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DUAL USE OF CIGARETTES AND ENDS IN THE PATH STUDY: TRANSITIONS IN DUAL USE PATTERNS, NICOTINE DEPENDENCE, USE TRAJECTORIES, AND CESSATION (2013-2020)

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The Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health (PATH) Study collects information on tobacco-use patterns, risk perceptions, health outcomes, attitudes towards tobacco products, and tobacco initiation, cessation, and relapse behaviors. This nationally representative, longitudinal cohort study of approximately 46,000 youth and adults in the United States began in 2013 with data collection occurring annually or biennially. This symposium will present findings on cigarette and electronic nicotine delivery system (ENDS) dual use research from the PATH Study using data across Waves 1 to 5 (2013-2019). With the wealth of data collected by this longitudinal study, it is possible to show how people change their tobacco use over time. The work presented in this symposium addresses key transitions between cigarette smoking and ENDS across different age groups that adds to our understanding of the public health implications of these products. This symposium will 1) provide a brief overview and update on the PATH Study focusing on the timeline, current data collection efforts, and available data;



2) describe overall use patterns and transitions among adult cigarette and ENDS users; 3) describe nicotine dependence among youth cigarette and ENDS users; 4) describe cigarette and ENDS susceptibility and use trajectories in both youth and young adults; and 5) describe the role of ENDS in quitting cigarettes among adult smokers. Dr. Ann McNeill will serve as Symposium Discussant to summarize the PATH Study research presented within the context of similar research conducted internationally.