

global health professions student survey

Country fact sheets

The World Health Organization (WHO) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Atlanta, developed the Global Health Professions Student Survey to track tobacco use among health professions students across countries using a common methodology and core questionnaire. Information from the Survey is compiled within the participating country by a Research Coordinator nominated by the Ministry of Health, and technically reviewed by WHO and CDC. The content has not otherwise been edited by WHO or CDC.

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Oman - Dental Students 2010 (3rd Year Students Only) Global Health Professions Student Survey (GHPSS)

FACT SHEET

The Oman Dental students GHPSS includes data on prevalence of cigarette smoking and use of other tobacco products, knowledge and attitudes about tobacco use, exposure to second-hand smoke, desire for smoking cessation, and training received during Dental school regarding patient counseling on smoking cessation techniques.

This information could be very useful in monitoring and developing Oman's comprehensive tobacco control program. The Oman Dental students GHPSS was a census of 3rd year Dental students attending the Dental school in Oman conducted in 2010. A total of 52 3rd year students participated in the Oman Dental students GHPSS. The overall response rate of all Dental students surveyed was 86.7%.

Prevalence

- 19.2% ever smoked cigarettes
- 3.9% currently smoke cigarettes
- 26.9% ever used any form of tobacco other than cigarettes
- 5.8% currently use any form of tobacco other than cigarettes
- 3.8% currently smoke shisha
- 3.8% currently use smokeless tobacco
- 0.0% of ever smokers smoked on school premises/property during the past year
- 0.0% of ever smokers smoked in school buildings during the past year

Factors Influencing Tobacco Use

- 19.2% were exposed to second-hand smoke at home, during the past week
- 43.1% were exposed to second-hand smoke in public places during the past week
- 98.1% thought smoking should be banned in all enclosed public places
- 84.6% thought tobacco sales to adolescents should be banned
- 94.1% thought there should be a complete ban on advertising tobacco products
- 61.5% were taught about the dangers of smoking during dental school training

Role Model and Cessation Training

- 96.1% thought health professionals serve as role models for their patients
- 98.0% thought health professionals have a role in giving advice about smoking cessation to patients
- 15.7% received formal training in smoking cessation approaches during dental school
- 92.3% thought health professionals should get specific training on cessation techniques

Highlights

3.9% currently smoke cigarettes and 5.8% currently use other tobacco products

Over two in five were exposed to smoke in public places

Almost all support a ban on smoking in all enclosed public places

15.7% received training in smoking cessation approaches to use with patients

More than nine in 10 think health professionals should get specific training on cessation techniques to use with patients