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These UW-CTRI innovations have contributed to improved public health in Wisconsin, and beyond.

What others say about an organization can be more illuminating than what an organization says about itself. In the past 12 months, here's what some have said about the University of Wisconsin Center for **Tobacco Research and Intervention (UW-CTRI):** 

"In 1988, as Surgeon General of the United States, I released a report highlighting the addictive nature of smoking and nicotine. That report said nicotine was as addictive as cocaine or heroin. If I were to release that report today, I would amend it. I would now say nicotine is more addictive than cocaine or heroin. That's one of the reasons that UW-CTRI's research and outreach efforts are so critical. The Center is at the forefront of our national commitment to confront nicotine addiction and reduce the health tragedy resulting from tobacco use in America."

"I just chatted with Krista and I gotta tell you, she is an awesome counselor. I am very grateful she is there for me. I can't wait for her next call. I thank her very much for steering me in the right direction I needed to go in." - A Brown County Wisconsin caller to the Wisconsin Tobacco Quit Line

"If we had a UW-CTRI and a Quit Line for every public-health problem, the problems would be much easier to solve. These are valuable programs to rural and urban communities across the state." - Steve Brenton, president of the Wisconsin Hospital Association

"Thank you for your help. I've been smokefree for six months and I feel great. My family appreciates it!" - A former smoker who received evidence-based treatment through the UW-CTRI Smoking Cessation Clinic

"For over a decade I have had the opportunity to work closely with the UW Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention. I am always impressed and enriched by the outstanding work of the Center scientists, outreach specialists, students and professional staff. Their strong and consistent dedication to reducing the harms from tobacco has made a tremendous difference. UW-CTRI is clearly a national and international resource for evidence-based tobacco cessation."

- Dr. Susan J. Curry, Dean, University of Iowa College of Public Health and President, Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco

University of Wisconsin Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention

The mission of the University of Wisconsin Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention is to expand our understanding of tobacco dependence and its treatment and to use this knowledge to design and implement interventions that will significantly reduce tobacco use in Wisconsin, in the nation and beyond.



Research & Intervention

### Clinicians, healthcare policymakers, researchers and smokers benefit from UW-CTRI's innovations.

- Dr. C. Everett Koop, United States Surgeon General (1981-1989)

From the Director

We are pleased to share with you the 2008 Annual Report of the University of Wisconsin Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention (UW-CTRI). We believe the title of this year's report, "Wellspring of Discovery, Force for Change," embodies the spirit of the work that drives us. Our researchers are, literally, a wellspring - a dynamic source of discovery for evidence-based treatments to help smokers quit successfully. Our outreach staff members carry forth this research - and that from other leaders in the field - to serve. literally, as a force for change. They influence how clinicians, health systems and policymakers intervene to help smokers guit. Through these discoveries and the changes that emanate from them, UW-CTRI makes a statewide, national and international impact. These pages describe that impact in terms of research and outreach accomplishments, grants and publications.



While a summary of past activities and accomplishments, this report also serves as a road map. It looks to the past while pointing towards the future. As one example, 2008 marked the final year of our second National Institutes of Health (NIH) Transdisciplinary Tobacco Use Research Center (TTURC) grant. Reaching this point in our TTURC work provides an opportunity to take stock of progress achieved. At the same time, it helps clarify the new tobacco-dependence-treatment research questions calling out to be answered in our new NIH center grant application that was completed in February 2009. As we completed these research activities, we embarked on many other policy initiatives, research studies and outreach activities.

This annual report is just made up of paper, ink and staples, yet it represents the commitment and aspirations of a dedicated cadre of researchers, outreach and administrative staff, and students who remain focused on a clear mission - to help smokers guit and thereby reduce the harms resulting from tobacco use in our society. Also reflected on these pages is the support you and others throughout Wisconsin and the nation provide – through your intellectual, collegial and financial support – you give us the opportunity and responsibility to complete this important work. We are indebted to all of our partners and so appreciate your trust that bolsters our work.

This report may trigger questions, invite contemplation or challenge thinking. We welcome all of that via info@ctri.medicine.wisc.edu. We hope we stir something in you just as we have been moved to continue our work dedicated to improving the lives of those affected by tobacco use and dependence.

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Discovery

With a commitment commensurate with the costs resulting from tobacco use, UW-CTRI researchers seek breakthrough discoveries to help smokers quit successfully. ۲

**C** larifying the complex nature of nicotine addiction is a component of every research study undertaken by University of Wisconsin Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention (UW-CTRI) researchers. Researchers consider tobacco dependence broadly. From the perspective of the smoker, UW-CTRI researchers have examined genetic, pharmacotherapeutic, social and behavioral aspects – just to name a few. From the perspective of the clinician and health system, UW-CTRI continues to identify how best to seize the moment when a smoker visits a primary care clinic as an unequalled opportunity to intervene.

In this breakthrough year, UW-CTRI researchers published a significant finding about the genetic basis of tobacco dependence and factors that contribute to the addictive hold of tobacco. Dr. Timothy Baker was the lead author on one of these genetics papers, which appeared in the Public Library of Science Journal: Genetics, co-authored with colleagues at the University of Utah. It was based partially on genetics analyses of UW-CTRI Wisconsin study participants.

The outcome of that study provided encouraging news – if a young person does not begin daily smoking before age 17, it is likely s/he will avoid severe addiction later in life. Young smokers may be genetically predisposed to nicotine's harms but this risk can, in essence, be overcome if their environment is adjusted to prevent smoking during the teen years. Such research findings provide viable options for those in the public-health community who conduct youth-prevention interventions.

UW-CTRI researchers broke other ground this year with studies that:

- Determined that a combination of nicotine-replacement patch and gum provide the most effective medication treatment in keeping people tobacco free.
- Constructed a new scale to more accurately predict relapse to tobacco use after a quit attempt.
- Fielded a comprehensive study to assess how telephone quit lines can best counsel young people to quit.
- Assessed the efficacy of a nicotine vaccine.
- With the National Institute on Drug Abuse, tested an already-FDA-approved drug for treating Parkinson's disease that may also help smokers successfully quit.
- Discovered common smoker profiles that could open the door to future, tailored tobacco cessation treatments.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Kasey Pogorelski of Eau Claire wanted to start a family and knew she should stop smoking to increase the chances of both a healthy pregnancy and baby. Kasey quit through one of UW-CTRI's research studies that also looked at the genetics of smoking. Now, she is thrilled to be a mom to three-month-old daughter Hazel.

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Treating Smokers

A record number of smokers became their own force for change in 2008 with help from UW-CTRI and the services it provides.

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One of the most stirring public-health success stories in Wisconsin occurred in 2008. Fittingly, it blunted the leading cause of preventable disease and death in the state – tobacco use.

In 2008, an astounding number of smokers, clinicians and family members requested services from the Wisconsin Tobacco Quit Line. The Quit Line provides free, personalized telephonic coaching for state residents looking to break free of a tobacco dependency. During the year, there were more than 40,000 calls to the Quit Line, about four times the annual rate during prior years. As a result, more than 3 percent of smokers in Wisconsin called the Quit Line – among the highest reach-rate ever reported.

This success generated national interest in the outreach work of the University of Wisconsin Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention (UW-CTRI). We were proud to share the experience with others around the country.

The successful increase in quitline calls was fueled by a number of factors—the free personalized coaching, an offer of a free twoweek stop-smoking nicotine medication starter kit, discussions of a statewide smokefree air law and a \$1-state cigarette excise tax increase. Federal guidelines on treating tobacco dependence stress that combining coaching with medication is the most promising way to achieve total tobacco abstinence and the Wisconsin Tobacco Quit Line now provides such combined treatment.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Louis Coffee of Milwaukee smoked for five years before calling the Wisconsin Tobacco Quit Line for free coaching. Sunflower seeds and chewing gum now help him get through the rough spots as he continues to have success over cigarettes.

#### UW-CTRI helps smokers quit.

- In 2008 the Wisconsin Tobacco Quit Line, managed by UW-CTRI since its inception in 2001, broke the 100,000-total-call mark.
- For 18 years, the UW-CTRI Smoking Cessation Clinic has helped hundreds with its intensive counseling interventions, medication when appropriate and follow-up group relapse prevention program.
- The UW-CTRI Smoking Cessation Clinic creates an individual quit plan and complements a smoker's primary medical care. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (608) 263-0573.
- The Wisconsin Tobacco Quit Line can be reached by calling 1-800-QUIT-NOW from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. any day of the week. Quit coaches fluent in Spanish are also available.

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Systems Change

Walking side-by-side with clinicians, healthcare systems and policymakers, UW-CTRI is a force for change in treating tobacco use and dependence.

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n 2008, the U.S. Public Health Service released a seminal document. The Clinical Practice Guideline Update: *Treating Tobacco Use and Dependence* provided recommendations to clinicians, healthcare systems and policymakers on evidence-based tobacco-dependence treatments.

The Guideline synthesized more than 8,700 peer-reviewed articles, and was the product of more than two year's work by an expert panel. As with previous Guideline writing and editing teams, the most-recent national panel was led by Dr. Michael Fiore and a core of researchers from the University of Wisconsin Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention (UW-CTRI). In 1996 and 2000, UW-CTRI provided the spark necessary to complete and then disseminate this critically important document. Historically, this Guideline has been as popular as it is invaluable. More than 5 million copies of the 2000 edition Guideline and related materials have been distributed in multiple languages around the globe.

The latest update was released during a May 2008 gathering at the American Medical Association headquarters in Chicago that featured former U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, among others. At the event, speaker New York City Health Commissioner Thomas Friedan said, "What you have here is the best of the best" in regard to a clinical practice guideline. UW-CTRI led the national team that wrote the 2008 update to the U.S. Public Health Service Guideline on treating tobacco.

- The American Medical Association, American Nurses Association and National Hispanic Medical Association, and 55 other groups, endorsed the Guideline Update. Endorsers are disseminating Guideline Update findings to a collective 993,000 clinician members.
- The Guideline Update includes a strong recommendation to combine coaching and medication because they are shown to be significantly more effective in treating tobacco dependence than either used alone.
- The Guideline Update includes a strong recommendation to promote telephonic counseling to aid in the quitting process.
- In 2008, UW-CTRI's outreach team reached more than 12,000 clinicians and others with training and technical assistance based on the Guideline Update.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Outreach Specialist Mary Balistreri (left) visits Milwaukee's Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center, providing information about the 2008 U.S. Public Health Service treating tobacco Guideline Update to Jessica Zuercher (center) and Cory Foster (right) and ensuring that tobacco-dependence treatment is a standard of care. Treating Tobacco Use And Dependence Revenue Re

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## *Financials* 2008 Financial Information

The University of Wisconsin Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention (UW-CTRI) operating budget for 2008 was approximately \$10 million. A variety of sources recognize the value of UW-CTRI research and other activities and dedicate funds to its operation. These include the federal government, the State of Wisconsin, nonprofit entities, pharmaceutical company research and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Roughly half of UW-CTRI funding flowed into Wisconsin from outside of the state. UW-CTRI maintains a diversified funding portfolio. UW-CTRI does not accept funding from the tobacco industry. Such acceptance would be counter to the Center's mission.

#### **Federal Government**

Nearly five years ago, the National Institutes of Health awarded UW-CTRI a Transdisciplinary Tobacco Use Research Center grant. 2008 was the fourth year of that five-year award. The research work is yielding significant findings for the field of tobacco-dependence investigation since it treats each smoker as a "whole person," taking into account diet, nutrition, exercise and numerous other factors.

The federal Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality funded UW-CTRI to lead the extensive updating work on the U.S. Public Health Service Clinical Practice Guideline Update: *Treating Tobacco Use and Dependence*. Additional partners on the project included the Centers for Disease Control, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Cancer Institute and the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.

Disseminating the findings of the U.S. Public Health Service Clinical Practice Guideline Update: *Treating Tobacco Use and Dependence*, is critical to putting recommendations into practice. The National Cancer Institute provided funding to aid in that dissemination. The Centers for Disease Control supports UW-CTRI research on varied protocols to encourage the use of telephonic quit-smoking coaching services.

UW-CTRI, the National Institutes of Health and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs were co-investigators on a medication known as selegiline as a possible stop-smoking treatment.

#### **State of Wisconsin**

The State of Wisconsin contracts with UW-CTRI to administer and manage both a statewide Education and Outreach Program, and the Wisconsin Tobacco Quit Line. The education program trains clinicians on how best to implement evidence-based treatments for tobacco users, and the Quit Line provides direct services to clinicians, smokers and smokers' families.

#### **Nonprofit Entities**

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the American Legacy Foundation appropriated funds to both research and write the U.S. Public Health Service Clinical Practice Guideline: *Treating Tobacco Use and Dependence*, as well as disseminate it. ClearWay Minnesota<sup>SM</sup> funded UW-CTRI to deliver technical assistance to Minnesota grantees.

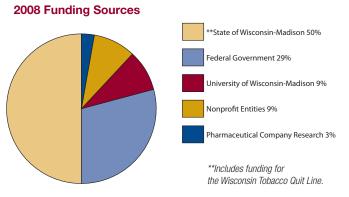
#### **Pharmaceutical Company Research**

UW-CTRI conducted clinical trials on medications to treat tobacco dependence.

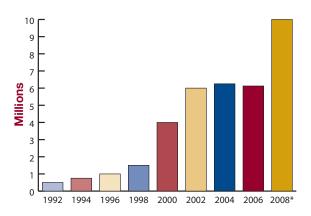
#### **University of Wisconsin-Madison**

The University of Wisconsin-Madison retains its longtime commitment to UW-CTRI and its mission. The UW School of Medicine and Public Health, UW Department of Medicine and the UW Paul P. Carbone Comprehensive Cancer Center provided funding as well.

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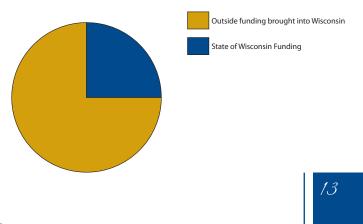


#### UW-CTRI Operating Budgets 1992-2008



\*Much of the increased budget in 2008 resulted from increased state funding of the Wisconsin Tobacco Quit Line.

### More than 75% of UW-CTRI funding, \$52 million since 1992, has come from outside the state.



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# University of Wisconsin Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention Structure and Leadership

The University of Wisconsin Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention (UW-CTRI) is a nationally recognized research and outreach center committed to determining the nature of tobacco dependence and disseminating evidence-based treatments to assist tobacco users.

UW-CTRI was founded in 1992 on the campus of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and is housed within the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.

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UW-CTRI has offices in Milwaukee and Madison for research, outreach and administrative activities. Six of UW-CTRI's outreach staff members are dedicated to serving the needs of Wisconsin's five health regions. Outreach staff members are based in offices located in Milwaukee, Madison, Oshkosh, Eau Claire and Rhinelander.

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