

ETS AND HEART DISEASE META-ANALYSES

Endpoint	Estimates included	Number of estimates	Relative risk (95% confidence limits)*		
			Fixed-effects meta-analysis	Random-effects meta-analysis	
Spouse ever smoked [†]	All	42	1.07 (1.04-1.09)	1.14 (1.07-1.20)	
	(excluding Enstrom [‡])	40	1.09 (1.06-1.12)	1.17 (1.10-1.24)	
	Male	16	1.03 (0.98-1.08)	1.06 (0.98-1.14)	
	Female	23	1.08 (1.04-1.11)	1.19 (1.09-1.29)	
	Sexes combined	3	1.32 (1.10-1.59)	1.32 (1.10-1.59)	
	USA	20	1.05 (1.02-1.08)	1.08 (1.02-1.14)	
	(excluding Enstrom [‡])	18	1.07 (1.04-1.10)	1.11 (1.04-1.17)	
	Europe	11	1.28 (1.12-1.47)	1.28 (1.12-1.47)	
	Asia	3	1.24 (1.04-1.48)	1.24 (1.04-1.48)	
	Other	8	1.38 (1.11-1.72)	1.48 (1.02-2.16)	
	1984-88	7	1.22 (1.04-1.44)	1.26 (1.02-1.55)	
	1989-92	11	1.29 (1.17-1.43)	1.39 (1.18-1.64)	
	1993-96	9	1.03 (0.99-1.07)	1.04 (0.99-1.08)	
	1997-2003	15	1.08 (1.03-1.13)	1.14 (1.03-1.26)	
	(excluding Enstrom [‡])	13	1.19 (1.12-1.27)	1.20 (1.10-1.31)	
	1-99 cases	5	1.53 (1.18-2.00)	1.55 (1.17-2.05)	
	100-199	10	1.37 (1.11-1.69)	1.37 (1.11-1.69)	
	200-999	14	1.28 (1.15-1.43)	1.32 (1.13-1.55)	
	1000+	12	1.04 (1.02-1.07)	1.06 (1.00-1.11)	
	Spouse the index	26	1.03 (1.00-1.06)	1.04 (1.00-1.09)	
	Not the index	16	1.22 (1.15-1.29)	1.26 (1.15-1.39)	
	Spouse current smoker [§]	All	42	1.08 (1.05-1.11)	1.16 (1.09-1.23)
		(excluding Enstrom [‡])	40	1.10 (1.07-1.13)	1.19 (1.12-1.27)
Male		16	1.05 (1.00-1.10)	1.09 (1.00-1.19)	
Female		23	1.09 (1.05-1.12)	1.21 (1.11-1.33)	
Sexes combined		3	1.32 (1.10-1.59)	1.32 (1.10-1.59)	
USA		20	1.06 (1.03-1.09)	1.10 (1.03-1.16)	
(excluding Enstrom [‡])		18	1.08 (1.05-1.12)	1.13 (1.06-1.20)	
Europe		11	1.33 (1.15-1.54)	1.33 (1.15-1.54)	
Asia		3	1.24 (1.04-1.48)	1.24 (1.04-1.48)	
Other		8	1.38 (1.11-1.72)	1.48 (1.02-2.16)	
1984-88		7	1.24 (1.05-1.47)	1.26 (1.04-1.52)	
1989-92		11	1.30 (1.17-1.44)	1.40 (1.18-1.65)	
1993-96		9	1.05 (1.01-1.08)	1.07 (1.00-1.14)	
1997-2003		15	1.09 (1.03-1.14)	1.16 (1.03-1.30)	
(excluding Enstrom [‡])		13	1.20 (1.12-1.28)	1.24 (1.11-1.38)	
1-99 cases		5	1.71 (1.27-2.32)	1.71 (1.27-2.32)	
100-199		10	1.38 (1.11-1.71)	1.38 (1.11-1.71)	
200-999		14	1.30 (1.17-1.46)	1.37 (1.15-1.63)	
1000+		12	1.06 (1.03-1.09)	1.07 (1.01-1.14)	
Spouse the index		26	1.04 (1.01-1.07)	1.08 (1.02-1.15)	
Not the index		16	1.22 (1.15-1.29)	1.26 (1.15-1.39)	

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Endpoint	Estimates included	Number of estimates	Relative risk (95% confidence limits)*	
			Fixed-effects meta-analysis	Random-effects meta-analysis
Workplace ETS exposure**	All	17	1.11 (1.01-1.23)	1.13 (1.01-1.27)
	Male	7	1.07 (0.95-1.21)	1.07 (0.95-1.21)
	Female	8	1.09 (0.91-1.31)	1.09 (0.91-1.31)
	Sexes combined	2	1.85 (1.24-2.78)	1.85 (1.24-2.78)
	USA	6	1.07 (0.95-1.20)	1.07 (0.95-1.20)
	Europe	6	1.19 (0.95-1.50)	1.18 (0.86-1.61)
	Asia	1	1.85 (0.86-3.99)	1.85 (0.86-3.99)
	Other	4	1.24 (0.83-1.86)	1.24 (0.83-1.86)
Total ETS exposure	All	18	1.14 (1.08-1.21)	1.22 (1.09-1.38)
ETS assessed by cotinine	All	2	1.04 (0.88-1.22)	1.00 (0.76-1.32)

* Relative risk estimates and 95% confidence limits used in these meta-analyses are adjusted for covariates if adjusted data are available, and otherwise are unadjusted. If the source publication provides more than one adjusted estimate, the data that are normally presented are those adjusted for most covariates.

† Index of exposure based on smoking by the spouse or, if not available, the nearest equivalent. Relative risk for spouse ever smoked versus never smoked where available, otherwise data for spouse current smoker are used.

‡ The study by Enstrom and Kabat¹ has been widely criticised, though for reasons which bear little or no relationship to the data presented.² The effect of excluding this study from some meta-analysis results is shown for illustrative purposes.

§ Index of exposure based on smoking by the spouse or, if not available, the nearest equivalent. Relative risk for spouse current smoker versus never or non smoker where available, otherwise data for spouse ever smoked are used.

** Results are based on analyses limited to the working population, if available. Otherwise, the unexposed group includes those who do not work.

A document³ and a full computer output⁴ provide more information on the relative risks combined, significance tests of heterogeneity and other detail.

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