

Anvisa warns about electronic cigarettes

Anvisa requested hospitals and health professionals to report problems associated with the use of electronic cigarettes, vaporizers, hit not burn cigarettes and other electronic smoking devices.

The request, sent to 252 institutions of the Sentinel Network that report adverse health problems, aims to collect information to prevent a health crisis such as that occurring in the United States, where there are several cases of serious respiratory diseases and even associated deaths with the use of these devices.

The Federal Council of Medicine (CFM) is also issuing the alert. The communication must be done on the Agency Portal (http://portal.anvisa.gov.br/notificacoes).

Source: Anvisa website, 2019

Dr. Stanton Glantz talked about the damage of electronic smoking devices in Brazil

When visiting Brazil, researcher Stanton Glantz, director of the Center for Research and Education for Tobacco Control at the University of San Francisco, California, said that the use of vaper (electronic device) has health risks similar to traditional cigarettes, contrary what the tobacco industry announces, given that does not help to quit smoking.

In an interview with the Brazilian newspaper *Metropolis*, the physician praised the Brazilian efforts on tobacco control and warned about the risks of electronic devices. Also declared that these products attract children who probably would not try conventional cigarettes: "It is clear which is as bad as the traditional cigarette when we talk about heart disease and respiratory problems."

Source: Metropolis, September 2019 (http://www.metropoles.com/saude/brasil-e-example-no-combate-to-smoking-said-specialist-international

Bill proposes a new cigarette tax to compensate for the health damages

Bill 2.898/2019, prepared by senator Humberto Costa (PT-PE), provides for the creation of an economic intervention contribution: Cide-Tobacco.

The project, which is on the agenda of the Committee on Economic Affairs (CAE), aims to finance actions to reduce consumption and treat diseases caused by tobacco use.

According to a survey published by the Cetab/ Fiocruz Tobacco Industry Strategy Observatory, senator Luis Carlos Heinze, a historical opponent of tobacco control measures in the country, has been trying to obstruct and postponed the vote of this proposal.

Source: Senate Agency, September 2019.

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The UN rewards Brazil for implementing effective tobacco control measures

The National Commission for the Implementation of the Framework Convention for Tobacco Control and its Protocols in Brazil (Conicq) receives the UN Interagency Task Force Award, in recognition of the actions taken to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals, related to no communicable diseases (NCDs).

Based on the integrated work of the three spheres of government, with the support of civil society and other government agencies, the Brazilian public tobacco control policies are recognized throughout the world.

Brazil has reduced the number of smokers by 40% in the last twelve years, from 15.6% in 2006 to 9% in 2018.

Source: https://www.inca.gov.br/noticias/acoes-daconicq-ubra-o-tabaco-sao-premiadas-pela-onu.Data

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