

Summary of findings:


7 Second-hand smoke prevention program compared to no intervention for prevention of acute otitis media

Patient or population: Australian Aboriginal and Maori children aged 4 to 12 months of age.

Setting: Community / Primary health care.

Intervention: Second-hand smoke (SHS) prevention program – three “behavioural coaching” face-to-face sessions for 3 months.

Comparison: No intervention.

Outcome № of participants (studies)	Relative effect (95% CI)	Anticipated absolute effects (95% CI)			Quality	What happens
		Without intervention	With SHS prevention program	Difference		
New episodes of otitis media assessed with: parental report and clinician review of medical record follow up: median 12 months № of participants: 293 (1 RCT) ^{1,a}	RR 1.13 (0.74 to 1.73)	64.2%	72.5% (47.5 to 100.0)	8.3% more (NS) (16.7 fewer to 46.9 more)	 LOW ^{b,c}	In Australian Aboriginal and Maori children whose parents receive SHS intervention programs there is possibly no reduction in new episodes of OM during 12 months. NNT not applicable

*The risk in the intervention group (and its 95% confidence interval) is based on the assumed risk in the comparison group and the **relative effect** of the intervention (and its 95% CI).

CI: Confidence interval; RR: Risk ratio; NS: Not significant; NNT: Number needed to treat; NNH: Number needed to harm; SHS: Second Hand Smoke

GRADE Working Group grades of evidence

High quality: We are very confident that the true effect lies close to that of the estimate of the effect

Moderate quality: We are moderately confident in the effect estimate: The true effect is likely to be close to the estimate of the effect, but there is a possibility that it is substantially different

Low quality: Our confidence in the effect estimate is limited: The true effect may be substantially different from the estimate of the effect

Very low quality: We have very little confidence in the effect estimate: The true effect is likely to be substantially different from the estimate of effect

Explanations

a. Study: Walker 2015

b. Risk of Bias: Participants not blinded to intervention. Outcome assessors blinded.

c. Imprecision: Small, single study

References

- Walker N, Johnston V, Glover M, Bullen C, Trenholme A, Chang A, et al. Effect of a family-centered, secondhand smoke intervention to reduce respiratory illness in indigenous infants in Australia and New Zealand: a randomized controlled trial. *Nicotine & tobacco research : official journal of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco*. 2015;17(1):48-57. Epub 2014/08/27. doi: 10.1093/ntr/ntu128. PubMed PMID: 25156527; PubMed Central PMCID: PMC4282121.