

## TITLE: Prevalence of cigarette and shisha smoking among high school adolescents and their impact on Health

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## **ABSTRACT**

Cigarette smoking is a significant threat to the current and future health of young people worldwide. The prevalence of tobacco smoking among adolescents in Pakistan varies significantly based on age. Therefore, this study aimed to determine the prevalence of cigarette and shisha smoking among high school adolescents and its impact on health. This cross-sectional study was conducted among 308 ninth- and tenth-class students at four public high schools in the Hyderabad district of Sindh, Pakistan, from October 2019 to December 2019. The Participants were randomly selected. Data was collected using a predesigned paper-based questionnaire, and descriptive data was analyzed using SPSS 23. We found cigarette smoking at 19.5% and shisha smoking at 5.0%. Most of them were males consuming cigarettes and shisha smoking on a

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routine basis as compared to females. The shortterm effects observed include respiratory issues, brain effects, gastrointestinal problems, and oral cavity problems. It highlights the importance of addressing and reducing smoking habits among adolescents. Efforts to raise awareness and provide support for smoking cessation could significantly improve public health.

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