

Medical conditions connected with smoking

Acute necrotizing ulcerative gingivitis (gum disease), angina, back pain, Buerger's disease (severe circulatory disease), cataracts, colon polyps, Crohn's disease (chronic inflamed bowel), depression, diabetes (Type 2, non-insulin dependent), hearing loss, influenza, impotence, optic neuropathy (loss of vision), ligament injuries, macular degeneration (eyes), muscle injuries, neck pain, nystagmus (abnormal eye movements), ocular histoplasmosis (fungal eye infection), osteoporosis (in both sexes), osteoarthritis, erectile dysfunction of the penis, pneumonia, psoriasis, skin wrinkling, rheumatoid arthritis, tendon injuries, tobacco amblyopia (loss of vision), tooth loss, and tuberculosis.

Also smoking renders a reduced sperm count, motility is impaired, sperm shape abnormalities are increased and sperm are less able to penetrate the ovum, ejaculation volume is reduced, fertility is impaired (30% lower in women), menopause begins 2 years earlier on average and the immune system is compromised.

Asthma, chronic rhinitis (chronic inflammation of the nose), diabetic retinopathy (eyes), Graves' disease (over-active thyroid gland), multiple sclerosis and optic neuritis (eyes) are all exacerbated by smoking.

The common cold, Influenza, pneumonia and tuberculosis are more frequent and severe in smokers

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