

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION  
POLICY

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POLICY STATEMENT

The South Dakota State Medical Association (SDSMA) supports:

1. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) regulation of tobacco products – to include pipes, cigars, hookahs, e-cigarettes and all other non-pharmaceutical tobacco/nicotine products;
2. Legislation and/or regulation of electronic cigarettes and all other non-pharmaceutical tobacco/nicotine products that:
  - a. Establishes a minimum legal purchasing age of 21;
  - b. Prohibits use in all places that tobacco cigarette use is prohibited, including in hospitals and other places in which health care is delivered;
  - c. Applies the same marketing and sales restrictions that are applied to tobacco cigarettes, including prohibitions on television advertising, product placement in television and films, and the use of celebrity spokespeople;
  - d. Prohibits product claims of reduced risk or effectiveness as tobacco cessation tools, until such time that credible evidence is available, evaluated, and supported by the FDA;
  - e. Requires the use of secure, child- and tamper-proof packaging and design, and safety labeling on containers of replacement fluids (e-liquids) used in e-cigarettes;
  - f. Establishes manufacturing and product (including e-liquids) standards for identity, strength, purity, packaging, and labeling with instructions and contraindications for use;
  - g. Requires transparency and disclosure concerning product design, contents, and emissions; and
  - h. Prohibits the use of characterizing flavors that may enhance the appeal of such products to youth;
3. Urges federal officials to:
  - a. Prohibit the sale of any e-cigarette cartridges and e-liquid refills that do not include a complete list of ingredients on its packaging, in the order of prevalence (similar to food labeling);
  - b. Require that an accurate nicotine content of e-cigarettes, e-cigarette cartridges, and e-liquid refills be prominently displayed on the product alongside a warning of the addictive quality of nicotine.

Further, the SDSMA supports state and local policy initiatives to reduce exposure to secondhand smoke, including the passage of laws and ordinances that increase the number of smoke-free worksites and public places. The SDSMA believes all citizens, employees, and especially children have the right to worksites and public places that are free from the hazards of tobacco smoke.

AUTHORITY

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