



2025 PRE- AND POST-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

The **Pre-Conference Workshops** will take place on Wednesday, March 12, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CT. These workshops will run concurrently. Registration includes a morning refreshment break. Attendees will be responsible for lunch on their own.

The **Post-Conference Workshop** will take place on Saturday, March 15, from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. CT. Registration includes an afternoon refreshment break. Attendees will be responsible for lunch on their own.

To register for a pre-conference or post-conference workshop, [click here](#).

• PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP #1 •

Pre-Conference Workshop Title: Leveraging Complex Survey Data to Inform Nicotine and Tobacco Regulatory Science Globally

Intended Audience: Analysts, Scientific Advisors, Researchers, Tobacco Control Advocates, Public Health and Policy Professionals, Students/Trainees

Sponsoring Organization: SRNT Policy and Regulatory Science Network

Abstract: Population-level survey research is an important tool used when developing and evaluating tobacco and nicotine policies and interventions, both overall and among priority populations. Several tobacco-specific national and international surveys such as the US Population Assessment of Tobacco

and Health (PATH) Study, the International Tobacco Control Policy Evaluation Project (ITC), the Global Adult and Youth Tobacco Surveys (GATS/GYTS), the Great Britain Smoking Toolkit Study (STS), the German Study on Tobacco Use (DEBRA), and the US National Youth Tobacco Survey (NYTS) collect rich data on nicotine and tobacco use that can be used to inform or evaluate policy.

This workshop aims to provide fundamental insights, using case studies on how national and international survey data can be leveraged to inform tobacco and nicotine policy. Importantly, these surveys often employ data collection and complex survey design methodologies that need to be accounted for to ensure accurate estimates and limit bias, which is crucial in the context of informing policy at the population-level.

The workshop will start with Dr Andrew Seidenberg (Truth Initiative) introducing some key observational research designs and exemplar surveys administered in different global contexts that can be analyzed for nicotine and tobacco policy and regulatory science research. Following the introduction, invited speakers representing different surveys from around the world will introduce their surveys in more detail.

Lead investigators from the ITC project (Dr Shannon Gravely), GATS/GYTS (Dr Indu Ahluwalia), the British STS and German DEBRA (Prof Jamie Brown who leads STS and will also present DEBRA on behalf of Prof Daniel Kotz), and US NYTS (Dr Ahmed Jamal) will present on methodologies of these surveys, history of data collection, and key measures. Case studies

will be shared to demonstrate the utility and potential limitations of these respective surveys in the context of policy.

A representative from the US PATH Study team (Dr Katy Edwards) will present on the PATH methodology of the PATH study, what types of data are available (for instance youth and adult data, and biomarker data) for analysis by researchers, and how it can be accessed. The PATH Study has collected data almost continuously since 2013 in the US, and has innovated as new tobacco products were introduced, new policies were made, and regulatory actions were implemented.

Dr Andrew Seidenberg will next provide an overview of best practices when analyzing and reporting data from national and international complex survey designs, including the Preferred Reporting Items for Complex Sample Survey Analysis (PRICSSA) checklist and features of open science practice such as sharing of code.

Following this, a representative from the US FDA (Dr Ben Apelberg) will share insights on how national and international survey data can be used in policy and regulatory formulation and evaluation. Lastly, workshop participants will engage with panelists in an interactive community discussion on cross-cutting topics, including methodological challenges in low- and middle-income countries and advancing health equity in the context of survey research.

Learning Objectives:

1. Highlight key survey designs and specific surveys that can be used to inform and evaluate existing and upcoming nicotine and tobacco policy in different contexts globally.
2. Introduce and encourage use of the Preferred Reporting Items for Complex Sample Survey Analysis, and the implementation of open science practices.
3. Present case studies of published research using complex survey data to inform or evaluate policy.

Panelists: Katy Edwards, PhD; Shannon Gravely, PhD; Indu Ahluwalia, PhD, MPH; Jamie Brown, PhD; Ahmed Jamal, MBBS; Ben Apelberg, PhD

Pre-Conference Workshop Title: Co-Design as a Community-Engaged Tool for Developing Culturally Relevant Tobacco Interventions: Experiential Training and Case Studies from Work with Priority Populations

Intended Audience: Nicotine and tobacco researchers who are interested in learning about co-design as a participatory method for culturally relevant intervention design, especially with populations who experience disparities.

Sponsoring Organization: SRNT Health Equity Network

Abstract: Culturally relevant interventions hold promise for improving tobacco health equity for populations that experience disparities by helping scientists understand the end-user experience when developing accessible, inclusive, usable, and sustainable interventions. Co-design offers a novel approach to intervention design because it requires researchers and community members to work as equals. Through co-design researchers must view problems from new angles, consider unconventional solutions, and get comfortable taking risks. This pre-conference workshop combines collaborative learning and case studies to showcase co-design approaches.

Dr. Proulx and Nina Wolf will introduce the concept of co-design, including how participants can “dare to take risks”. Via a guided case study activity, participants will collaboratively develop solutions in tobacco intervention design. Through this process (i.e., design ideation), participants will learn basic co-design principles and their application across culturally relevant intervention research questions.

Case studies featuring co-design processes:

- Dr. Trapl will highlight strategies for integrating co-design into study design, using examples from an upcoming study to adapt Ask, Advise, Connect with low-income populations using food pantries.
- Dr. Stimatze will introduce strategies for engaging racially minoritized SGM-community members in digital tobacco cessation intervention design.
- Dr. Benjamin-Robinson will detail best practices for engaging youth and African American adults in tobacco policy co-design.

- Dr. Watkins will share participatory processes for engaging sexual and gender minority and allied young adults in collaborative data collection and analysis activities about vaping on “QueerTok”.
- Mr. Pickner will describe co-design and community engagement approaches for developing SmokefreeNative, a version of NCI’s SmokefreeTXT program tailored for the American Indian population.
- Dr. Cartujano Barrera will describe lessons from developing Actívatexto, a mobile intervention that promotes smoking cessation and physical activity among Latino adults.
- Dr. Sun will present community-engaged processes for digital intervention design and usability testing with transgender and gender-expansive adults.

Session Chair Joanne G Patterson, PhD, will facilitate the concluding discussion and panel Q+A. Co-design examples will be made available post-conference.

Panelists: Nupsius E. Benjamin-Robinson, DrHSc; Francisco Cartujano Barrera, MD; Joanne G Patterson, PhD; Wyatt Pickner, MPH; Sebastien Proulx, PhD; Tamara Stimatze, PhD; Christina Sun, PhD; Erika Trapl, PhD; Nina Wolf, BA; Shannon Lea Watkins, PhD

• PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP #3 •

Pre-Conference Workshop Title: Moving the Needle on Impact: Implementation Strategies and Applications in Tobacco Treatment Research

Intended Audience: Individuals interested in implementation science methodology and applications for tobacco treatment research.

Sponsoring Organization: SRNT Treatment Research Network

Abstract: This workshop, sponsored by the SRNT Treatment Research Network and co-chaired by Dr. Rojewski and Dr. Johnson, will focus on implementation science strategies and applications for tobacco treatment research. Our presenters will

highlight an implementation science framework, strategy, or study design and an example from their research highlighting how they used the approach to advance tobacco treatment implementation. Dr. Collins will illustrate how the multiphase optimization strategy (MOST) can be used to arrive at an implementable intervention. She will present findings from a fractional factorial optimization RCT that took place in a primary care setting in Wisconsin. Dr. Cinciripini and Dr. Green will present on sequential multiple assignment randomized trial (SMART) designs. As an example, they will describe a trial evaluating dose increases and medication switching in individuals who experienced treatment failure on varenicline or combination nicotine replacement therapy. Drs. Park and Ostroff will present on hybrid effectiveness-implementation study designs. They will describe a hybrid type I effectiveness-implementation trial to assess the integration of a centralized, evidence-based tailored tobacco treatment program into sites across a national NCI community cancer center network. Informed by the RE-AIM and CFIR models, they assessed the effectiveness, implementation and sustainability of the program. Dr. Foley will discuss capacity building for tobacco treatment implementation research in low-resource settings. She will describe an ongoing hybrid type II effectiveness-implementation trial that offers virtual tobacco use treatment to pregnant women in Romania. Dr. Shelley will serve as a discussant to highlight the utility of implementation science methodology and envisioning a research agenda for advancing implementation, sustainability and scale up of tobacco use treatment in the US and globally.

Panelists: Linda Collins, PhD; Paul Cinciripini, PhD; Charles Green, PhD; Elyse Park, PhD, MPH; Jamie Ostroff, PhD; Kristie Foley, PhD; Donna Shelley, MD, MPH

• PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP #4 •

Pre-Conference Workshop Title: Colliding Crises: Mental Health and Nicotine Use Among Youth

Intended Audience: Researchers and practitioners who work with youth and young adults.

Sponsoring Organization: SRNT Youth and Young Adult Network

Abstract: The U.S. Surgeon General has declared a youth mental health crisis. Most youth in the U.S. see mental health symptoms like anxiety and depression as a major problem among their peers. At the same time, nicotine product use by youth remains prevalent, and many youth and young adults report using nicotine products to help with mental health symptoms such as stress, anxiety, and depression. A range of mental health symptoms have been associated with nicotine use initiation, sustained use, and failed quit attempts. Understanding and addressing the interplay between mental health and nicotine use among youth has the potential to prevent and reduce nicotine use and improve cessation outcomes, as well as positively impact youth mental health.

Purpose: This SRNT Youth and Young Adult Network-sponsored pre-conference workshop will explore the links between youth mental health and nicotine use at the individual, school-based, population (public health), and national levels. This workshop will provide insights into measurement, messaging, intervention, and treatment of youth mental health and nicotine use.

Structure: Dr. Bonnie Halpern-Felsher (Stanford University) will provide an overview of the colliding crises of youth mental health and nicotine use. Dr. Emily Hébert (University of Texas) will present ecological momentary assessment data on intra-day patterns of mental health symptoms and vaping behaviors among young adults. Dr. Meghan Morean (Yale School of Medicine) will present Connecticut school survey data on relationships between cognition, anxiety, and nicotine product use characteristics. Drs. Elizabeth Do and Kenneshia Williams (Truth Initiative) will discuss tailoring public health messaging on nicotine and mental health associations

and resources to improve mental and behavioral health outcomes of youth. Last, Dr. Deepa Camenga (Yale School of Medicine) will discuss clinical aspects of youth vaping cessation and mental health. A discussion panel will be convened including questions from the audience and moderated by Dr. Halpern-Felsher. Additionally, this session will include an interactive component on measurement and messaging related to youth mental health and nicotine use.

Chairs: Dale S. Mantey, PhD MPA & Elizabeth K. Do, PhD, MPH

Panelists: Meghan E. Morean, PhD; Emily T. Hébert, DrPH; Elizabeth K. Do, PhD, MPH; Kenneshia Williams, PhD; Deepa Camenga, MD, MHS, FAAP

• PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP #5 •

Pre-Conference Workshop Title: Implementation Science to Enhance the Impact of Global Tobacco Control Strategies in Low- and Middle-Income Countries

Intended Audience: Research professionals at all career stages working in tobacco control with an interest in global tobacco control and/or implementation science, SRNT GRN and other network members, tobacco control practitioners and clinicians, public health trainees, postdocs, and graduate students.

Sponsoring Organization: SRNT Global Research Network

Abstract: The burden of tobacco use disproportionately impacts low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). Implementation science approaches can advance the effective implementation of global tobacco control strategies. Advancing implementation science beyond resource-rich settings will increase the impact of global tobacco control and require targeted capacity-building efforts. Building on the GRN pre-conference workshops held during the past two annual meetings, this session will continue to address topics common to conducting implementation research in global tobacco control, with a focus on LMIC settings.

The workshop will feature a panel of LMIC-based global tobacco control research case studies illustrating the application of implementation science across different regions, contexts, and tobacco products to close the gap in policy and treatment implementation for global tobacco control. Presentation content will include designing dissemination and implementation studies, methods for adapting evidence generated in high-income countries (HICs) to LMIC contexts before and during the implementation process and analyzing implementation outcomes. Discussions will follow on the type of evidence needed when transferring and adapting tobacco control interventions and strategies across LMIC settings. The speaker panel will include implementation science and global tobacco control implementation experts from HICs and LMICs. Presentations will be followed by break-out sessions that challenge participants to compare implementation experiences across countries, policy contexts, and interventions. The workshop will conclude with an open Q&A forum.

This workshop will address topics related to the application of implementation science in global tobacco control. Presentations will focus on how implementation science methods have been employed across different regions, contexts, and tobacco products to promote policy and treatment implementation for global tobacco control.

This workshop will promote collaboration and advance understanding of implementation science applications for global tobacco control across diverse health systems and policy settings and inform future implementation science priorities in global tobacco control.

Panelists: Ramzi Salloum, PhD; Geoffrey Fong, PhD; Raul Mejia, MD; Donna Shelley, MD; James Thrasher, PhD

Pre-Conference Workshop Title: Rethinking Race in Tobacco Science: Emergent Approaches, Applications, and Implications for the Field

Intended Audience: Broad

Sponsoring Organization: None

Abstract: As awareness of the drivers of health inequities grows, many scientific fields are undergoing a shift in their understanding of the adverse effects of racial essentialism, including in nicotine and tobacco science. It has become clear that some previously standard approaches to data collection and analysis may perpetuate stereotypes and stand in the way of making progress on reducing health disparities. Potentially harmful practices include controlling for race and ethnicity in analytic models without a specific rationale, using measures to collect data on race that don't reflect how participants identify, aggregating distinct racial identities into "other" or "multi-racial" variables, and identifying racial and cultural identities as disease risk factors, among others. These practices may reinforce the incorrect idea that race has a genetic basis, and obscure the role of other factors, such as racism and discrimination (risk) vs. racial and cultural identity (protection) that influence tobacco and nicotine use. Recently, researchers, journal editors (including *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*), and funders have begun to focus more on this issue by publishing guidelines and commentaries on the use of race and ethnicity measures.

This workshop will provide a forum for open discussion and practical advice on the conceptualization and use of race and ethnicity measures in nicotine and tobacco research. Speakers/trainers represent diverse disciplines and positions, including Indigenous perspectives, and experiences in service within organizations (SRNT, AMA), publications (NTR, Tobacco Control), and research institutions. The speakers will provide remarks and discussion around the topics of 1. The path to equity in tobacco science: Overview and recommendations from the Racial Equity Task Force Report, 2. Working with and around existing datasets 3. Publishing thoughtful

analyses. Participants from all career stages are welcome to share their experiences and ideas and learn from each during this engaging discussion.

Panelists: Raglan Maddox, PhD, MPH, BCs; Renee Goodwin, PhD, MPH; Gleneara E. Bates-Pappas, PhD, LMSW; Alec Calac, PhD; Marcia Tan, PhD, MPH; Sarah D. Mills, PhD, MPH

• PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP #7 •

Pre-Conference Workshop Title: Engaging Adolescents in Tobacco Research: Navigating Ethical, logistical, and Contextual Challenges in Low Middle-income Countries (LMICs)-EAT research

Intended Audience: We welcome all SRNT participants, researchers and practitioners, especially early- and mid-career researchers (EMCRs), to attend. EMCRs from across the globe, specifically from low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), will be the target group.

Sponsoring Organization: National Institute of Health Research

Abstract: The Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) Articles 8 and 13 emphasize reducing adolescent exposure to tobacco products, a critical stage for preventing tobacco use initiation. However, the tobacco industry continues to aggressively market novel products, posing significant risks to adolescents, particularly in low- and middle-income

countries (LMICs) where access to this demographic is more challenging due to lower literacy rates and high numbers of out-of-school (OOS) youth. With an estimated 250 million OOS children and youth globally, addressing their unique vulnerabilities is vital for comprehensive tobacco control efforts in LMICs. Research with adolescents poses ethical (e.g., consent), logistical (e.g., recruitment), and philosophical (e.g., literacy) challenges, especially in LMICs. This workshop aims to equip early and mid-career researchers (EMCRs) with essential skills for conducting adolescent-focused research, particularly in tobacco-related studies. Participants will learn to effectively select target populations, recruit participants, and collect robust data in diverse settings, including schools, homes, and communities. They will also gain communication, conflict resolution, and situation de-escalation skills applicable to research in LMICs or collaborations with these regions.

The workshop will begin with a presentation on the importance of adolescents as a research group, followed by interactive sessions exploring challenges in engaging adolescents, including identification, recruitment, consent, and data collection. Case studies from the Tobacco Control Policies Study in Pakistan (TAP), led by Dr. Amina Khan and Midhat Farzeen (The Initiative), will provide practical insights.

Panelists: To Be Announced

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To register for this half-day workshop, [click here](#).

• POST-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP #1 •

Post-Conference Workshop Title: Co-occurring Use and Misuse of Cannabis and Nicotine/Tobacco

Intended Audience: Open

Sponsoring Organization: Co-sponsored by SRNT & the Research Society on Marijuana (RSMj)

Abstract: The prevalence of cannabis and nicotine/tobacco co-use has been on the rise across numerous populations. From a public health and clinical standpoint, addressing co-use of nicotine/tobacco with cannabis are important targets for health prevention and management. As stated by the National Cancer Institute, “More research is needed to determine whether and how cannabis use and cannabis policy influences tobacco use patterns and whether the recent changes have any impact on current tobacco control policy. A better understanding of the effects of tobacco and cannabis co-use will inform how behavioral and policy interventions can advance tobacco control to improve public health.”

This mini-conference, co-sponsored by the Research Society on Marijuana and Society for Research on Nicotine & Tobacco, aims to provide new insight into the determinants, correlates, consequences, contexts, and assessment of cannabis and nicotine/tobacco co-use, as well as the treatment of problematic cannabis and nicotine/tobacco co-use.



• WORKSHOP REGISTRATION INFORMATION •

	Early Bird <i>Received on or before Feb. 14, 2025</i>	After Early Bird <i>Received after Feb. 14, 2025</i>
Member		
Not-for-Profit Sector	\$145.00	\$175.00
For-Profit Sector	\$215.00	\$260.00
Retired	\$65.00	\$75.00
Student/Trainee	\$65.00	\$80.00
Recent Grad*	\$110.00	\$115.00
<i>*Not-for-Profit Sector; 1st or 2nd year after receipt of terminal degree</i>		
LMIC	\$0	\$0
Non-Member		
Not-for-Profit Sector	\$165.00	\$190.00
For-Profit Sector	\$250.00	\$275.00
Retired	\$80.00	\$90.00
Student/Trainee	\$80.00	\$95.00
Recent Grad*	\$125.00	\$140.00
<i>*Not-for-Profit Sector; 1st or 2nd year after receipt of terminal degree</i>		
LMIC	\$0	\$0

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