All Pre-Conference Workshops run concurrently and are only offered in person. Registration includes a morning refreshment break. Attendees will be responsible for lunch on their own in San Antonio on Wednesday, March 1.

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• PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP #1 •

Pre-Conference Workshop Title: Centering Health Equity in our Science around Local Laws and U.S. Federal Regulations Regarding the Availability and Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products: Developing Recommendations for Advancing Evidence-based Policies

Intended Audience: This workshop is designed for nicotine and tobacco control researchers who are interested in integrating equity frameworks into their work evaluating the impacts of tobacco control legislation at national and subnational levels. Although we will focus on regulations restricting the sale of flavored tobacco products, the workshop will also address how these approaches can serve as a model for equity-centered evaluation of other tobacco control policies. In addition to generating actionable guidance for local policy evaluation researchers, the workshop will also be of interest to those active in bringing equity and community informed insights into the science around the proposed national ban on the sale of menthol cigarettes and flavored cigars and other potential national regulations.

Sponsoring Organization: SRNT Health Equity Network

Abstract:
Policies restricting the sale of flavored tobacco products (FTPs) are considered health equity interventions with potential to reduce tobacco-related health disparities. More than 360 subnational U.S. jurisdictions have enacted laws restricting retail sales of (FTPs) and several countries (European Union, United Kingdom, Canada) have banned menthol cigarettes and other FTPs. In 2022, the U.S FDA announced its intent to issue product standards banning menthol as a characterizing flavor in cigarettes and banning all characterizing flavors, including menthol, in cigars. There is a growing scientific base evaluating intended and unintended outcomes of local FTP interventions; however, there is an increased recognition of the need to center equity throughout the process to ensure that these policies achieve equitable outcomes for populations that bear a
disproportionate burden of flavored tobacco use. This workshop will bring together professionals interested in ensuring that equity considerations are central to the entire flavored tobacco policy process, from adoption to sustained impact. Dr. Todd Rogers will discuss incorporating equity considerations into an evaluation framework; Dr. Shyanika Rose will discuss study design and measurement challenges; Dr. Barbara Schillo will discuss working with communities to raise awareness around social justice and FTP policies; Dr. Sabrina Smiley will discuss engaging community members in assessing local evaluations through an equity lens; and Melody Kingsley will discuss how these evaluation approaches have been put into practice. The panel will engage with attendees to build an equity-oriented evaluation framework and identify best practices for researchers and practitioners in designing evaluations of flavor policies, which should also be applicable to other tobacco control policies.

**Learning Objectives:**
1. Review the rationale for how and why tobacco control researchers should consider equity throughout the policy process
2. Identify gaps in the research and the equity implications of those gaps
3. Culminate in a set of recommendations for the field

**Panelists:**
Dr. Todd Rogers, Dr. Shyanika Rose, Dr. Barbara Schillo, Dr. Sabrina Smiley and Melody Kingsley.

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**• PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP #2 •**

**Pre-Conference Workshop Title:** Translating Scientific Research into Policy: Tobacco Regulatory Science Workshop

**Intended Audience:** Public health analysts, scientific advisors, researchers, tobacco control advocates

**Sponsoring Organization:** SRNT Policy Research Network

**Abstract:**
Tobacco regulatory science focuses on ensuring that scientifically valid techniques, tools, and models are available to evaluate products, and provide scientific data that informs regulatory actions in promoting optimal population health outcomes. Tobacco regulatory bodies (e.g., US Food and Drug Administration, Health Canada, New Zealand Ministry of Health) promote the development of regulatory science to ensure that a strong evidence base guides all regulatory activities related to the manufacture, marketing, and distribution of tobacco products, and public education about tobacco product constituents and effects. Notably, scientists, advocates, and local public health authorities all have a role in developing and disseminating science that can guide the tobacco regulatory process. Moreover, researchers from nonprofits, academic institutions, and local public health authorities should consider the role that they can have in the regulatory process when they develop their own research agendas.

This workshop will gather tobacco regulators, public health analysts, scientific advisors, and researchers from the US, Canada, the UK, New Zealand, and the Netherlands to discuss how science can inform the regulatory decision-making process. Regulators will explain how they engage with our science and how they think scientists could improve their engagement with the regulatory process. Non-regulators will share their experiences working with regulators. Some of the following questions will be addressed: What are the steps in the regulatory process in which science can be informative? What scientific evidence is needed to guide and support regulatory decisions? Do data have to be published? If not, then how can researchers submit unpublished data, but maintain the confidentiality needed for publication? How do regulators address uncertainty when there is mixed evidence for the regulatory action being considered? How can scientists and regulators establish cooperative and trusting working relationships? How do (or how should) regulators, scientists, advocates, and local public health authorities communicate about how data can support key policies? How do they work together to disseminate important research findings? What is the role of tobacco control advocates and other governmental organizations (e.g., agencies like CDC that do not have market regulating powers) in promoting regulatory action? Panelists will discuss how tobacco control policies incorporate interventions aimed at reducing health disparities (e.g., how policies are shaped to tackle high smoking rates among vulnerable populations).

As policymakers consider written commentary when developing tobacco control regulations, attendees will attempt to apply the lessons learned from the panelists in a group exercise, where they will prepare an outline for comment to an open request on a regulatory change of their choice (e.g., VLNCs, ban cigarette sales for future generations, filter bans etc).
Learning Objectives:
1. Gain an understanding of how the tobacco regulatory science process works and the role scientific evidence plays in that process.
2. Explore the role of tobacco regulatory science to help researchers understand the parameters and types of research that regulatory organizations can fund.
3. Describe the types of research efforts that will inform regulators and policymakers.
4. Learn how to make tangible, useful contributions to the regulatory process.
5. Make cross-national distinctions in the powers of regulatory organizations and how regulators in different countries can interact with scientists.
6. Learn how scientists, advocates, and local public health authorities play a role in advocating for regulatory action.

Panelists:
Coordinator/moderator Shannon Gravely, PhD, Research Assistant Professor, ITC Project I Department of Psychology, University of Waterloo, Canada; Coordinators/moderator Alex Liber, PhD, Assistant Professor in the Department of Oncology, Georgetown University’s School of Medicine, USA; Chair David Ashley, PhD, Research Professor in the School of Public Health, Georgia State University Atlanta, United States (former Inaugural Director of the Office of Science of the Food and Drug Administration’s Center for Tobacco Products); Benjamin Apelberg, PhD, Deputy Director of CTP’s Office of Science, Office of Science, Center for Tobacco Products, FDA, Atlanta, United States; Michael Tynan, MPH, Public Health Analyst, Health Systems & Data Visualization Team Lead, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Office of Smoking and Health Atlanta, United States; Sonia Johnson, PhD, Director, General, Tobacco Control, Health Canada, Ottawa, Canada; Martin Dockrell, BA, Tobacco Lead, Public Health England, London, England, United Kingdom; Reinskje Talhout, PhD, Senior Scientist, RIVM Centre for Health Protection, Bilthoven, The Netherlands; and Geoffrey T. Fong, PhD, Professor, Psychology and Public Health Sciences, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Canada.

Pre-Conference Workshop Title: Tobacco Treatments that Work for Priority Populations

Intended Audience: Clinicians, researchers, and other SRNT attendees interested in the best way to conduct tobacco research in a diverse range of priority populations. The workshop is open to all levels of expertise and covers a range of topics. The main focus is on conducting tobacco treatment research with diverse populations and how to best do this.

Sponsoring Organization: Treatment Research Network

Abstract:
This workshop, sponsored by the SRNT Treatment Research Network, will focus on methods and lessons learned related to recruitment and retention of priority populations in tobacco treatment research, what treatments are most successful within these populations, and how to engage these populations in mhealth and Quitline/Helpline support. Panelists for this workshop are senior experts working with various priority populations including (but not limited to): Black/African American populations, American Indian/Indigenous populations, Hispanic/Latinx populations, people living with HIV, and people with low socioeconomic status.

Learning Objectives:
The workshop will be divided into three main sections lasting approximately 1-hour each:
1. What works in priority populations
2. mHealth research for priority populations
3. Quitline/Helpline engagement in priority populations

Three expert panelists will present a brief overview of their research within these populations and discuss the main topics listed above. At the end of each hour, there will be a 15-minute round table discussion to allow for audience participation and engagement. Dr. Johnson will moderate discussions to ensure audience members get the most out of the workshop with this stellar group of panelists.

Panelists:
Michael Businelle, PhD (University of Oklahoma TSET Health Promotion Research Center); Dana Mowls Carroll, PhD, MPH (University of Minnesota Masonic Cancer Center); Virmarie Correa-Fernandez, PhD (University of Houston Department of Psychological, Health, and Learning Sciences);
Danielle McCarthy, PhD (University of Wisconsin Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention); Wyatt Pickner, MPH (American Indian Cancer Foundation); Claire A. Spears, PhD (Georgia State University School of Public Health); Katrina Vickerman, PhD (Optum Center for Wellbeing Research); Damon Vidrine, DrPH (Moffitt Cancer Center); and Monica Webb Hooper, PhD (Deputy Director of the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities). Adrienne Johnson, PhD (University of Wisconsin Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention) and Krysten Bold, PhD (Yale School of Medicine), will co-chair this workshop.

• PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP #4 •

Pre-Conference Workshop Title: Refining tobacco use research among sexual and gender minority youth and young adults

Intended Audience: Researchers seeking to better understand how the most pressing issues in sexual and gender minority (SGM) health equity are influencing our work in tobacco control research. Namely, how the increasing numbers of young people identifying as SGM and the contentious sociopolitical climate may contribute to perpetuating tobacco use disparities among youth and young adults.

Sponsoring Organization: Adolescent Network

Abstract:
Background. The substantial tobacco use disparities borne by sexual and gender minority (SGM) people compared to their heterosexual and cisgender (i.e., not transgender) counterparts emerge in youth and adolescence, where LGBT youth are more likely to report current tobacco use, lifetime cigarette smoking, and an earlier age of initiation than their heterosexual and cisgender peers. Research exploring the underlying determinants of these tobacco disparities frequently points to minority stress, where unique and pervasive stressors in the lives of SGM people increase tobacco use as a perceived method of coping. While knowledge about SGM tobacco use disparities is becoming more well-understood broadly, there remain important methodological and conceptual considerations that are critical to research with this population, particularly among youth and young adults.

Learning Objectives:
This pre-conference workshop will explore contemporary issues related to SGM tobacco research, including:

1. Overcoming hurdles in surveillance
2. Innovative intervention methodology
3. How pro- and anti-tobacco messaging may influence tobacco disparities among the growing numbers of people who identify as SGM

Panelists:
The session will be introduced by Session Chair, Josephine (Tres) Hinds, PhD, Steve Hicks School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin. Next, a background in SGM tobacco use disparities will be provided by Evan Krueger, PhD, Tulane University. A local community organization speaker will then provide a community perspective. This will be followed by presentations on health communications by Joanne Patterson, PhD, The Ohio State University; intervention development by Jaimee Heffner, PhD, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Institute; and methodological considerations (surveillance, analysis) by Rebecca Evans-Polce, PhD, University of Michigan and/or Luisa Kcomt, PhD, MSW, Wayne State University. Joseph GL Lee, PhD, MPH, East Carolina University, will serve as Discussant. Throughout the session, attendees will be engaged in interactive exercises and discussion.

• PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP #5 •

Pre-Conference Workshop Title: Implementation Science in Global Tobacco Control: A Primer

Intended Audience: Senior, mid-, and early-career professionals working on tobacco control research with a special interest in implementation science, SRNT Global Research Network and other network members, tobacco control practitioners and clinicians, public health trainees, students (Post-doc, PhD and Masters students).

Sponsoring Organization: Global Research Network

Abstract:
Background: Tobacco use is a leading preventable cause of morbidity and mortality globally and its burden falls increasingly on low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). Given the need for effective implementation of tobacco control measures guided by the Framework Convention for Tobacco Control (FCTC), particularly in
LMICs. To reduce the global burden of tobacco use, research efforts should prioritize implementation science, which is the study of methods to develop and apply knowledge that promotes the integration of evidence-based interventions and policies into real-world settings to improve population health and advance health equity.

Purpose: This workshop aims to promote the application of implementation science methods in global tobacco control. The workshop will identify dissemination and implementation research priorities for global tobacco control, with a particular focus on LMICs.

Structure: The workshop will begin with an overview of the strategic plan for implementing the FCTC (i.e., Global Strategy to Accelerate Tobacco Control), followed by a discussion about the role of evidence in the tobacco control policy process. Interactive presentations will illustrate how implementation science tools have been employed across different regions, contexts, and tobacco products to promote policy and treatment implementation for global tobacco control. These presentations will emphasize the potential for research-to-practice translation by examining contextual factors associated with the implementation of evidence-based tobacco control interventions. For example, case studies related to FCTC Article 14 (demand reduction through tobacco cessation) will illustrate the integration of tobacco use treatment in the context of communicable disease care. A conceptual discussion will follow around what evidence is needed when transferring and adapting tobacco control interventions and strategies to a specific LMIC setting. Breakout sessions will charge participants with developing recommendations for future research priority areas. The workshop will conclude with an open Q&A forum.

Learning Objectives:
This workshop aims to advance understanding of the relevance and importance of implementation science for:

1. Global tobacco control across diverse health systems and policy settings
2. Inform implementation science application efforts going forward
3. Identify future implementation science priorities in global tobacco control

Panelists:
Session Chair Ramzi Salloum, PhD, University of Florida College of Medicine; Carla Berg, PhD, George Washington University; Geoffrey Fong, PhD, University of Waterloo, Gila Neta, PhD, National Cancer Institute; Mark Parascandola, PhD, National Cancer Institute; Nancy Rigotti, MD, Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School; and Kamran Siddiqi, PhD, University of York.

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