Tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death and disease in the United States. Cigarette consumption has declined steadily since the 1960s. However, the decline in cigarette use has slowed in recent years and use of other types of tobacco has increased. Combustible tobacco, like cigarettes and cigars, and smokeless tobacco, like snuff and chewing tobacco, can result in serious health problems, including heart disease and certain cancers. To protect your health, avoid all forms of tobacco. If you’re struggling to quit, talk with your health care provider, or call 1-800-QUIT-NOW.

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