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# **Real World Evidence Tool Kit**

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#### **Data Sources**

- Population level data
- Observational studies
- Electronic health records (EHR)
- Administrative claims data
- Registries
- Wearables
- Sales and marketplace data



#### **Outcome Measures**

- Trends in prevalence
- Characteristics of user population
- Use behavior/cessation
- Quality of life/wellness
- Biomarkers
- Clinical/disease endpoints
- Healthcare utilization/cost



#### **Sound Science**

- Hypothesis-driven
- Study design
- Statistical analysis
- Data interpretations
- Acknowledgment of limitations
- Innovative approaches

# Tobacco Landscape is Changing Rapidly



#### Past 30-Day Tobacco Products Use (21+): Percentages, 2014-Q2 2024



Adults who smoke that are at highest risk of smoking related diseases are continuing to smoke and not adopting E-cigarettes

Source: Altria Adult Tobacco Consumer Tracker (ATCT), a nationally representative, mixed-mode tracking survey

#### Association of Switching and Nicotine Misperception



Nicotine misperception might be a factor preventing adults who smoke from switching to smoke free alternatives

Source: Hannel T, Wie L, Muhmmad-Kah RS, Largo EG and Sarkar M., Harm Reduction J, 21:145 (2024)

# Real World Evidence Demonstrates Switching Success with NJOY ACE®



# Real World Evidence Show Significant Reduction in Biomarkers of Exposure Among Switchers



INDIVIDUAL RISK REDUCTION

...biomarker data from the NJOY User Study suggests that adults who exclusively use the new products will have lower HPHC exposures compared to adults who dually use CC and the new products.

Quote from FDA Technical Project Lead PMTA Summary (NJOY ACE Menthol Products)



\* Indicates that biomarker levels were significantly lower than dual-users (p < 0.05); Data represented as Least Square Means + 95% CI from Statistical Model. 3-HPMA=3-Hydroxypropylmercapturic Acid; CEMA=Cyanoethyl mercapturic acid; NNAL=4-(Methylnitrosamino)-1-(3-pyridyl)-1-butanol). 1NNAL is expressed as ng/g Cr. Source: NJOY ACE Biomarker Substudy Final Report

# Real World Evidence Challenges to Assess Long Term Health Effects of e-Vapor



Evidence

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#### An Exchange about "Population-Based Disease Odds for E-Cigarettes and Dual Use versus Cigarettes"

• We challenge the validity of the authors' conclusions, which we believe are premature and reflect a serious misinterpretation of the epidemiologic evidence.

Because e-cigarettes are a **relatively new product category** mostly used by people 40 years of age or younger, it is hard to see how reliable predictions can be made of health outcomes that are more common in older people.

• **The time needed to see disease outcomes** and reliably predict future health risks in the short term is challenging, and perhaps the best that can be done in the absence of long-term epidemiologic studies is to assess exposure and effect biomarkers.

Rodu et al: Cross-sectional e-cigarette studies are unreliable without timing of exposure and disease diagnosis Hajat et al - Analysis of common methodological flaws in the highest cited e-cigarette epidemiology research Shahab - Modelling the impact of vaping: what we need to know and which methods to use Emphasis added to quotes above

Response to Glantz et al paper published in NEJM

# Leveraging Real World Data to Assess Impact of e-Vapor in **COPD** Patients





Ricardo Polosa<sup>•</sup>, Jaymin B Morjaria<sup>•</sup>, Umberto Prosperini, Barbara Busà, Alfio Pennisi, Mario Malerba, Marilena Maglia and Pasquale Caponnetto

#### **Retrospective – prospective follow up (EHR)**

#### **Improvements across many health outcomes**

- Respiratory exacerbations
- Spirometric indices
- Quality of life using the COPD assessment tool (CAT)
- 6-min walk distance (6MWD)
- Conventional cigarette consumption

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#### Larger studies will be required

to clarify the role of the e-vapour category for smoking cessation and/or harm reversal in smokers with COPD. Although these findings are preliminary, the evidence presented in our study about the long-term health impacts of vaping on COPD can be considered by health professionals when providing specific advice to their COPD patients who cannot or do not want to quit smoking.

Polosa et al.

# **Real World Evidence**



## CHALLENGES

- 1 Lack of standard terminology
- **2** Exposure duration and use frequency
- **3** Association vs. causation
- 4 | Innovation and rapidly changing tobacco landscape continue to outpace survey methodology
- 5 | Real world data in health care systems significantly lagging behind

### **OPPORTUNITIES**

- 1 Continue to validate biomarkers predictive of disease end-points
- 2 Enhance documentation of tobacco use in medical records
- 3 Adopt standard codes (e.g., ICD) for documenting use of modern smoke-free products
- 4 | Leverage AI to maximize the utilization of unstructured data in EHR
- 5 Use hybrid study design by combining tobacco use history from consumers and health outcomes from medical records

# Real World Evidence Final Remarks



### INFORM



#### Science-based Regulation/Policies

- Apply learnings across differing regulatory frameworks
- Support a MRTP filing

Harm Reduction Strategy

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- Postmarket surveillance
- Pharmacovigilance
- Risk mitigation strategies
- Modeling
- Educations

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Future Research Questions

- Health equity
- Vulnerable populations
- Risk among adults who never used combustible products