

# Guyana - Nursing Students (3<sup>rd</sup> Year Students Only) Global Health Professions Student Survey (GHPSS)

## **FACT SHEET . . . . .**

The Guyana nursing 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 nursing school regarding patient counseling on smoking cessation techniques. This information could be very useful in monitoring and developing Guyana's comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Guyana nursing students GHPSS was a census of 3<sup>rd</sup> year nursing students attending the 1 nursing school in Guyana that was conducted in 2009. The school response rate was 100% and the student response rate was 100%. A total of 13 students participated in the Guyana nursing students GHPSS.

### **Prevalence**

- 53.8% ever smoked cigarettes
- 15.4% currently smoke cigarettes
- 15.4% ever used any form of tobacco other than cigarettes

### **Factors Influencing Tobacco Use**

- 46.2% were exposed to second-hand smoke at home, during the past week.
- 84.6% were exposed to second-hand smoke in public places during the past week.
- 61.5% reported that their school had a ban on smoking in school buildings and clinics.
- 100.0% thought smoking should be banned in all enclosed public places.
- 100.0% thought tobacco sales to adolescents should be banned.
- 69.2% thought there should be a complete ban on advertising tobacco products.
- 100.0% were taught about the dangers of smoking during dental school training.

### **Role Model and Cessation Training**

- 100.0% thought health professionals serve as role models for their patients.
- 100.0% thought health professionals have a role in giving advice about smoking cessation to patients.
- 7.7% received formal training in smoking cessation approaches during dental school.
- 92.3% thought health professionals should get specific training on cessation techniques.

### **Highlights**

**Over half have ever smoked cigarettes and almost 1 in 5 currently smokes cigarettes.**

**More than 8 in 10 were exposed to smoke in public places.**

**100% support a ban on smoking in all enclosed public places.**

**7.7% received training to provide patients with cessation approaches.**

**Over 9 in 10 think health professionals should get specific training on cessation techniques to use with patients.**