

OTP and Other New Tobacco Products: What Are They and How are they Dangerous?

“Other Tobacco Products” or OTP include smokeless tobacco products such as spit (chew) tobacco, snuff and newly emerging tobacco products such as sticks, strips and orbs – also known as “dissolvables”. Other new products include NicoSpan strips and electronic cigarettes that do not contain tobacco but do contain nicotine which is highly addictive. These newly emerging nicotine products are dangerous to children because some of them resemble candy and come in small packages that a child can pick up and place in their mouths; even very small amounts of nicotine can be lethal to children.

Smokeless tobacco use is not a safe alternative to smoking. While health-related information about newly emerging tobacco and non-tobacco nicotine products is still unavailable, studies have confirmed that smokeless tobacco use can lead to gum disease; oral, stomach, and pancreatic cancer; heart disease; stroke; and nicotine addiction.

Photos of these products are included below. To find out more information on OTP and other new tobacco and non-tobacco nicotine products, go to the following website: http://www.tobaccofreekids.org/facts_issues/fact_sheets/toll/products/smokeless/ or call the MI Dept of Community Health Tobacco Section at (517) 335-8376.

Other Tobacco Products (OTP):

Smokeless tobacco products such as snus, spit (chewing) tobacco and snuff, as well as shisha (used with a hookah) are not only taxed less than a pack of cigarettes but are also less expensive than a pack of cigarettes which makes them easier for children to buy.

Spit (Chew) Tobacco



Shisha Tobacco (with Hookah)



Snus



Nontobacco Nicotine Products

such as **NicoSpan** do not contain tobacco but they do contain Nicotine which is highly addictive. NicoSpan is sold as a product for smokers to use when they can't smoke a cigarette. NicoSpan strips look like Listerine or other breath strips.



Dissolvable Tobacco Products

such as **Strips, Sticks, Orbs** are made of tobacco but look like Listerine breath strips, an ordinary wood toothpick, or Tic-Tac mints.

Strips



Nontobacco Nicotine Products such as

E-cigarettes contain a cartridge filled with liquid nicotine, flavorings and glycerine or propylene glycol. The chemical cartridge is heated by a battery and the smoker inhales a mist of the heated chemicals.

Medical studies are trying to find out how these chemicals affect the human body.

E-cigs



Sticks

Orbs

