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Introduction to the Special Issue: Tobacco Control Strategies for Medically At-Risk Youth*

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Tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke (SHS) are significant behavioral health problems that can result in a range of well-documented negative health consequences for children and adolescents (Gold et al., 1996; Prokhorov, Emmons, Pallonen, & Tsoh, 1996; US Department of Health and Human Services [USDHHS], 2000). The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has issued a number of policy statements in the past 5 years that have identified tobacco prevention and cessation as well as SHS reduction as issues that are crucial to children's health (AAP, 2001; Winickoff, Hillis, Palfrey, Perrin, & Rigotti, 2003b). Likewise, current national health objectives (Healthy People 2010) include reducing the initiation of tobacco use among children and adolescents, increasing cessation attempts by current smokers, and reducing the proportion of youngsters who are regularly exposed to tobacco smoke in the home (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC], 2004; USDHHS, 2000). The most . . . [[Full Text of this Article](#)]

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