

Association of Age at Smoking Initiation, Age at Smoking Cessation, and Lower Respiratory Mortality

Prospective Study of 500,000 Adults in the United States

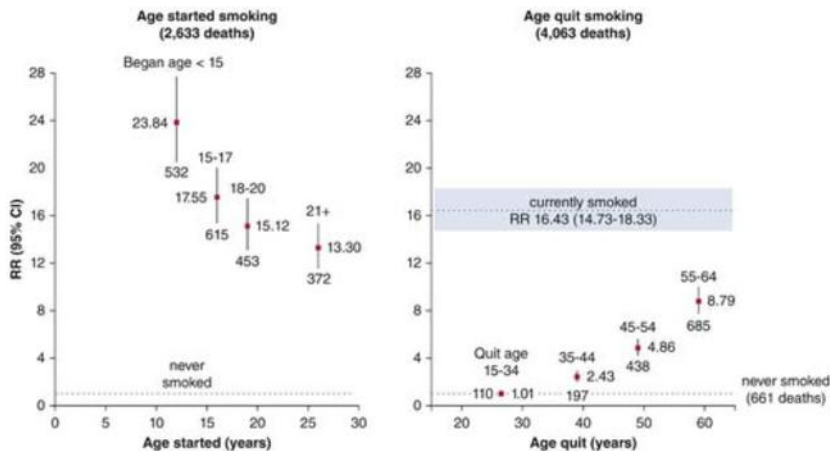


Figure 1 • Chronic lower respiratory mortality rate ratios by age started smoking among those who currently smoked and age quit smoking among those who formerly smoked, compared with those who never smoked: age at risk 25-89 years old. Shaded areas and error bars indicate 95% CI. Number below box indicates deaths in that category. US National Health Interview Survey data includes waves 1997 to 2018, followed through December 31, 2019. Adjusted for age at risk, sex, education, alcohol consumption, race/ethnicity, and region. RR = respiratory mortality rate ratio.