**A review of the smoking section**

This Scenario is a review, no questions therefore no answers. I have requested a “Read receipt”. If you opened it you will be credited for having participated for this month. (Yes, you still don’t HAVE to read it if you choose not to but…)

So,

I received a set of questions from Anne Kern, the the Monroe County Public Health Program Director, regarding documentation of cigarette smoking. She has noted a marked increase in the “Unknown” response.

She provided me with the numbers listed below

Here are the smoking rates from past years.  As you can see, the unknowns have increased (167 in 2016)

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| year | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| no  | 7420 | 7397 | 7331 | 7305 | 7288 | 7060 | 7368 | 7416 | 7164 | 7093 |
| smoked  | 1170 | 1242 | 1194 | 1167 | 1089 | 1130 | 945 | 928 | 883 | 736 |
| unknown  | 81 | 66 | 51 | 52 | 50 | 74 | 38 | 27 | 112 | 167 |
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|  | 8671 | 8705 | 8576 | 8524 | 8427 | 8264 | 8351 | 8371 | 8159 | 7829 |

I will ask one question for you to think about. What could you do to increase the accuracy of the answers for cigarette smoking? (I do not need to know your answer).

Also I’ve attached the forms that at given to the parents that differ from the more generally used separation and directions for the parents to complete the “UN-shaded” portions.

Additionally, here is the segment from the HELPER Guidelines:

**OTHER RISK FACTORS**

**Daily tobacco use** Select yes if the mother smoked cigarettes during each trimester of this pregnancy or during the three months prior to conception. Indicate the average number of cigarettes or packs of cigarettes she smoked per day in each of the time periods indicated. It is recommended that this information come from the mother and NOT from the medical records. *If a number of cigarettes cannot be determined enter ‘99’. E-cigs and Hookahs are not included, but if a woman admits to hookah use ask her what she uses it for as it may indicate illegal drug use.*

This will be an agenda item for our November meeting. - Rosemary