

COPD ALTBEWÄHRTES UND NEUES

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Altbewährtes und Neues

- Chronisch obstruktive Pneumopathie COPD
 - Epidemiologie
 - GOLD
 - Exazerbationen
- Tabakrauch vs Tabakerhitzen vs e-Zigaretten
- Fragen/Diskussion

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COPD verstehen

**COPD - eine chronische
Erkrankung, die nicht zu
unterschätzen ist**

COPD = Chronisch-obstruktive Lungenerkrankung

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**COPD ist die
dritthäufigste
Todesursache
weltweit¹**



~384 Millionen sind weltweit an COPD erkrankt²



Exazerbationen führen zu:

- Verschlechterung des Gesundheitsstatus³
- Angstzuständen und Depressionen⁴
- Erhöhtem Mortalitätsrisiko⁵



In der Schweiz:

- Geschätzte **400.000 Personen** mit einer diagnostizierten COPD⁶
- Ca. **2,6% der jährlichen Hospitalisationen**⁷
- Ca. **50% der Todesfälle** innerhalb der Atemwegserkrankungen⁸

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Prävalenz und Mortalität der COPD

Prävalenz

- 10–15 % der Erwachsenen
- steiler Anstieg ab dem 40. Lebensjahr
- höher bei Rauchern

Mortalität

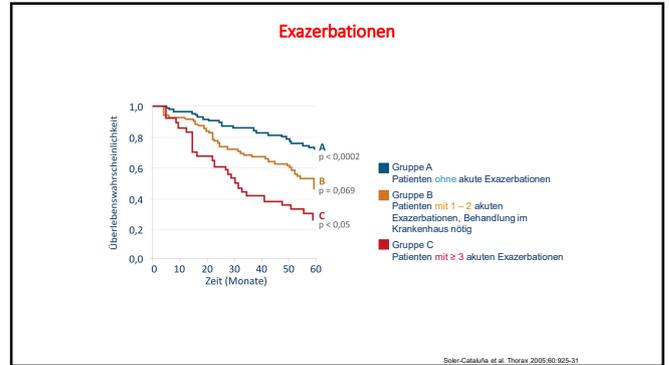
- 1990: weltweit an 6. Stelle der zum Tode führenden Erkrankungen
- COPD im Jahr 2020 dritthäufigste zum Tode führende Erkrankung

Weltweite Rangliste der zum Tode führenden „Erkrankungen /Ursachen“

Erkrankungen 1990	Erkrankungen 2020
1. Ischämische Herzerkrankung	1. Ischämische Herzerkrankung
2. Schlaganfall	2. Schlaganfall
3. Pneumonie	3. COPD
4. Diarrhoe	4. Pneumonie
5. Perinatale Mortalität	5. Lungenkarzinom
6. COPD	6. Verkehrsunfall

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 3. Murray et Lopez. Global mortality, disability, and the contribution of risk factors: global burden of disease study. *Lancet* 1997;349:1436-42

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Die COPD-Definition ist sehr heterogen¹

Die Chronisch obstruktive Lungenerkrankung ist eine heterogene Erkrankung, die durch chronische respiratorische Symptome (**Atemnot, Husten, Auswurf und Exazerbationen**) charakterisiert ist, durch Anomalien in den **Atemwegen (Bronchitis, Bronchiolitis)** und/oder **Alveolen (Lungenemphysem)** gekennzeichnet ist und eine persistierende, oft progrediente Atemwegsobstruktion hervorruft.



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 1. GOLD Report 2024. Available from www.goldreport.org (Wider Zugriff: 14.08.2024).

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Ätiologische Einteilung der COPD¹

Classification	Description
Genetically determined COPD (COPD-G)	Alpha 1 antitrypsin deficiency (AATD) Other genetic variants with smaller effects acting in combination
COPD due to abnormal lung development (COPD-D)	Early life events, including premature birth and low birthweight, among others
Environmental COPD	
Cigarette smoking COPD (COPD-C)	Exposure to tobacco smoke, including in utero or via passive smoking Vaping or e-cigarette use Cannabis
Biomass and pollution exposure COPD (COPD-P)	Exposure to household pollution, ambient air pollution, wildfire smoke, occupational hazards
COPD due to infections (COPD-I)	Childhood infections, tuberculosis-associated COPD, HIV-associated COPD
COPD & asthma (COPD-A)	Particularly childhood asthma
COPD of unknown cause (COPD-U)	

AATD = Alpha 1-Antitrypsin-Mangel, COPD = Chronisch-obstruktive Lungenerkrankung, HIV = Humanes Immundefizienz-Virus
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COPD wirkt sich auf das tägliche Leben der Patienten aus

Patienten sind durch zwei klinische Hauptmerkmale der COPD belastet:

Dyspnoe
(chronische Dyspnoe)

Hauptsymptom der COPD, gekennzeichnet durch:¹

- Kurzatmigkeit¹
- Müdigkeit¹
- Eingeschränkte Aktivität¹
- Negative Auswirkungen auf die psychische Gesundheit²

Dyspnoe ist ein Hauptrisikofaktor für Exazerbationen³

Exazerbationen

Eine Exazerbation ist der wichtigste Prädiktor für eine weitere Exazerbation^{4,5}
Exazerbationen können die Dyspnoe verschlimmern⁶

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Obstruktive Ventilationsstörungen

- Erst einmal die Diagnose stellen

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Unterschiede COPD-Asthma

Diagnose	Charakteristika
COPD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anhaltende Atemwegsobstruktion • Auftreten ab der Mitte des Lebens • Symptome langsam progredient • Vorgeschichte von Tabakrauchen oder Exposition gegenüber anderen Staub- und Rauchgasen • Allergien haben keinen Einfluss
Asthma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frühes erstes Auftreten (oft in der Kindheit) • Tägliche Schwankungen der Symptomintensität • Verschlechterung der Symptome in der Nacht / am frühen Morgen • Allergien spielen oft eine Rolle • Vorgeschichte von Asthma in der Familie

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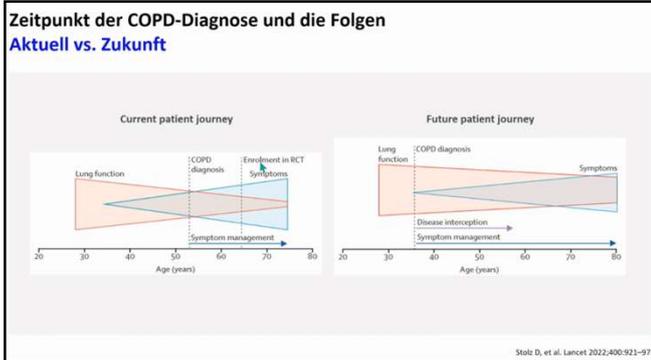
Definitionen

COPD

- Vermeidbare und behandelbare chronische progressive Erkrankung
- persistierende respiratorische Symptomen
 - Dyspnoe, Husten und/oder Sputum
- Atemflusslimitation (LUFU)
 - bedingt durch Abnormitäten der Atemwege und/oder Lungen, meist herbeigeführt durch Inhalation von schädliche Partikel oder Gase.

<http://www.goldcopd.org>

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Original Article

Early Diagnosis and Treatment of COPD and Asthma — A Randomized, Controlled Trial

Shawn D. Aaron, M.D., Katherine L. Vandemheen, M.Sc.N., G. Alex Whitmore, Ph.D., Céline Bergeron, M.D., Louis-Philippe Boulet, M.D., Andréanne Côté, M.D., R. Andrew Molyor, M.D., Erika Pienz, M.D., Stephen K. Field, M.D., Catherine Lemière, M.D., Irvin Mayers, M.D., Mohit Bhutani, M.D., Tanveer Azher, M.D., M. Diane Lougheed, M.D., Samir Gupta, M.D., Nicole Ezer, M.D., Christopher J. Licskai, M.D., Paul Hernandez, M.D., Martha Ainslie, M.D., Gonzalo G. Alvarez, M.D., Sunita Mulpuru, M.D., for the UCAP Investigators

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- Case finding for symptomatic adults with undiagnosed asthma or COPD was coupled with a randomized trial to compare pulmonologist-directed and usual care.
 - Pulmonologist-directed care led to less health care utilization.
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Respiratory Treatments Received during the 12-Month Trial Period.

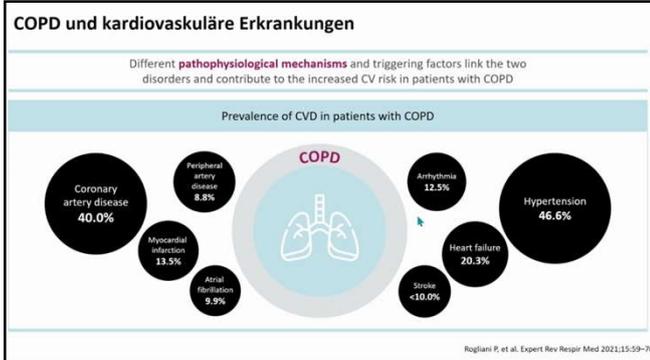
Table 2. Respiratory Treatments Received during the 12-Month Trial Period.*

Treatment†	Intervention (N=253) number of participants (percent)	Usual Care (N=255) number of participants (percent)
No respiratory treatments during the entire trial period	19 (7.5)	92 (36.1)
SABA only	15 (5.9)	35 (13.7)
LAMA	32 (12.6)	27 (10.6)
LABA	9	21 (8.3)
ICS	56 (22.1)	32 (12.5)
LTRA	1 (0.4)	2 (0.8)
LAMA + LABA	34 (13.4)	6 (2.4)
LABA + ICS	101 (39.9)	53 (20.8)
LAMA + LABA + ICS	29 (11.5)	9 (3.5)
Supplemental oxygen at home	3 (1.2)	1 (0.4)
Short-course systemic glucocorticoid	13 (5.1)	7 (2.7)

* Totals can exceed 100% because some participants had their medications changed during the 12-month trial period. ICS denotes inhaled glucocorticoid, LABA long-acting beta-agonist, LAMA long-acting muscarinic antagonist, LTRA leukotriene-receptor antagonist, and SABA short-acting beta-agonist.
† Most participants who received a LAMA, a LABA, an ICS, or an LTRA also received an as-needed prescription for a SABA.

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CF Vogelmeier et al. Elucidating the risk of cardiopulmonary consequences of an exacerbation of COPD: results of the EXACOS-CV study in Germany. *BMJ Open Respir Res.* 2024;11:e002153

EL Graul et al. Factors associated with non-fatal heart failure and atrial fibrillation or flutter within the first 30 days post COPD exacerbation: a nested case-control study. *BMC Pulm Med.* 2024;24:221

- COPD-Exazerbationen - Risiko für Entwicklung von schweren kardiovaskulären Ereignissen
- Risiko nach stationären Aufenthalten wegen einer COPD-Exazerbation massiv erhöht
- Patienten, die im Nachgang einer COPD-Exazerbation ein Herzversagen und/oder Vorhofflimmern/Vorhofflattern entwickeln
- in der Vorgeschichte und/oder bezüglich der vorhandenen Medikamente deutliche Anhaltspunkte für Risiko

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GOLD 2023 bekräftigt die Bedeutung der Prävention vorzeitiger Sterblichkeit durch die Pharmakotherapie¹

Eine Dreifach-Therapie ist die einzige Pharmakotherapie, bei der es Hinweise gibt, dass sie die Mortalität in COPD-Patienten reduziert!¹

Therapie	RCT ²	Behandlungseffekt auf die Mortalität	Patienten-Charakteristika
Pharmakotherapie			
LABA + LAMA + ICS	Ja	Vergleich der relativen Risiko-Reduktion von Dreifach- und Zweifach-LABD: IMPACT: HR 0.72 (95 % KI 0.53–0.99) ² ETHOS: HR 0.51 (95 % KI 0.33–0.80) ³	Symptomatische Patienten mit regelmäßigen und/oder schweren Exazerbationen in der Vergangenheit

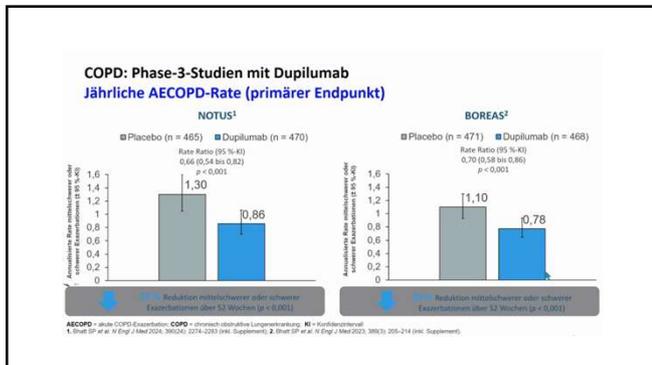
Nicht-pharmakologische Optionen, die die Mortalität reduzieren beinhalten Rauchstopp, Lungen-Rehabilitation, langfristige Sauerstoff-Therapie, nicht-invasive Überdruckbeatmung sowie operative Verringerung des Lungenvolumens

GOLD 2023, Seite 66, Tabelle 3.6
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¹CF, COPD-modifizierende Therapie des Langzeitrisikos für Exazerbationen (Global COPD Strategy)
²IMPACT, Efficacy and Safety of Triple Therapy in Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease: HR, hazard Ratio; LABD, langfristige Bronchodilatation-Therapie; RCT, randomisierte-kontrollierte Studie
³ETHOS, Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease (GOLD). Global strategy for diagnosis, management and prevention of COPD. 2023. In: *Lancet*. 2018;391:1017-1032. 3. Table 37. *et al. N Engl J Med* 2023;383:35-43

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SP Bhatt et al. Dupilumab for COPD with Blood Eosinophil Evidence of Type 2 Inflammation. N Engl J Med. 2024;390:2274-2283

- Zwei positive Studien für die Anwendung von Dupilumab bei ausgewählten Patienten
- Ergebnisse (sehr) ähnlich
- Konsistente Daten für alle Endpunkte

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COPD – nicht medikamentöse Therapie

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COPD – nicht medikamentöse Therapie

- Langzeit-O₂-Therapie
- Nicht-invasive Beatmung
 - Vs nasale Highflow-O₂-Therapie (NHFC)
- Ambulante/stationäre pulmonale Rehabilitation
- Oszillierende PEP Devices
- Schulungen (Besser leben mit COPD)
- LVRS/E, LTPx
- Palliativmedizin
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Oszillatorische positive expiratorische Druck Therapie bei COPD Patienten mit Sekret

SM Alghamdi et al Thorax. 2023;78:136-143

Stabile COPD + Sputum täglich bzw. die meisten Tage (n=122)

<https://www.ohiohealthcare.com/ohio/ohio/>

Acapella® Device (OPEP) 3x täglich

Usual care (UC)

- Primärer Outcome Parameter – Husten bezogene Lebensqualität: Leicester Cough Questionnaire (LCQ)
- Sekundärer Outcome Parameter – Fatigue (Functional Assessment of Chronic Illness Therapy, FACIT score), generic quality of life (EuroQol-5 Dimensions, EQ-5D)

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Wie werden Exazerbationen definiert?

GOLD-Leitlinie 2020:¹

„Eine COPD-Exazerbation ist definiert als akute Verschlimmerung der respiratorischen Symptome, die zu einer zusätzlichen Therapie führt.“

Definition nach dem Rome-Proposal:²

...ein Ereignis, das durch Dyspnoe und/oder Husten und Auswurf gekennzeichnet ist, die sich über einen Zeitraum von ≤14 Tage verschlechtern, das von Tachypnoe und/oder Tachykardie begleitet sein kann und oft mit einer erhöhten lokalen und systemischen Entzündung einhergeht, die durch eine Atemwegsinfektion, Luftverschmutzung oder eine andere Beeinträchtigung der Atemwege verursacht wird.“

¹ Adaptiert von GOLD 2024²

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Classification of the Severity of COPD Exacerbations

2024 Teaching Slide Set

Measure

- Dyspnoea
- Respiratory rate
- Heart rate
- SaO₂
- CRP
- Arterial blood gases in more severe cases

Severe

- Dyspnoea, RR, HR, SpO₂ and CRP score ≥ 400 points
- OR
- RR ≥ 30 breaths/min
- OR
- SpO₂ ≤ 88%
- OR
- CRP ≥ 100 mg/L

Moderate

- Dyspnoea, RR, HR, SpO₂ and CRP score ≥ 200 points
- OR
- RR ≥ 25 breaths/min
- OR
- SpO₂ ≤ 92%
- OR
- CRP ≥ 50 mg/L

Mild

- Dyspnoea, RR, HR, SpO₂ and CRP score ≥ 100 points
- OR
- RR ≥ 20 breaths/min
- OR
- SpO₂ ≤ 95%
- OR
- CRP ≥ 20 mg/L

Abbott et al. The Rome Severity Classification of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Exacerbation: A Multicenter Cohort Study. Int J Chron Obstruct Pulmon Dis. 2024;19:193-204. © 2023, 2024 Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease.

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J Zheng et al. Validation of the Rome Severity Classification of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Exacerbation: A Multicenter Cohort Study. Int J Chron Obstruct Pulmon Dis. 2024;19:193-204

- Guter Vorhersagewert bzgl. Aufnahme auf Intensivstation und Notwendigkeit für Beatmung
- Cave: keine prospektive Studie

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Take-Home Message

COPD ist eine häufige, klinisch relevante und kostenintensive Erkrankung

Exazerbationen spielen eine entscheidende Rolle im Verlauf der Erkrankung

Symptombehandlung und Risikoreduktion beeinflussen die Mortalität⁶

Ziele in der Therapie sind

- Symptomatik verbessern
- Exazerbationen verhindern
- Überleben verlängern (ev. ICS, LTOT > LVRS > Transplantation)

ICS in Erwägung ziehen bei

- Erhöhte Bluteosinophilenzahl
- Gehäufte Exazerbationen (≥ 1 moderate Exazerbation)⁷

Nicht vergessen: nicht-medikamentöse Therapie und Therapieadhärenz im Auge behalten

Abb. einer aggressiveren langfristigen Bronchodilatator-Behandlung.
COPD = Chronisch-obstruktive Lungenerkrankung; ICS = Inhalative Kortikosteroide; LTOT = Langzeit-Sauerstofftherapie; LVRS = Chirurgische Lungenvolumenreduktion; PRISm = Phased radiotherapy.
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Tabakerhitzer vs. E-Zigarette vs. Zigarette

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COPD

• E-Zigaretten

Wick
Eiquid
Mouthpiece
Power source with battery

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Heat-not-burn System (z.B. IQOS)	E-Zigarette	Zigarette
Erhitzt Tabak	Verdampft Flüssigkeit	Verbrennt Tabak
Verwendet echten Tabak	Verwendet keinen Tabak	Verwendet echten Tabak
Natürliches Nikotin aus dem Tabak	Nikotinderivat, der Flüssigkeit zugefügt	Natürliches Nikotin aus dem Tabak
Keine Asche, kein Rauch	Keine Asche, kein Rauch	Asche, Rauch
Enthält wenig Teer	Enthält keinen Teer	Enthält Teer
90-95% weniger Schadstoffe als bei der Verbrennung	Wenige Inhaltsstoffe, aber mangels Studien unbekannt Wirkung	Rund 4800 Schadstoffe entstehen beim Verbrennen

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1st generation (cig-a-likes)
Disposable e-cigarettes

2nd generation (vape pens)
Rechargeable batteries and refillable tanks

3rd generation (mods)
User-modifiable power and temperature settings

4th generation (pod devices)
Single-use/refillable pod with single-use/rechargeable battery

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A Randomized Trial of E-Cigarettes versus Nicotine-Replacement Therapy N Engl J Med 2019; 380:629-637

Table 2. Abstinence Rates at Different Time Points and Smoking Reduction at 52 Weeks.^a

Outcome	E-Cigarettes (N=438)	Nicotine Replacement (N=446)	Primary Analysis: Relative Risk (95% CI) ^b	Sensitivity Analysis: Adjusted Relative Risk (95% CI)
Primary outcome: abstinence at 52 wk — no. (%)	79 (18.0)	44 (9.9)	1.83 (1.30-2.58)	1.75 (1.24-2.46) ^c
Secondary outcomes				
Abstinence between wk 26 and wk 52 — no. (%)	93 (21.2)	53 (11.9)	1.79 (1.32-2.44)	1.82 (1.34-2.47) ^c
Abstinence at 4 wk after target quit date — no. (%)	180 (41.8)	134 (30.0)	1.45 (1.22-1.74)	1.43 (1.20-1.71) ^c
Abstinence at 26 wk after target quit date — no. (%)	155 (35.4)	112 (25.1)	1.40 (1.14-1.72)	1.36 (1.13-1.67) ^c
Carbon monoxide—validated reduction in smoking of ≥50% in participants without abstinence between wk 26 and wk 52 — no./total no. (%)	44/345 (12.8)	29/391 (7.4)	1.75 (1.12-2.72)	1.73 (1.11-2.69) ^c

^a Abstinence at 52 weeks was defined as a self-report of smoking no more than five cigarettes from 2 weeks after the target quit date, validated biochemically by an expired carbon monoxide level of less than 8 ppm at 52 weeks. Abstinence between week 26 and week 52 was defined as a self-report of smoking no more than five cigarettes between week 26 and week 52, plus an expired carbon monoxide level of less than 8 ppm at 52 weeks. Abstinence at 4 weeks was defined as a self-report of no smoking from 2 weeks after the target quit date, plus an expired carbon monoxide level of less than 8 ppm at 4 weeks. Abstinence at 26 weeks was defined as a self-report of smoking no more than five cigarettes from 2 weeks after the target quit date to 26 weeks; there was no validation by expired carbon monoxide level.

^b The analysis was adjusted for trial center only.

^c The analysis was adjusted for trial center, marital status, age at smoking initiation, and score on the Fagerstrom Test for Cigarette Dependence.

^d The analysis was adjusted for trial center, age, score on the Fagerstrom Test for Cigarette Dependence, and age at smoking initiation.

^e The analysis was adjusted for trial center, education level, partner who smokes (yes or no), and score on the Fagerstrom Test for Cigarette Dependence.

^f The analysis was adjusted for trial center, sex, age, and partner who smokes (yes or no).

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Vaping helps adults quit smoking better than traditional methods, says Cochrane BMI 2022;379:o2782

- University of Oxford
 - 78 studies, including 40 randomised controlled trials, which involved 22 052 adults
 - who smoked to assess the
 - effectiveness, tolerability, and safety of e-cigarettes to help quitting
- They found that quit rates among adults using nicotine e-cigarettes were higher than those receiving nicotine replacement therapy (risk ratio 1.63, 95% confidence interval 1.30 to 2.04; I²=10%; six studies, 2378 participants)
- This could translate to an additional 4 quitters per 100 (95% CI 2 to 6)

Although their findings show that e-cigarettes are an effective way to help adults stop smoking, the researchers said that e-cigarettes were not risk-free and should not be used by those who do not smoke, especially young

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Prospective study of e-cigarette use and respiratory symptoms in adolescents and young adults

15:thoraxjnl-2022-218670 2023 Aug

- **Rationale:** Electronic cigarette (e-cigarette) aerosol contains volatile aldehydes, including flavourings and oxidant metals with known pulmonary toxicity
- **Conclusions:** E-cigarette use in young adults was associated with respiratory symptoms, independent of combustible cannabis and cigarette exposures

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Original Article Electronic Nicotine-Delivery Systems for Smoking Cessation

Reto Auer, M.D., Anna Schoeni, Ph.D., Jean-Paul Humair, M.D., M.P.H., Isabelle Jacot-Sadowski, M.D., Ivan Berlin, M.D., Ph.D., Mirah J. Stuber, M.D., Moe Lina Haller, M.D., Rodrigo Casagrande Tango, M.D., M.P.H., Anja Frei, Ph.D., Alexandra Strassmann, Ph.D., Philip Bruggmann, M.D., Florent Baty, Ph.D., Martin Brutsche, M.D., Ph.D., Kall Tal, Ph.D., Stéphanie Baggio, Ph.D., Julian Jakob, M.D., Nicolas Sambiagio, Ph.D., Nancy B. Hoop, Ph.D., Martin Feller, M.D., Nicolas Rodondi, M.D., and Aurélie Berthet, Ph.D.

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Original Article Electronic Nicotine-Delivery Systems for Smoking Cessation

- **Untersucht wurde**
 - Wirksamkeit, Sicherheit und Toxikologie von E-Dampfern im Rahmen einer umfassenden Rauchstoppperatung
- verglichen mit
 - einer ebenso umfassenden Rauchstoppperatung ohne E-Dampfer.
- Zur Rauchstoppperatung in beiden Gruppen gehörten
 - diverse therapeutische Angebote sowie Empfehlungen zu Arzneimitteln und Nikotinersatzprodukten

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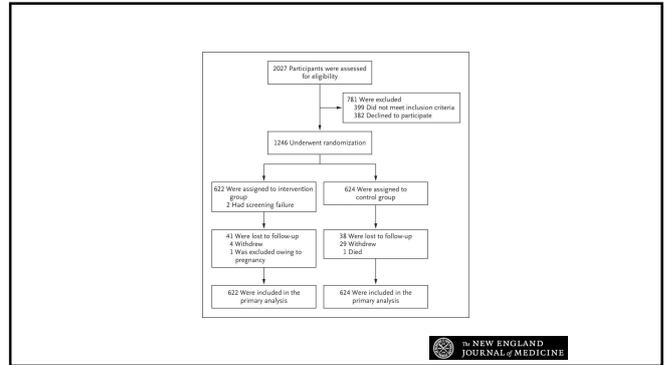
- In this randomized trial, the addition of electronic cigarettes to standard smoking-cessation counselling resulted in greater abstinence from smoking at 6 months but also greater nicotine use.



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Table 1. Characteristics of the Participants at Baseline.*

Characteristic	Control Group (N=624)	Intervention Group (N=622)	Total (N=1246)
Median age (IQR) — yr†	39 (30–52)	37 (28–51)	38 (29–51)
Female gender identity — no. (%)	295 (47.3)	290 (46.6)	585 (47.0)
Employed — no. (%)	465 (74.5)	438 (70.4)	903 (72.5)
Highest educational level — no. (%)			
Obligatory school, some obligatory school, or no formal schooling	45 (7.2)	50 (8.0)	95 (7.6)
Secondary education	277 (44.4)	291 (46.8)	568 (45.6)
Tertiary education	302 (48.4)	281 (45.2)	583 (46.8)
Median age at which smoking was started (IQR) — yr‡	16 (15–19)	16 (15–19)	16 (15–19)
Median no. of cigarettes per day (IQR)	15 (10–20)	15 (10–20)	15 (10–20)
At least one previous attempt to quit smoking — no. (%)§	330 (84.9)	331 (85.4)	661 (85.2)
Fagerstrom Test for Nicotine Dependence score¶	4.4±2.3	4.3±2.3	4.3±2.3
Median expired CO level (IQR) — ppm¶	20 (12–29)	20 (12–29)	20 (12–29)

*Plus-minus values are means ±SD. CO denotes carbon monoxide, and IQR interquartile range.
 †Obligatory school (ie, compulsory school), lasts between 9 and 11 years in Switzerland, depending on local laws.
 ‡Data are missing for 7 participants in each group.
 §The Fagerstrom Test for Nicotine Dependence consists of 6 questions that evaluate the quantity of cigarette consumption, the compulsion to use, and dependence scores range from 0 to 10, with higher scores indicating greater dependence.
 ¶Data are missing for 38 participants, 11 in the intervention group and 7 in the control group.

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Table 2. Primary and Secondary Outcomes.

Outcome	Control Group (N=624)	Intervention Group (N=622)	Difference, Intervention vs. Control (95% CI)*	Grade Relative Risk (95% CI)†	Adjusted Relative Risk (95% CI)‡
Primary outcome: continuous abstinence from smoking (8 months)§	102 (16.3)	180 (28.9)	12.6 (8.0–17.2)	1.75 (1.45–2.08)	1.71 (1.39–2.12)
Secondary outcomes¶					
Continuous abstinence, without biochemical validation	146 (23.4)	237 (38.1)	14.7 (9.8–19.6)	1.48 (1.27–1.74)	1.57 (1.32–1.85)
Sustained abstinence (abstaining 2-week grace period, with biochemical validation)	110 (17.6)	191 (30.7)	13.1 (8.4–17.8)	1.78 (1.42–2.19)	1.70 (1.39–2.08)
Sustained abstinence (abstaining up to 2 cigarettes, with biochemical validation)	209 (33.5)	219 (35.2)	1.7 (12.9–22.5)	2.08 (1.80–2.40)	1.96 (1.61–2.38)
Abstinence within previous 7 days, with biochemical validation	135 (21.6)	240 (38.6)	18.1 (13.1–23.1)	1.88 (1.54–2.21)	1.74 (1.47–2.07)
Abstinence within previous 7 days, without biochemical validation	200 (32.1)	312 (50.2)	21.3 (16.0–26.5)	1.47 (1.46–1.48)	1.36 (1.37–1.75)

*The absolute difference between the groups was calculated with 95% Newcombe hybrid score confidence intervals.
 †Relative risk was calculated with 95% Newcombe hybrid score confidence intervals.
 ‡The absolute relative risk was a secondary analysis, which was performed with the use of a multivariable adjusted model with additional covariate probabilities of concerning age, sex, and age group.
 §The primary outcome, continuous abstinence from smoking at 8 months, was defined as a participant reported abstinence from the target quit date to the 8-month follow-up visit, validated biochemically by cotinine, nicotine, and/or carbon monoxide. If not applicable, for an expired CO level of 10 ppm or less, or a 200-ppm or less cotinine level, or a 10-ppm or less nicotine level, the participant was considered to be abstinent.
 ¶The results of the confidence intervals for the secondary outcomes have not been adjusted for multiplicity and may not be used in place of hypothesis testing.

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Table 3. Participant-Reported Use of Tobacco, Cigarettes, E-Cigarettes, and Nicotine Replacement Therapy at 8 Weeks*

Participant-Reported Use	Control Group n (%)	Intervention Group n (%)	Difference in Control vs. Control (95% CI)
No tobacco, e-cigarettes, "nicotine delivery devices"	134 (28.5)	129 (28.6)	21.1
No tobacco, e-cigarettes, "nicotine delivery devices" and e-cigarette "starter kits"	176 (39.1)	141 (31.5)	-29.3
With nicotine replacement therapy	14 (3.2)	1 (0.2)	-1.6
With smoking cessation medication	1 (0.2)	0	-0.2
E-cigarettes and tobacco cigarettes, "nicotine delivery devices"	31 (6.8)	287 (64.4)	49.1
E-cigarettes without nicotine	1 (0.2)	30 (6.7)	8.1
E-cigarettes with nicotine	30 (6.6)	277 (61.8)	39.4
E-cigarettes and nicotine replacement therapy	0	1 (0.2)	0.2
E-cigarettes and smoking cessation medication	0	0	0
No nicotine "nicotine delivery devices"	150 (33.3)	113 (25.1)	-13.8
Tobacco cigarettes	320 (70.5)	322 (71.4)	24.1
Tobacco cigarettes and e-cigarettes, "nicotine delivery devices"	138 (30.1)	122 (27.1)	-16.2
Tobacco cigarettes and nicotine replacement therapy	14 (3.1)	1 (0.2)	-1.9
Tobacco cigarettes and smoking cessation medication	2 (0.4)	0	-0.4
E-cigarettes and tobacco cigarettes, "nicotine delivery devices"	24 (5.3)	182 (40.4)	35.1
With nicotine in e-cigarettes	1 (0.2)	30 (6.7)	8.8
With nicotine in e-cigarettes	11 (2.4)	81 (18.0)	14.3
With nicotine replacement therapy	1 (0.2)	1 (0.2)	0.5
With smoking cessation medication	0	0	0

*Characteristics of e-cigarette use by participant reported use of e-cigarettes and tobacco cigarettes in the 7 days before the 8-week follow-up. Data are based on participant-reported use of e-cigarettes and tobacco cigarettes at the 8-week follow-up and 1204 participants in the control group and 1204 participants in the intervention group. Data are based on participant-reported use of e-cigarettes and tobacco cigarettes at the 8-week follow-up and 1204 participants in the control group and 1204 participants in the intervention group. Data are based on participant-reported use of e-cigarettes and tobacco cigarettes at the 8-week follow-up and 1204 participants in the control group and 1204 participants in the intervention group.

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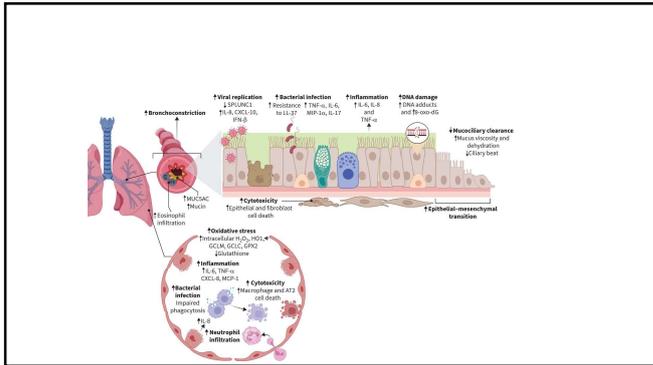
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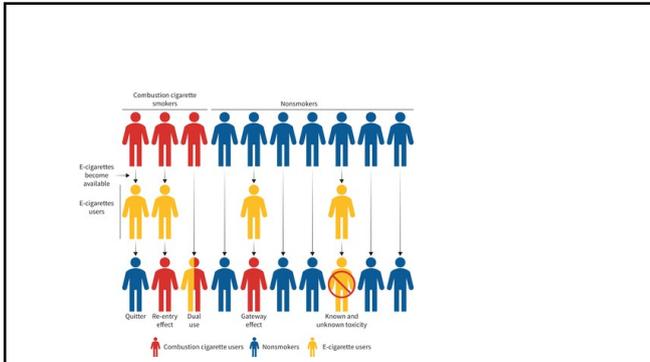
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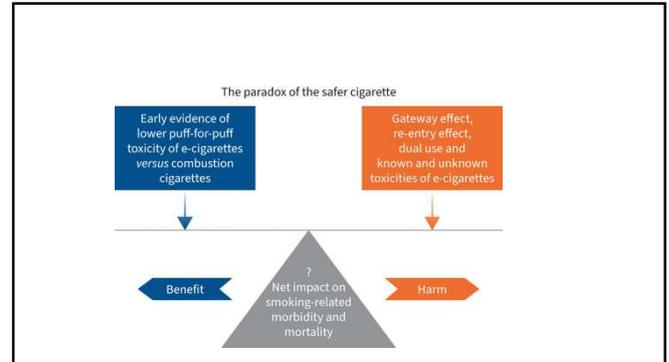
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