

# UCSF Smoking Cessation Leadership Center

Communiqué | March 2018



## Recent News

---

### 15 Years Went by Quickly Director's Corner

On January 15, 2003, the Smoking Cessation Leadership Center at UCSF officially began, thanks to a five-year grant from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and later supplemented by support from the then American Legacy Foundation, now Truth Initiative.

When I arrived at UCSF that day, I had no idea of the journey ahead. All I had was an office and the opportunity to hire staff and to develop mechanisms that would help organizations do a better job supporting quit attempts by smokers. What was known as the large gap between what clinicians should do and what they actually did. SCLC's focus over the last 15 years has been how to narrow the gap among clinicians and within other relevant organizations. What evolved over the years was our strategic approach and the partners we engaged. I also did not foresee the longevity of our Center, nor the multiple other sources of support we were fortunate to secure. Looking back, here are some of the highlights of those past 15 years.

[Read the full blog here.](#)

In celebration of our 15th anniversary, we are giving away **FREE CME/CEs**, for a limited time, for two webinar collections: 2016 & 2017 recorded webinars. We want to thank our partners, followers, and subscribers for all of your continued support.



[Use the code SCLC@15](#)

---

# Prescription Opioid Misuse & Smoking

*It is a vital time for public health to address smoking as a risk factor for opioid misuse.*

---

The opioid epidemic has been a growing public health crisis for years, and given the recent rise of overdose deaths, there's no time like the present for health care providers to address associated risk factors, such as smoking.

Currently, research and literature on the association between **smoking/nicotine dependence and prescription opioid misuse among the general population** are limited, but the available facts are alarming.

Click on the infographic to download and read the full article.

---

## Announcements and Resources

- Article: [Tobacco Use in LGBT Communities](#)
- Video: [Tobacco & Cancer Cessation Control Communities of Practice: Kentucky](#)
- Infographic: [CDC's Office on Smoking and Health has created a new e-cigarette infographic.](#)
- The American Cancer Society has recently updated its position on electronic cigarettes. Read the [position statement here.](#)
- SCLC Enduring Webinars now available for credit. [Access the webinar library here.](#)
- Want to be a leader in your state for behavioral health and smoking? [Apply to become a State Leadership Academy and host your own State Strategy Session.](#)

