Management of the Smoke-Exposed Child

Is the child exposed to smoke…
- in the home?
- from family members?
- in a day care setting?
- from another location?

No → Counsel child on hazards of tobacco dependence and the importance of not starting smoking

Yes →

Is the tobacco user (often parent) with you in the office?

No → Determine strategies parent is willing to implement…
- …to help child stop smoking
- …to eliminate (or at a minimum reduce) smoking in the home and other places in which the child spends time
- …to keep the child away from areas where there are tobacco users
- …provide tobacco treatment resources and/or Quitline referrals (e.g. 1-800-QUIT-NOW)

Yes →

Assess willingness to stop smoking

No →

For Parent

Yes →

For Child

Algorithm: 2.4 Assessment (Initial)

Algorithm: 2.6 Managing Patient Reluctance

*Give age-appropriate counseling to the child on hazards of tobacco dependence and the importance of not starting*