

PW01-213 - **EVALUATION OF SMOKING HABITS AMONG LITHUANIAN ADULT SMOKERS IN 2008, ACCORDING TO GENDER, AGE AND EDUCATION**

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**Objective:** The aim of the study was to evaluate smoking habits among Lithuanian adult smokers, according to gender, age and education.

**Methods:** The study analyses data from the Lithuanian adult population health behavior survey carried out in 2008. The national random sample of 3000 inhabitants aged 20-64 was taken from the National Population Register. The study material was collected through mailed questionnaires covering smoking habits, social status. In 2008 daily smokers were 38,8 % of Lithuanian adult men and 14,9 % of women.

**Results:** Daily smoking was least common in the oldest age group in both sexes. Indirect educational gradient was found among men. Among women, no association was observed between smoking and educational level.

**Conclusions:** Assessment of inequalities in smoking habits helps to identify subgroups of society that should have a priority of tobacco control policies.

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