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New York State Assembly committee to vote on banning e-cigarettes: lots of smoke, little light

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The New York State Assembly health committee is about to vote on a bill to outlaw e-cigarettes. Yet both the proposed legislation and the hearings on it appear to be founded on a series of fallacies, reports ACSH advisor Dr. Michael Siegel.

He writes:

> [illegible] *substantially reduce a smoker's risk of developing cancer.*

In light of this, ACSH's Dr. Gilbert Ross wonders why most anti-smoking advocates support the legislation. "It may be," he says, "that they're against e-cigarettes because the act of vaping — dragging from the e-cigarette — so resembles the act of smoking a cigarette. But this is precisely why it's so effective in getting smokers who can't quit away from regular cigarettes. If this bill passes, it will force many quitters back to cigarettes, since the currently-approved smoking cessation methods are so abysmally ineffective over the long-term."

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