assessment	Studies in Adult Human Subjects	Perception and Behavior Assessment	Risks and Benefits to Health of the Population
The Product		Exposure and Health Risk		Impact on the Population		



## Percent Reduction in HPHC levels of VERVE® Products Compared to Cigarettes in Market



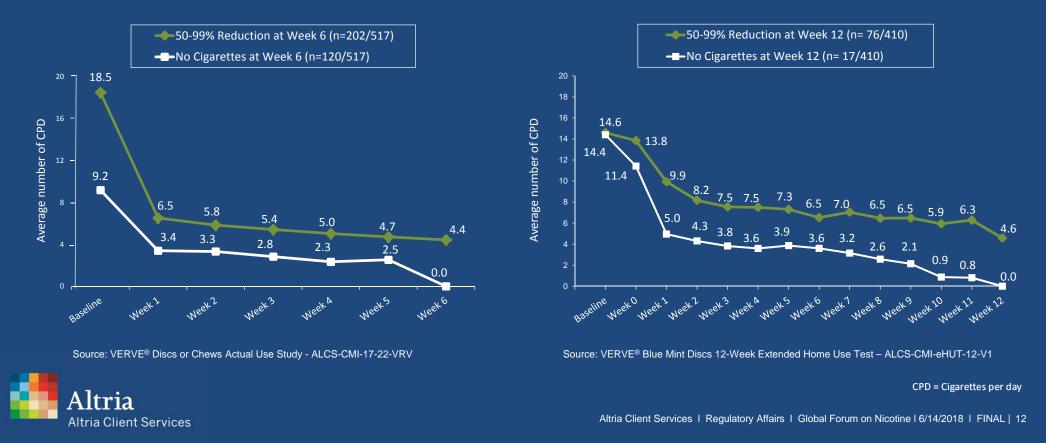
\*B(a)P levels were below detection limit of 2.0 ng/portion

Source: Percent reduction calculated based on maximum HPHC levels for different VERVE® products, relative to average HPHC levels for Marlboro® 100's Box smoked under Health Canada smoking conditions (Oldham et al., 2014) Note: Third party trademarks, logos, images and other artwork are the property of their respective owners, are used for reference only, and are not intended to suggest any affiliation.





## Continued Decline of CPD When Switching to VERVE<sup>®</sup> Products



### **Overall Conclusions**

- Over half of U.S. Adult Smokers are interested in reduced-risk tobacco products
- We have a robust framework to develop and evaluate our oral tobacco products to demonstrate harm reduction
- Innovative oral tobacco-derived nicotine products present an opportunity to reduce the harm from cigarette smoking

