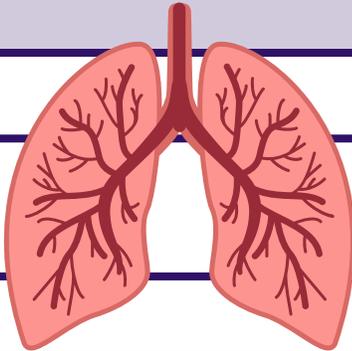


# Research Summary: Implementing Smoking Cessation Treatment and Lung Cancer Screening in Federally Qualified Health Centers

- Smoking is the leading preventable cause of death in the U.S.
- Lung cancer screening and smoking cessation treatment can save lives—but these services are often underused
- This study tested a roadmap process with health centers to find practical ways to implement smoking cessation treatment and screenings that meet their local needs



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## WHO PARTICIPATED

- Health center staff from roles such as nurse practitioner, quality improvement, referrals, and population health

## WHAT WE DID

Two Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) in Massachusetts partnered with researchers to pilot an “implementation roadmap” that helped each site:

- Identify challenges to delivering smoking cessation treatment and lung cancer screening
- Map out their existing workflows
- Select and test strategies that would work best for their clinic setting



## WHAT WE FOUND

- The roadmap helped teams choose 6 strategies to address key challenges—5 were fully or partially implemented.
- Strategies included retraining staff, adding screening alerts and scorecards, providing provider education, and improving patient follow-up.
- Teams rated the roadmap process as feasible, acceptable, and appropriate.
- Staff reported alignment with clinic values and workflows, but noted barriers like limited staffing, outreach infrastructure, and data challenges.

## WHAT'S NEXT

This community-engaged process helped clinics quickly identify and act on strategies that fit their needs. With further testing, it could be a promising tool for other health centers aiming to improve screening and cessation support while advancing health equity.