To support local health districts to manage nicotine dependence among patients and clients, and to implement smoking cessation interventions.

- Supporting clinicians to help patients and clients to quit smoking improves a patient’s experience, recovery and overall health; and reduces readmission rates.
- Most patients and clients of NSW Health services who smoke do not receive smoking cessation intervention.

**Strategies**

- Leadership and governance structures
- Smoking cessation coordinator
- Establish accountability mechanisms
- Identify staff, train staff, support staff

**Tools and resources**

- Clinical guidelines
- Managing nicotine dependence: a guide for NSW Health staff
- Tools 1-10 on smoking cessation interventions, NRT and referral
- HETI training courses
- Quitline 13 7848
- iCanQuit