

7.14 An Audit of Patients Smoking Status following Admission to Tallaght University Hospital (TUH)

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Background: The most recent Healthy Ireland Survey in 2023 reported that 18% of the population are current smokers. The National Stop Smoking Guidelines (No. 28) were published in January 2022, these guidelines recommend that all healthcare professionals routinely ASK people about their smoking, ADVISE them to stop and ACT by providing or arranging safe and effective support. It also sets out the recommended behavioural and pharmacological supports for smokers. **Methods:** A chart review was conducted on patients admitted into TUH over a 10 day period in October 2023, to assess if these recommendations were being delivered. Charts were reviewed to determine if smoking status was recorded. If smoking status was recorded, a series of related questions were generated to assess the patients smoking history. **Results:** Of 177 charts reviewed 84% had a smoking status documented, 26% of whom were current smokers. This is higher than the population level of 18% reported in the Healthy Ireland Survey in 2023. Of those documented as smoking an intervention was only recorded for 16%. **Conclusion:** Results from the review show that TUH are meeting the standards 84% of the time, documenting the smoking status of patients, however NRT and smoking cessation services are underutilised. **Conflicts of Interest:** The authors declare that they have no conflicts of interest.