

Position Statement on Tobacco Dependence

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The American Psychiatric Association encourages psychiatrists to:

1. Diagnose and treat nicotine dependence.
2. Recognize the possible role of nicotine and underlying neurochemical mechanisms
3. in the understanding, diagnosis, and treatment of psychiatric disorders, and
4. Participate in advocacy, prevention, and research concerning tobacco use.