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# Characterizing smoking, cessation services, and quit interest across outpatient substance abuse treatment modalities

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#### **Abstract**

The majority of individuals seeking treatment for substance use disorders are cigarette smokers, yet smoking cessation is rarely addressed during treatment. Conducting a detailed smoking-related characterization of substance abuse treatment patients across treatment modalities may facilitate the development of tailored treatment strategies. This study administered a battery of self-report instruments to compare tobacco use, quit attempts, smoking knowledge and attitudes, program services, and interest in quitting among smoking patients enrolled in opioid replacement therapy (ORT) vs. non-opioid replacement (non-ORT). ORT compared with non-ORT participants smoked more heavily, had greater tobacco dependence, and endorsed greater exposure to smoking cessation services at their treatment programs. Favorable attitudes towards cessation during treatment were found within both groups. These data identify several potential clinical targets, most notably including confidence in abstaining and attitudes toward cessation pharmacotherapies that may be addressed by substance abuse treatment clinics.

#### **Keywords**

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#### 1. Introduction

The prevalence of tobacco use among substance abuse treatment program enrollees has been shown to be astonishingly high, with a number of studies demonstrating ranges of 75–97% (Bobo, 1989; Guydish et al., 2011a; Kalman, 1998; Nahvi et al., 2006; Pajusco et al., 2012). This is significantly higher than smoking rates in the general population, which is approximately 19.3% in the United States (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2011). Those enrolled in substance abuse treatment are more likely to die due to smoking-related illnesses than from complications from their primary drug of choice (Baca & Yahne, 2009; Hser et al., 1994; Hurt et al., 1996). Despite high rates of smoking in substance abuse treatment patients, and the well-known health risks of smoking, the problem is generally not addressed in treatment clinics. Survey studies administered across treatment settings have reported estimates of smoking cessation services being offered in approximately 18% to 41% of programs that responded (Friedman et al., 2008; Fuller et al., 2007; Richter et al., 2004).

High rates of smoking and smoking-related illness among patients receiving treatment for substance use disorders has prompted several states and national organizations to encourage the development of smoking cessation interventions for these patients (American Society of Addiction Medicine, 2008; New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services; Williams, 2008), which is consistent with the recommendations of the Tobacco Use and Dependence Clinical Practice Guidelines (Fiore et al., 2009). This approach is supported by studies suggesting that smoking cessation interventions during substance abuse treatment do not jeopardize and may even enhance long-term abstinence from drugs and alcohol (Bobo et al., 1998; Frosch et al., 2000; Hughes et al., 1993; Joseph et al., 1993; Prochaska et al., 2004; Richter & Arnsten, 2006; Tsoh et al., 2011). For example, among patients receiving treatment for substance use disorders, smoking abstinence at the end the first year of treatment was the most robust predictor of abstinence from illicit drug use at a 9-year follow-up (Tsoh et al., 2011), and a meta-analysis of smoking cessation in substance abusers reported a 25% increased likelihood of long-term drug abstinence among patients who also achieved smoking cessation (Prochaska et al., 2004). Substance abuse treatment centers also have the ability to provide smoking cessation resources. Patients generally attend the clinic frequently and for extended periods of time, which provides a unique opportunity to consistently monitor smoking, adjust smoking cessation strategies as needed, and generally implement an extended cessation intervention.

Understanding the smoking characteristics and cessation needs of patients receiving substance abuse treatment is critical for integrating cessation services into clinics. Smoking and cessation resources have been well-characterized among substance abuse treatment patients receiving methadone maintenance. Approximately 92% of methadone-maintained patients smoke cigarettes (Clemmey et al., 1997; Haas et al., 2008; Nahvi et al., 2006; Richter et al., 2001), 70-80% report an interest in quitting smoking, 68-75% have attempted to stop smoking at least once, and 75% report willingness to participate in a smoking cessation intervention if one were made available (Clemmey et al., 1997, Nahvi et al., 2006; Richter et al., 2001; Clarke et al., 2001; Frosch et al., 1998; Kozlowski et al., 1989; Sees & Clark, 1993). Frequent access to medical staff in methadone clinics has also been associated with increased availability of smoking cessation resources (Friedman et al., 2008) and more sustainable use of nicotine replacement therapy (Knudsen & Studts, 2011). However, several studies have reported that opioid agonists increase the reinforcing effects of cigarettes (Chait et al., 1984; Mello et al., 1980; Mello et al., 1985; Mutschuler et al., 2002; Schmitz et al., 1994), which suggests that opioid-dependent patients with continued use or who are receiving opioid replacement therapy (ORT) like methadone or buprenorphine maintenance may have different smoking profiles than those with non-opioid substance use.

Thus, these data may not generalize to non-opioid maintained patients, and there is a dearth of current studies available to characterize smoking and interest in quitting among general substance abuse treatment patients. Further, interest in specific smoking cessation products has not been well-characterized in either population. Finally, although a recent review reported that smoking has generally decreased in ORT and non-opioid replacement therapy (non-ORT) patients over time (Guydish et al., 2011a), consistent with downward smoking trends evident in the general population, the results did not address the specific smoking characteristics and interest in quitting that might persuade substance abuse treatment clinics to offer smoking cessation resources to their patients.

The purposes of the current study were to characterize the smoking profile of substance abuse treatment patients receiving either ORT or non-ORT treatment services and to identify any potential differences among these patients, which may then inform smoking cessation treatment strategies. Demographic information, smoking characteristics, interest in quitting (and in the use of specific cessation products), perceived availability of cessation services offered by their substance abuse treatment program, and beliefs regarding whether smoking resources should be available during substance abuse treatment were surveyed.

#### 2. Methods

#### 2.1 Participants

Participants (N=266) were recruited from eight substance abuse treatment clinics in the Baltimore City metropolitan area, through posted fliers in clinic areas, word of mouth, and clinic staff. Recruitment took place between August of 2011 and June of 2012. Being a smoker was not required for study participation. The only criteria for participation were age older than 18 years and currently enrolled in substance abuse treatment (for any length of time). Eight participants failed to provide information on their medication status (methadone, buprenorphine, or neither) and were excluded from the data set. Among the remaining 258 participants, 203 (78.7%) were current smokers by self-report, with a higher percentage of smokers identified in ORT (85% compared to 74% of the non-ORT clinic sample; p = 0.01). All study procedures were approved by the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine Institutional Review Board and were in accord with the Helsinki Declaration of 1975. Questionnaires were de-identified and participation was completely voluntary. Completion of the questionnaire served as consent.

#### 2.2 Study Setting

All study sites were substance abuse treatment providers. Sites varied in the type and breadth of substance abuse treatment resources provided, with some study sites providing opioid replacement therapy only (N=3 sites), some providing psychosocial counseling and non-ORT services only (N=1 site) and the remainder providing both types of services (N=4 sites). Participants recruited from each clinic represented a convenience sample and comprised only a proportion of the entire in-treatment population.

#### 2.3 Survey Measures

Participants answered several questions designed to characterize demographics, substance abuse treatment details, and smoking information. Questionnaires included a locally-derived, self-report smoking measure that surveyed participant demographics, treatment status, current smoking status, history of quit attempts in the past year, and interest and confidence in quitting smoking. Due to evidence that methadone may increase the reinforcing effects of smoking and may therefore increase smoking rates (Chait et al., 1984; Mello et al., 1980; Mello et al., 1985; Mutschuler et al., 2002; Schmitz et al., 1994), several questions regarding smoking status before and after beginning treatment were included to

assess whether treatment modality was associated with differential changes in smoking status during treatment. In addition, participants were asked which smoking cessation products they have used in the past (e.g., nicotine replacement, switching to low tar cigarettes or chewing tobacco, bupropion, varenicline), as well as what products they would be interested in trying, if offered. Not all products were evidence-based smoking cessation products and included options such as smokeless tobacco, special holders/filters, and electronic cigarettes.

Participants also completed the Fagerström Test for Nicotine Dependence (FTND; Heatherton et al., 1991); a 6-item Confidence to Quit Questionnaire (Juliano et al., 2006); and the Smoking, Knowledge, Attitudes, and Services questionnaire (S-KAS; Guydish et al., 2011b; Guydish et al., 2012a). The S-KAS is a comprehensive self-report measure that assesses patient knowledge regarding the hazards of smoking (7 items), attitudes about smoking cessation in the context of substance abuse treatment (including the recommended timing of smoking cessation in relation to stopping drug use; 8 items), clinician services specific to promoting smoking cessation as part of substance abuse treatment, services provided, and clinician smoking cessation competence (7 items), and program services that assess smoking cessation services and resources provided at the treatment clinic, as well as policies and procedures consistent with smoking cessation (19 items). Reliability of the psychometric properties of this measurement, quantified through Cronbach's alpha coefficient ( ), were moderate to high for Knowledge ( =0.57), Attitudes ( =0.75), Clinician Services (=0.82), and Program Services (=0.82; Guydish et al., 2011b). Four individual S-KAS items believed to be of particular clinical relevance for programs trying to decide whether to offer smoking cessation services were analyzed separately; 1) should tobacco cessation be offered, 2) when is the best point to stop smoking, 3) have you been provided with any smoking cessation medications, and 4) is smoking cessation part of your personal treatment. S-KAS items were rated on 5-point Likert scales (1-5), and summed into 4 subscale scores (Knowledge, Attitudes, Clinician Services, and Program Services). Higher numbers indicated greater knowledge, favorable smoking cessation attitudes, as well as clinician and program services that promoted smoking cessation.

Questionnaires were self-administered either via paper and pencil surveys (72%) or computer (28%). Participants were given either \$5 or a small prize for survey completion. Additional items on the questionnaire not included in this report asked about communication technology use (McClure et al., 2013) and second-hand smoke exposure (Acquavita et al., In Preparation).

### 2.4 Data Analysis

Only data from current smokers were analyzed for this report (N=203 out of 258). Data were analyzed using mixed models in IBM SPSS Statistics version 20 to account for the random effects of clinic (8 different sites) on dependent variables. Linear mixed models were used for continuous variables, while generalized linear mixed models were used for categorical variables. These types of models are ideal for analyzing clustered data (McCulloch & Searle, 2001). The fixed factor for all analyses was substance abuse treatment modality (ORT vs. non-ORT), and clinic was used as a random effect. Methadone (N=64) and buprenorphine-maintained (N=33) patients were collapsed together for the ORT group. Dependent variables included demographics, smoking characteristics, interest in quitting, and S-KAS scores, comparing ORT and non-ORT participants. S-KAS analyses were restricted to participants that had been enrolled in a treatment program for at least 2 weeks, to allow them ample time to have come into contact with smoking cessation services, based upon guidelines from Guydish et al. (2011b). Therefore, for the S-KAS analysis, 10% of ORT and 15% of non-ORT participants were excluded from those analyses. Results were averaged into subscale values and compared between ORT and non-ORT participants. Cronbach's alpha coefficient

( ) for the Knowledge, Attitudes, Clinical, and Program Services scales from the current data set were 0.39, 0.58, 0.78, and 0.83 respectively.

### 3. Results

#### 3.1 Participants

Demographic information from this survey study has been reported elsewhere (McClure et al., 2013), and is presented in Table 1 for smokers only as a function of ORT (N=97) and non-ORT (N=106) treatment modality. No demographic differences existed across treatment modality, though gender approached significance (p=0.07). Non-ORT participants were more likely to report better health status (p=.003) as compared to ORT participants. Self-reported primary substance of abuse was evenly distributed amongst patients enrolled in non-ORT treatment. Rates of other substance use across both treatment modalities was reported in 17% of the entire sample for alcohol, 31% for stimulants, 8% for marijuana, 15% for opiates, and 3% for other drugs (i.e. hallucinogens, benzodiazepines, sedatives, etc.).

## 3.2 Smoking Characteristics

Current and previous tobacco use is shown as a function of treatment modality in Table 2. ORT participants reported significantly higher FTND scores (5.1 vs. 4.2, respectively, p=. 002), more cigarettes per day (12.9 vs. 10.6, respectively, p=.05), and more cigarettes smoked per day prior to entering treatment (14.2 vs. 11.0, respectively, p=.04). Otherwise, the two groups were similar on several smoking-related characteristics, including use of alternative tobacco products, age at which they began smoking cigarettes regularly, and number of days smoked per week prior to entering treatment. Across both treatment types, 47% of participants reported no change in their smoking since entering substance abuse treatment, with 25% reporting smoking more since entering substance abuse treatment, and 28% reporting smoking less.

## 3.3 Quit Attempts and Interest in Quitting

Ratings of previous quit attempts, desire to quit smoking, and confidence to abstain from cigarettes once quit are shown in Table 3. Despite differences in FTND scores and cigarettes per day across treatment modality, no significant between-group differences were observed in number of quit attempts in the past year. The majority of ORT and non-ORT participants reported making both voluntary and forced (e.g., incarceration, hospitalization, or residential treatment facility) quit attempts that lasted at least 24 hours in the past year. Participants in both groups also reported moderate desire to quit smoking (3.3 out of 6) and 29% of participants reported that they were seriously considering a quit attempt within the next 30 days. However, both groups reported low confidence in their ability to abstain from cigarettes for 24 hours up to one month.

The use of various products that participants have tried in the past to help them quit smoking (lifetime) is shown in the left panel of Figure 1. Not all products listed were smoking cessation products and included use of and interest in smokeless tobacco, special holders/filters, and electronic cigarettes. Nicotine patch was by far the most commonly used cessation product in previous quit attempts among the study sample. Slightly more ORT than non-ORT participants reported previous use of the patch, though this result only approached significance (p=0.06). Participants also expressed interest in trying these and other products in the future, as shown in the right panel of Figure 1. ORT participants expressed more enthusiasm than did non-ORT participants about trying both the nicotine patch and other products to help them quit smoking (p < .05)

### 3.4 Smoking Knowledge, Attitudes, Clinician, and Program Services (S-KAS)

As shown in Table 4, ORT and non-ORT participants had largely similar ratings on the Knowledge, Attitudes, and Clinician Services subscales of the S-KAS instrument. Knowledge and Attitudes were moderate across patient populations. Program services, however, received much lower ratings and ORT participants rated their treatment programs higher compared to non-ORT participants (p<0.001), indicating services and policies consistent with treating tobacco dependence.

Four S-KAS items that may be of particular clinical relevance for substance abuse treatment programs are shown in Table 5. The majority of participants, independent of treatment modality, agreed that smoking cessation should be offered in their treatment program and currently was not part of their personal substance abuse treatment plan. Nearly half of the participants also felt that the best time to stop smoking was before or at the same time as stopping drug use (47%). Finally, ORT participants were more likely to have been provided with at least one smoking cessation medication through their treatment program (22% vs 4%; p<0.001).

#### 4. Discussion

These data highlight important differences that exist between substance abuse treatment patients receiving ORT compared to patients not receiving ORT, and provide the first detailed characterization of smoking among non-ORT patients. Overall, both groups had high rates of smoking, though ORT participants were more likely to be smokers, smoked more heavily, and were more tobacco dependent (based on FTND scores). ORT participants tended to report more past experience with smoking cessation and other products compared to non-ORT participants, though these rates were generally low and not statistically different. This trend is not surprising given that ORT treatment is a modality where patients are taking a therapeutic medication to reduce craving and withdrawal symptoms in order to maintain long-term abstinence. ORT patients are also exposed to medical personnel during treatment, which is a program characteristic that predicts the availability of smoking cessation resources (Friedman et al., 2008). Several other program and staff characteristics that predict smoking cessation treatment have been identified in the literature, which may be applicable to ORT treatment patients as well. Hospital-affiliated clinics are more likely to provide smoking cessation pharmacotherapy and more evidence-based practices (Knudsen & Studts, 2011; Tajima et al., 2009), potentially due to staff characteristics that predict more favorable smoking cessation attitudes (i.e. lower smoking rates among staff, higher education level; Tajima et al., 2009).

The current report also found that ORT participants showed greater interest in trying various smoking cessation products In contrast, non-ORT participants reported lower willingness to try new products, including 24% who specifically endorsed no interest in using any smoking cessation product. This willingness to try new products among ORT participants may reflect a more pro-medication attitude and more openness to strategies utilizing pharmacotherapies. This finding may be a result of the influence of staff knowledge and attitudes regarding smoking cessation resources, the specific organization and their mission as it relates to general health, exposure to medical staff regularly, and/or the patient's perceptions of substance abuse and medications to maintain abstinence. The complex relationship between organization, staff, and patient in terms of smoking cessation should be further explored, as well as the pro-medication attitude as this finding is novel and important because it represents a potential clinical target for non-ORT patients.

The current data reveal that patients are also interested in trying non-evidence based strategies, indicating that both patients and staff may require information on effective

strategies for cessation. For example, approximately 37% of participants from both groups reported interest in using electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) for cessation. E-cigarettes have not been demonstrated as an evidence-based cessation approach; however, non-substance abusing individuals are utilizing e-cigarettes for cessation purposes (Goniewicz et al., 2012). Interest in adopting any method of smoking cessation treatment during a quit attempt in a substance abuse treatment population is an area that warrants further investigation. Among the general population of smokers, those who are more nicotine dependent have been shown to adopt treatment during a quit attempt (Shiffman et al., 2008a; Shiffman et al., 2008b). More heavily dependent smokers are at the greatest risk for relapse, and may have had several unassisted and failed quit attempts in the past, thus prompting the adoption of treatment. Shiffman et al. (2008a) also showed that the use of alternative treatments for smoking cessation (hypnosis and acupuncture) was higher among those who had been smoking for more than 15 years. These results are applicable to a substance abuse treatment population, and specifically those maintained on opioid replacement, as they represent a highly nicotine dependent group with a long history of regular smoking. Interest or preference in alternative treatments among substance abuse treatment patients may result from several unsuccessful quit attempts, greater accessibility to alternative treatments, and lower costs. More research is needed regarding the value of non-evidence based strategies to promote cessation attempts or reduce harm, as these products may be well-received by both ORT and non-ORT patients. However, in lieu of those data, clinics can potentially improve cessation outcomes by helping patients discriminate between cessation strategies supported and unsupported by evidence.

ORT patients endorsed more services offered through their treatment programs. Along with organization and staff characteristics mentioned above, ORT treatment models generally provide a longer duration of contact. In contrast, treatment participation is generally of shorter duration in non-ORT programs, which may shift focus toward prioritizing treatment of the primary substance of abuse. Also, there may not be adequate time for staff to be effective in promoting quit attempts. Differences in treatment philosophies and clinic culture are also likely to impact views about the adoption of smoking cessation medications in programs that follow approaches closely resembling 12-step programs (Rothrauff & Eby, 2010). Overall, our data suggest that non-ORT patients are at a serious service-level disadvantage when it comes to smoking cessation support. Although differences in treatment modalities and approaches provide different opportunities to target cessation, a variety of brief and immediate approaches, such as motivational techniques, cessation product education, or sampling, could be used for cessation in non-ORT patients. Motivational techniques may be particularly important and necessary, as evidenced by low confidence ratings for successful smoking cessation in both patient subgroups. Interventions designed to boost confidence or experience with abstinence through contingent incentives (Dunn et al., 2011) may be useful along with smoking cessation medications for smokers in substance abuse treatment.

Consistent with data suggesting that opioid agonists increase the reinforcing effects of smoking, ORT patients reported smoking more cigarettes per day than non-ORT patients prior to entering treatment and continued to smoke at higher rates while enrolled in treatment. Overall, neither group showed a pattern of increasing or decreasing the amount smoked after treatment entry. These data indicate that despite receiving specialized medical attention in the form of substance abuse treatment, entry into treatment does not decrease smoking rates. The frequent clinical contact and long duration of treatment that is generally provided in substance abuse settings represents an ideal and unique opportunity to target smoking cessation resources. The fact that entry into treatment was not associated with reductions in smoking highlights the need to systematically address smoking cessation within treatment settings.

The S-KAS measurement items indicated substantial knowledge and favorable smoking cessation attitudes in the current study sample, which is consistent with previous reports from methadone-maintained populations (Clemmy et al., 1997; Nahvi et al., 2006). Lower ratings of services availability is also consistent with recent reports in which service provision was evaluated in substance abuse treatment clinics that varied in geographic location and sample population (Guydish et al., 2012a; Guydish et al., 2012b). Importantly, those reports found that organizational change, either through policy or intervention, led to overall improvements in patient attitudes towards smoking cessation, as well as ratings of program and clinician services.

Several barriers exist that complicate the implementation of smoking cessation services into substance abuse treatment clinics, such as; limited staff training and lack of knowledge of smoking cessation techniques, limited financial resources for smoking cessation, resistance from staff, the belief that a smoking intervention could have a negative impact on drug treatment, lack of client interest in quitting smoking, and counselors themselves being smokers and not addressing smoking with their clients (Asher et al., 2003; Bobo, 1989; Bobo & Davis, 1993; Campbell et al., 1998; Guydish et al., 2007; Hahn et al., 1999; Hurt et al., 1996; Knudsen et al., 2010; Sees & Clark, 1993; Sussman, 2002; Walsh et al., 2005; Williams et al., 2005; Ziedonis et al., 2006). There is ample justification, however, to invest the time and resources into overcoming these barriers in order to provide smoking cessation services to substance abuse patients. Evidence in the literature has shown that anywhere from 44% to 80% of substance abuse treatment patients want to quit smoking during a treatment episode (Ellingstad et al., 1999; Nahvi et al., 2006; Richter & Ahluwalia, 2000; Richter et al., 2001; Sees & Clark, 1993; Zullino et al., 2000). Among the current data set, 29% reported seriously considering making a quit attempt within the subsequent 30 days. It has also been demonstrated that smoking cessation interventions during substance abuse treatment do not jeopardize and may even enhance long-term abstinence from drugs and alcohol (Bobo et al., 1998; Joseph et al., 1993; Prochaska et al., 2004; Richter & Arnsten, 2006; Tsoh et al., 2011).

This study has several limitations that should be noted. First, participants completing the survey consisted of a convenience sample from urban substance abuse treatment clinics and may not have been representative of all clinic patients. This may diminish generalizability of our findings to other treatment samples. Second, participating clinics had varying characteristics, location, and smoking policies, which were not directly assessed in this study. Given clinic differences and patient characteristics across sites, the statistical plan in this report treated clinic site as a random effect. Treatment modality differences were still detected when accounting for clinic site, but the specific characteristics of the clinic should be assessed in future work as those may influence patient responses. Third, questions regarding cessation products did not ask about counseling or quit line assistance, and it is also possible that products may not have been endorsed because patients had never heard of them. Fourth, no treatment level data were obtained, which prevents us from determining whether smoking or interest in quitting varied as a function of ongoing illicit drug use during treatment for primary substances or other substances used, or whether treatment was mandated or voluntary. Further, we were not able to determine if the route of administration of the primary or other substances of abuse influenced survey responses (i.e. inhalation vs. injection, etc.). It may be that those who use other drugs that are inhaled would vary in their smoking characteristics and attitudes towards cessation. Finally, missing data were a problem in this study. Many questionnaires were administered via paper and pencil and research staff could not always verify completion and consistency across responses. Surveys administered on computers included skip patterns so that respondents were only answering relevant questions, and also reminded participants if they had missed a question. For this

reason, computer-delivered survey administration was preferable, but not always feasible or popular among study participants.

Despite these limitations, this study provides a detailed and comprehensive characterization of smoking attitudes in ORT and non-ORT patients. The data obtained regarding ORT patients is consistent with previous reports, which strengthens the likelihood our results will generalize to the larger substance abusing population. Importantly, these data identify several potential clinical targets, most notably including confidence in abstaining and attitudes toward the availability of cessation products that can be addressed by substance abuse treatment clinics. The pro-medication attitude and openness to pharmacotherapies for smoking cessation among ORT patients should be greater utilized to promote improved smoking cessation knowledge, attitudes, and treatment practices among staff and should be encouraged in non-ORT treatment models. Tailored program interventions across treatment modalities may include increased access to cessation products for ORT, while non-ORT services may need to focus on motivation and educational information to promote interest and sampling of cessation products. This approach would be consistent with Clinical Practice Guidelines for tobacco dependence and several state and organization recommendations, and would help decrease the tobacco-related morbidity and mortality in this population.

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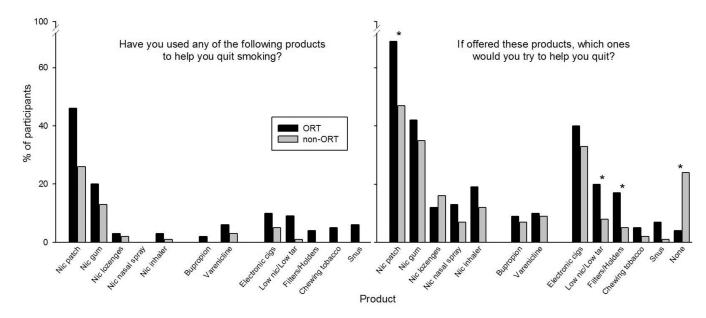
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**Figure 1.** Percentage of participants endorsing products used at least once to assist in their quit attempts (left panel), and percentage of participants endorsing products that they would be interested in using to help them quit smoking (right panel). Asterisks indicate a *p*-value of < 0.05 between ORT and non-ORT groups with clinic site defined as a random effect.

Table 1

Demographics of smokers only as a function of treatment modality

<b>Treatment Modality</b>	ORT (N=97)	Non-ORT (N=106)	
	Mean '	Mean Years (SD)	
Age	45 (11)	43 (11)	0.6
	% ( <b>N</b> )		p value
Gender	(96)	(103)	0.07
Male	54	69	
Female	46	29	
Transgender	0	2	
Race	(93)	(100)	0.2
AA/Black	57	80	
White	36	19	
Other	7	1	
Ethnicity	(95)	(103)	0.7
Latino	1	3	
Relationship Status	(94)	(101)	0.5
Married/Long-term relationship	40	34	
Divorced/Separated/Widowed	26	29	
Never Married	34	37	
Education	(96)	(103)	0.6
Less than HS Diploma	47	40	
HS/GED	31	39	
Some College or more	22	21	
Employment	(97)	(106)	0.6
Unemployed	39	35	
Full/Part time or Student	42	50	
Retired or Disability	19	15	
Annual Income	(95)	(103)	0.9
< \$15,000	58	59	
\$15,000 - \$29,999	24	24	
\$30,000	18	17	
Counseling Intensity	(97)	(106)	0.9

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Fair

Poor

**Treatment Modality** ORT Non-ORT (N=97) (N=106) IOP 42 43 OP 58 57 **ORT Medication** (97) Methadone 66 Buprenorphine 34 <.001 Primary Drug of Abuse (96) (98)Alcohol 4 25 Stimulants 4 26 Marijuana 0 18 Opiates 89 31 Other 3 0 Health Status (95) (101) 0.003 Excellent 5 16 Very Good 18 29 Good 29 33

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Note: Demographics for smokers only are split by opioid replacement therapy (ORT) and non-opioid replacement (non-ORT). Intensive outpatient (IOP) includes nine or more hours of scheduled treatment per week. Outpatient (OP) refers to fewer than nine scheduled hours per week. Significant treatment group differences determined via linear and generalized linear mixed models with clinic site defined as a random effect.

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Table 2
Smoking characteristics as a function of treatment modality

	% (N)/Mean (SD)		p value	
	ORT	Non-ORT		
FTND	(81)	(91)	0.002	
Mean (SD)	5.1 (2.0)	4.2 (2.0)		
Cigarettes/day	(96)	(106)	0.05	
Mean (SD)	12.9 (7.4)	10.6 (5.7)		
Use of other tobacco products ever?	(96)	(101)	0.1	
Cigars	15	14		
Smokeless tobacco	5	2		
E-cigarettes	26	14		
SNUS	1	1		
Menthol cigarettes	(58)	(64)	0.04	
Mentholated	81	92		
Non-mentholated	19	8		
Age of regular smoking	(96)	(103)	0.3	
Mean (SD)	15.8 (5)	16.6 (6)		
Days/week of smoking before treatment	(97)	(106)	0.5	
Mean (SD)	6.4 (1.5)	6.3 (1.5)		
Cigarettes/day before treatment	(93)	(102)	0.04	
Mean (SD)	14.2 (9.6)	11.0 (5.9)		
Smoking changes since entering treatment	(95)	(102)	0.2	
Smoke more	31	19		
Smoke less	24	32		
Smoke the same	45	49		

Note: Significant treatment group differences determined via linear and generalized linear mixed models with clinic site defined as a random effect.

Table 3

Quit interest and characteristics as a function of treatment modality for smokers only

	% (N)/Mean (SD)		p value
	ORT	Non-ORT	
Voluntary quit attempts (24+ hours)	(87)	(99)	0.6
One or more times - %	59	55	
Forced quit attempts (24+ hours)	(87)	(97)	0.7
One or more times - %	72	69	
Considering quitting in the next 30 days?	(87)	(101)	0.9
Yes - %	29	30	
Desire to quit smoking now	(95)	(104)	0.1
Mean (SD)	3.1 (2.1)	3.6 (2.1)	
Confidence you can quit at this time	(94)	(103)	0.5
Mean (SD)	2.3 (1.8)	2.6 (2.0)	
Confidence – abstain for 24 hours	(94)	(103)	0.1
Mean (SD)	2.1 (1.9)	2.6 (2.2)	
Confidence – abstain for 1 month	(94)	(102)	0.6
Mean (SD)	1.7 (1.8)	1.7 (2.0)	

*Note:* Significant treatment group differences determined via linear and generalized linear mixed models with clinic site defined as a random effect (none found). Desire to quit and confidence ratings ranged from 0 to 6 (0 = not at all confident, 6 = extremely confident).

#### Table 4

## S-KAS scale ratings

	(N)/Me	p value	
S-KAS subscales (1–5)	ORT	Non-ORT	
Knowledge	(86)	(87)	0.9
	3.48 (0.57)	3.49 (0.62)	
Attitudes	(86)	(88)	0.06
	3.46 (0.67)	3.25 (0.74)	
Clinician Services	(80)	(81)	0.9
	2.30 (0.96)	2.16 (1.09)	
Program Services	(87)	(88)	< 0.001
	2.73 (0.91)	2.13 (0.72)	

*Note:* Knowledge, Attitudes, Clinician and Program services sub-scales were rated from 1 to 5. Higher numbers indicated greater knowledge, prosmoking cessation attitudes, and clinician and program services that promoted smoking cessation. Each subscale included the following number of items: Knowledge (N=7), Attitudes (N=8), Clinician Services (N=7), Program Services (N=19). Significant group differences determined via linear mixed models with clinic site defined as a random effect.

Table 5
Specific Attitudes and Program Services S-KAS items

	% (N)		p value
	ORT	Non-ORT	
Should tobacco cessation be offered?	(86)	(84)	0.1
Yes	87	77	
No	13	23	
When is the best point to stop smoking?	(82)	(84)	0.3
Before/Same time as stopping drug use	43	51	
After 6 months	22	27	
After 1 year	24	12	
After 5 years	5	3	
Never	6	7	
Were you provided with any smoking cessation meds?	(85)	(86)	< 0.001
At least 1 med	22	4	
No meds	78	96	
Is smoking cessation part of your personal treatment?	(82)	(84)	0.07
Yes	15	6	
No	85	94	

Note: Significant group differences determined via generalized linear mixed models with clinic site defined as a random effect.