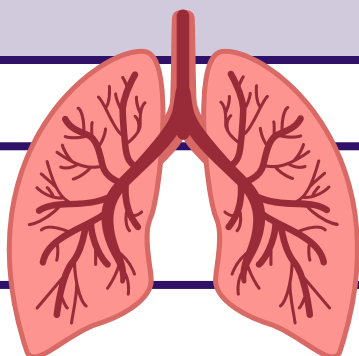


Research Summary: Implementing Smoking Cessation Treatment and Lung Cancer Screening in Federally Qualified Health Centers

- 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.

