Croatia – Medical Students
Global Health Professionals Survey (GHPS)

FACT SHEET . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

The Croatia Medical Students GHPS includes data on prevalence of cigarette smoking and other tobacco use, knowledge and attitudes of tobacco use, exposure to second-hand smoke, desire for smoking cessation, and training received during medical school regarding patient counseling on smoking cessation techniques. This information could be very useful in monitoring and developing Croatia’s comprehensive tobacco control program.

Prevalence

- 67.4% ever smoked cigarettes (male = 67.0%; female = 67.8%).
- 36.6% currently smoke cigarettes (male = 35.9%; female = 37.1%).
- 45.3% ever used other tobacco products (male = 58.1%; female = 39.6%).
- 10.7% currently use other tobacco products (male = 20.2%; female = 6.3%).
- 45.8% ever smokers who smoked on school premises/property during past year.
- 19.8% ever smokers who smoked in school buildings during past year.
- 12.9% used other tobacco products on school premises/property during past year.
- 7.4% used other tobacco products in school buildings during past year.

Factors Influencing Tobacco Use

- 50.4% exposed to second-hand smoke at home, during past week.
- 95.2% exposed to second-hand smoke in public places, during past week.
- 83.1% think school has ban on smoking in school buildings and clinics.
- 73.8% think school enforces ban on smoking in school buildings and clinics.
- 64.4% think school has ban on smoking in indoor public or common areas.
- 75.0% think school enforces ban on smoking in indoor public or common areas.
- 57.7% believe smoking should be banned in all enclosed public places.
- 87.8% think tobacco sales to adolescents should be banned.
- 79.2% think there should be a complete ban on advertising of tobacco products.
- 55.2% current smokers who want to stop smoking now.
- 30.9% current smokers who ever received help/advice to stop smoking cigarettes.
- 94.9% taught about dangers of smoking during medical school training.

Role Model and Cessation Training

- 61.2% think health professionals serve as role models for their patients.
- 97.7% think health professionals have a role in giving advice about smoking cessation to patients.
- 14.5% received formal training in smoking cessation approaches during medical school.
- 71.7% think health professionals should get specific training on cessation techniques.

Almost 4 in 10 students currently smoke cigarettes and 1 in 10 use other tobacco products.

Almost 6 in 10 students who smoke want to quit.

Almost 100% of students are exposed to smoke in public places.

Almost 6 in 10 students support a ban on smoking in all public places.

Less than 2 in 10 students received training to provide patients with cessation approaches.

7 in 10 students would like to receive training to help patients quit smoking.

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