Vaping: Public Health, Litigation and Medico-Legal Advocacy

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State and Local Public Health Efforts to Curb Youth Vaping: Emerging Challenges and Opportunities to Address this Ongoing Epidemic

Virtual Session on *Vaping: Public Health, Litigation and Medical-Legal Advocacy*

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Population and Geography of Los Angeles County
Los Angeles County: Population Statistics

- Population size: 10.3 million
  - >4,000 square miles
  - 88 cities
  - >100 unincorporated communities
  - 1 of every 4 Californians lives in Los Angeles County
  - More people than in 42 other U.S. states
Burden of Tobacco Use-Related Conditions
Prevalence of Cigarette Smoking Among Adults (18 years and older), Los Angeles County, 1997-2011

a. prevalence based on current use of cigarettes
b. prevalence based on current use of cigarettes and having smoked 100 lifetime cigarettes
c. Sample includes cell phone users

In 2015, prevalence of cigarette smoking was 13.3%

Source: LA County Health Survey
Percentage of Adult Cigarette Smokers by Gender and Race/Ethnicity in Los Angeles County

*The estimate is statistically unstable (relative standard error ≥23%)

Source: 2011 Los Angeles County Health Survey, Department of Public Health
Life Expectancy in LA County by City, Unincorporated Area & City of LA Community Plan Area
Acute Myocardial Infarction (AMI) Among Adults by Zip Code
Los Angeles County, 2015

Boundary
- Service Planning Area

AMI per 100,000 Adults
- 6 - 108
- 109 - 138
- 139 - 175
- 176 - 690
- No Data

0 5 10 15 20 Miles

Data Source:
2015 Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development
Population standardized to Census 2010
Data categorized in Quantiles

Last Updated: 7/5/2018
Diabetes Among Adults by Zip Code
Los Angeles County, 2015

Boundary
- Service Planning Area

Diabetes per 100,000 Adults
- 10 - 113
- 114 - 216
- 217 - 356
- 357 - 1,014
- No Data

Data Source:
2015 Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development
Population standardized to Census 2010
Data categorized in Quantiles

Last Updated: 7/5/2018
Cardiovascular Disease and Diabetes Among Asian/Pacific Islanders in Service Planning Area 4, Los Angeles County, 2015*

* Data source does not contain a definitive category for Native Hawaiian, Asian/Pacific Islanders = API, Acute Myocardial Infarction/Coronary Atherosclerosis/Other Heart Disease = AMI/CAHID, Service Planning Area = SPA.
Heart Disease and Stroke in Los Angeles County

**HEART DISEASE**
Heart disease mortality has declined in recent years in Los Angeles County. However, among all groups, **Black men have the highest heart disease mortality rates**.²

**STROKE**
Stroke mortality has been relatively stable between 2012 and 2016. However, Black men and Black women have higher stroke mortality rates than other racial or ethnic groups, and despite a recent decrease, rates for **Black men have gotten worse**.³
The Vaping Epidemic
Electronic cigarettes and other vape devices are devices that deliver an aerosol to the user through inhalation by heating a liquid that usually contains nicotine, flavorings, and other substances (e.g., marijuana).

Among LA County High School Students[^3]...

- **1 in 10** are current e-cigarette users
- **56%** Rate of increase among e-cigarette users between 2015-16 to 2017-18.
- **15%** Rate of current marijuana use—higher than any tobacco products.

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[^1]: Reference 1
[^2]: Reference 2
[^3]: Reference 3
Tobacco product use among high school students—2018

ANY TOBACCO PRODUCT: 27.1%
E-CIGARETTES: 20.8%
CIGARETTES: 8.1%
CIGARS: 7.6%
SMOKELESS TOBACCO: 5.9%
HOOKAH: 4.1%
PIPE TOBACCO: 1.1%

Evidence suggests that nicotine exposure during adolescence, a critical window for brain development, may have lasting adverse consequences for brain development.
Youth Trends

- The **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** reports 90% of adult smokers began smoking before the age of 18. ¹

- **FDA and the U.S. Surgeon General** have warned that flavored tobacco products help new users establish habits that can lead to long-term addiction. ²

- FDA Commissioner “youth use of electronic cigarettes has reached epidemic proportion.” ³

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² California Department of Public Health Flavored Tobacco Products Fact Sheet, Retrieved from the Internet April, 9, 2019 [https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDPHP/DCDIC/CTCB/CDPH%20Document%20Library/ResearchandEvaluation/FactsandFigures/FinalFlavoredTobaccoFactSheet.pdf](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDPHP/DCDIC/CTCB/CDPH%20Document%20Library/ResearchandEvaluation/FactsandFigures/FinalFlavoredTobaccoFactSheet.pdf)

³ Statement from FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb, M.D., on new steps to address epidemic of youth e-cigarette use retrieved from the Internet January 9, 2019 [https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm620185.htm](https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm620185.htm)
Youth Trends in LA County

Prevalence of Current Use of Tobacco Products by High School Students in Los Angeles County

- E-cigarettes: 10.0%
- Cigarettes: 1.7%
- Little cigars & cigarillos: 2.0%
- Big cigars: 0.7%
- Hookah: 1.7%
- Smokeless: 0.4%
- Any tobacco product: 11.6%

# VAPING-ASSOCIATED PULMONARY INJURIES (VAPI) ARE LINKED TO E-CIGARETTE USE

**Symptoms**
Patients with VAPI injuries have experienced the following symptoms:

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<th>Constitutional</th>
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<td>Nausea</td>
<td>Fatigue or malaise</td>
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<td>Vomiting</td>
<td>Fever</td>
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<td>Shortness of breath</td>
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<td>Chest pain</td>
<td>Abdominal pain</td>
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## Compounds/Additives Found in VAPI Cases
Includes, but not limited to:
- Nicotine
- Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)
- Cannabinoids (CBD)
- Synthetic cannabinoids
- Flavorings and other substances

## Ongoing Epidemiologic Investigations
The etiology of VAPI is **undetermined** and current epidemiologic investigations involve:
- Identification of harmful aspects of e-cigarette use
- Understanding the underlining mechanisms and causes

## Complications during Hospitalization

Approximately **50%** of Los Angeles County patients who were hospitalized for VAPI required mechanical ventilation.

Nearly **2 in 3** cases reported in Los Angeles County are ages **25 and younger**.
By the numbers

Number of deaths associated with VAPI

Deaths Nationally | Deaths in Los Angeles County
---|---
47 | 32

Number of cases associated with VAPI

Cases Nationally | Cases in Los Angeles County
---|---
2290 | 32
State and Local Efforts
California a Leader in Tobacco Control

• First state to pass a tobacco tax (1988), though we have since fallen behind—the tobacco tax rate in California is now below the national average:
  — California’s tax rate $0.87 vs. U.S. average of $1.53 (NY’s is $4.35)

• Smoke-free workplace law (1995)
• Smoke-free restaurant law (1995)
• Smoke-free bar law (1998)
• Hard-hitting counter-advertising campaigns
California Proposition 56, Tobacco Tax Increase (2016)

California Proposition 56, the Tobacco Tax Increase Initiative, was on the November 8, 2016, ballot in California as a combined initiated constitutional amendment and state statute. It was approved.\[1\]

A "yes" vote favored increasing the cigarette tax by $2.00 per pack, with equivalent increases on other tobacco products and electronic cigarettes.

A "no" vote opposed increasing the cigarette tax by $2.00 per pack, with equivalent increases on other tobacco products and electronic cigarettes.

The tobacco tax increase went into effect on April 1, 2017.

Initiatives to increase taxes on tobacco products were also on the ballot in Colorado as Amendment 73, Missouri as Proposition A and Amendment 3, and North Dakota as Measure 4 in 2016.

Election results

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<td>8,980,448</td>
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<td>4,957,994</td>
<td>35.57%</td>
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California Proposition 56: Tobacco Tax Increase

Election date
November 8, 2016

Topic
Tobacco

Status
 Approved

Type Origin
Amendment Citizens
4 Priority Areas, 4 Plan Objective

Tobacco Control and Prevention Program (TCPP) Priorities

• Reduce youth access to ALL tobacco products
  • Tobacco retailer licensing (TRL)
  • E-Cigarettes in TRL
  • Healthy Retail Initiative

• Reduce exposure to secondhand smoke
  • Smoke-free multi-unit housing (Housing Authority of City of Los Angeles and Housing Authority of County of Los Angeles)

• Increase access to cessation services (e.g., California Smokers Helpline 1-800-No-BUTTS)

• Media/public education campaigns (LA Quits webpage: https://www.laquits.com/, >44 quit stories (videos)
Local Response to the Epidemic:

- **Education and Engagement in schools** (school toolkit), with parents, in disproportionately affected communities
- **Ordinance, Policy and Procedures** in school districts, County, municipalities
- **Global Risk Communications/Media** to raise public awareness, educate, encourage behavior change
- **Healthcare Providers** to champion and guide this public health crisis, improve identification and early treatment of nicotine addiction, especially in youth
CHANGES TO COUNTY TOBACCO RETAIL ORDINANCES

- Require a Tobacco Retail License to sell electronic smoking devices (e.g., electronic cigarettes, vapes and other nicotine containing devices)

- Prohibit the sale, not use, of flavored tobacco products (e.g., watermelon, cherry, mint, gummy bears) and those that include menthol

Addressing the Dangers of Increased E-Cigarette Use Among Youth: A Call to Action for Clinicians
September 2019
Tony Kuo, MD, MSHS, FAAP
Alice Kuo, MD, PND, MBA, FAAP, FACP
and the Los Angeles County Medical Societies

Many in the medical and public health communities are increasingly concerned with the use of electronic cigarette products (e-cigarettes) among youth. These electronic products, which are handheld devices designed to deliver emissions for inhalation by heating a solution that commonly contains nicotine, a humectant, and flavoring chemicals (i.e., designed for the act of vaping) are becoming all too common in youth sensitive areas such as schools, parks, and libraries. The devices are also often used to deliver other dangerous chemicals such as cannabinoids (tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). Although research is underway to further study the use of e-cigarettes as a cessation aid for helping adult smokers quit using conventional cigarettes, the highly addictive nature of nicotine combined with the heavy promotion of these products to youth through subversive marketing and use of flavorings has caused a public health crisis in younger populations.6,44

MONDAY RX | Clear Lungs, Clear Minds
June 24, 2019
County Tobacco Ordinance

The Board of Supervisors on September 24, 2019 Adopted an Ordinance that Strengthens County TRL by:

• Requiring a license to sale vape/e-cigarette devices

• Prohibiting the sale of ALL flavored tobacco products (including those containing menthol and e-liquids)
Social media on vaping and flavors

There are more than 15,500 tobacco flavors on the market. Protect kids from a lifetime of addiction. #FlavorsHookKids

Cotton Candy. Strawberry Milk. Watermelon. There are more than 15,500 tobacco flavors on the market. #FlavorsHookKids

THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY HAS A KIDS MENU.
Revamp of LAQUITs.com

- Increase quit smoking attempts
- Focus on social conditions that trigger smoking
- Identify real solutions to real life issues using real people with videos containing short informational content
School Partnership

SCIENCE KNOWS A LOT ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE.
IT DOESN'T KNOW A LOT ABOUT VAPING.
YET.

NO ONE KNEW CIGARETTES COULD KILL YOU. EITHER.
UNTIL THEY DID.

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Anti-Vaping Media Campaign

✓ Using vaping posters for social media and billboards, buses and transit stops
✓ Social media influencers and radio and sports personalities with the anti-vaping messaging
✓ LA Quits website and social media channels on FB, Instagram and twitter
✓ Complements and supports policy development (flavor ban efforts) in other municipalities and communities including LA City
✓ Amassed 294,843,074 impressions, with over 465,000 clicks/swipe-ups to the website (digital and social ads), and 4,230,702 digital video completions
COVID-19 Pandemic
LOS ANGELES -- confirmed cases

Daily counts
Centerline
UCL
LCL

Source: LA DPH press release (thru 6/30) and LA Times (7/1 thru 11/16)
Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
MMWR
Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report

Early Release / Vol. 69
June 15, 2020

Coronavirus Disease 2019 Case Surveillance — United States, January 22–May 30, 2020

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The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic resulted in 5,817,385 reported cases and 362,705 deaths worldwide through May 30, 2020, including 1,761,505 aggregated reported cases and 103,700 deaths in the United States. Previous analyses during February–early April 2020 indicated that age 265 years and underlying health conditions were associated with a higher risk for severe outcomes, which were less common among children aged <18 years (1–3). This report describes demographic characteristics, underlying conditions, and other risk factors for hospitalization among patients with COVID-19. The most common underlying conditions reported for COVID-19 patients with hospitalization included chronic cardiovascular disease, chronic lung disease, and diabetes. Hospitalizations were more common among black (black), and Hispanic or Alaska Native (other race/ethnicity) patients. The most common underlying conditions were cardiovascular disease (30%), and chronic lung disease (14%) in patients with reported underlying conditions. Hospitalizations were more common among patients with reported underlying conditions, compared to those with no reported underlying health conditions.

*Most frequently reported underlying conditions

CDC.GOV

www.cdc.gov/mmwr

COVID-19

Hospitalizations were 6 times higher and deaths 12 times higher for COVID-19 patients with reported underlying conditions*

Cardiovascular Disease

Diabetes

Chronic Lung Disease

*compared to those with no reported underlying health conditions
Emerging Areas to Focus

- Policy Development, Enactment and Implementation — e.g., flavor bans, more robust tobacco retail license programs, other. Roles CBOs, LACBA, LACMA, organizations with wide reach can play.

- Compliance — e.g., infrastructure for licensing program inspections, youth decoy stings, other.

- Education including Counter-advertising, Promoting Research and Science — e.g., roles Public Health can play.

- Messaging about the harms of vaping/e-cigarettes, especially the nicotine addiction.
Acknowledgments

Special Thanks to the Tobacco Control and Prevention Program in the Division of Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, and to the Los Angeles County Bar Association and the Los Angeles County Medical Association.
QUESTIONS?
OVERVIEW OF THE JCCP

• JCCP Pending in Los Angeles Superior Court before Judge Ann Jones

• Currently over 2,500 cases pending in the JCCP, this includes personal injury and public entity cases

• Co-Lead Counsel for Private Plaintiffs Paul Kiesel and Mark Robinson
MDL AND JCCP COORDINATION

- **Juul MDL pending in San Francisco**
- **Currently the JCCP and MDL are working together on reviewing the document production, Discovery and Depositions**
- **Executed Coordination Order wherein both litigations are Lead Actions**
- **Executed a Deposition Protocol, wherein depositions will be done jointly**
- **Depositions have commenced and will continue for the next few months**
YOUTH USAGE AND INJURY

- In 2017, 11% of high school students had used an e-cigarette in the past 30 days.
- By 2018, 21%
- By 2019, 27.5%
- Young adult (18-24) use of e-cigarettes every day or some days increased from 2.4% in 2012 and 2013 to 5.2% in 2017, and increased again to 7.6% in 2018 based on a recent analysis.
- As of February 2020, 2,807, vaping-related illnesses and 68 deaths have been reported to the CDC.
- As of August 2019, the agency had received 127 of seizure or other neurological symptoms that occurred between 2010 and 2019.
EXITING FOREIGN MARKETS

• In May JUUL announced exit of Austria, Belgium, Portugal, France, South Korea and Spain

• JUUL is currently considering a complete exit of Europe and Asia

• 90% of JUUL’s sales in the first quarter of 2020 came from U.S., U.K. and Canada
Other Defendants in JCCP
OTHER DEFENDANTS IN THE JCCP

• **Management Defendants**—each received significant payouts when Altria invested in JLI

  • **Adam Bowen**
  • **James Monsees**
  • **Nicholas Pritzker**
  • **Riaz Valani**
  • **Hoyoung Huh**
2020 SURGEON GENERAL REPORT RE SMOKING CESSATION

- Of note, a growing number of e-cigarettes, including JUUL, also use nicotine salts, which have a lower pH than the freebase nicotine used in most other e-cigarettes and traditional tobacco products, and allow particularly high levels of nicotine to be inhaled more easily and with less irritation. Although this type of product may be appealing to adult smokers seeking e-cigarettes with potentially greater nicotine delivery, the potency and appeal of such products can also make it easier for young people to initiate the use of nicotine and become addicted (Office of the U.S. Surgeon General N.D.).
LACBA
Los Angeles County Bar Association

The Healthcare Law Section presents

Vaping: Public Health, Litigation and Medico-Legal Advocacy
Thursday, January 21, 2021

Program Time: Via Zoom Webinar
4:00 – 5:30 P.M. 1.5 Hrs. CLE General Credit

Robert Bitonte MD, JD
Program Chair & Moderator
Panel

- **Dr. Tony Kuo**, medical expert on e-cigarette and vaping surveillance;
- **Paul Kiesel, Esq.**, a former LACBA president, who is at the forefront of vape litigation; and
- **Dr. Robert Bitonte**, the past president of LACMA and member of the LACBA Health Law Section Executive Committee, who leads medico-legal advocacy on various issues.
Unique Program

- Combines expertise of 3 distinct organizations
  - Los Angeles County (LAC) Department of Public Health
  - Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA)
    - Healthcare section
  - Los Angeles County Medical Association (LACMA)
Program Features

● 3 different approaches to a public health issue
  ○ LAC Department of Public Health
  ○ Legal community
  ○ Organized Medicine
A Struggle for Excellence

LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY
1871-1971
LACMA

- Established Jan 30, 1871 by 7 physicians
  - Griffin
  - Widney
  - Orme
  - Edgard
  - Hayes
  - Dorr
  - Rose
LACMA (cont.)

- Preamble of the Constitution charted the mission
- Development of the science and art of medicine
- Conservation and protection of the public health
- Betterment of the medical profession
- Initial topics of attention
  - typhoid
  - tuberculosis
  - smallpox
  - water pollution
LACMA (cont.)

- Conducts its work largely through committees
- 5 major sections
  - Professional relations- ethics, medical economics, liaison with the bar association
  - Public relations- public information, legislations
  - Community health- disaster medical car, public health, emergency medical services
  - Public agencies- mental health, medical schools (Dr. Widney founded the USC Medical School in 1884), industrial practice
  - Administration- bylaws, elections, publications
  - Special committees
Examples of Outreach to the Community

- 1930’s- Speakers’ Bureau
- Regular radio programs
- Weekly column supplied to newspapers on medical matters
Specific Issues
Smog

- Aroused attention after WWII
- LACMA forms a 10 person smog committee in 1947
- First report noted Feb 8, 1947 in the LA Times
- 2803 members responded to a questionnaire
  - Cited nasal, throat, lung, as well as cognitive disorder “mental tailspin”
- 1955 - opposed enlargement of fuel burning plants
  - Opposed sale of motor vehicles not meeting emission standards
- 1957 - met with auto executives about emissions containment
- 1969 - recommended excusing school students from strenuous outdoor activities at certain monitoring levels
The combination of air inversion, sunshine and the chemicals in the air that produce smog, have existed apparently from antiquity. There was nothing new about it when the early Spanish explorers to our shores noted from a spot in the sea near Point Fermin that smoke from the Indians' open fires clung to the ground. Calling the Harbor the "Land of Smokes" was a report, not necessarily a lyric to the land.

Later, Dr. Joseph Pomeroy Widney noted that on certain days the air in the Harbor Counties seemed
Smog (cont.)

- 1960- passed a resolution that electric powered transportation in lieu of internal combustion engines be adopted
Radio-television

- 1931 - KFI and KECA aired 15 minute programs written by LACMA
- 1951 - radio and television committee formed
- St. John’s in Santa Monica and St. Joseph’s in Burbank proposed programs
  - Initially named “M.D”
  - Renamed in 1953 to “Medic”
  - Started Richard Boone
  - Script, sponsorship, technical direction by LACMA
  - Ran until 1959
- In 1959, Billboard gave the award first place in film series performing the Greatest Public Service
Radio-television (cont)

- 1955- LACMA and KTLA produced the show “Ask Your Doctor”
- The association produced three films
  - “Especially for Boys”
  - “Especially for Girls”
  - “Drugs, Helpful and Harmful”
- The Association policed motion pictures, radio and television on matters affecting physicians and medicine until taken over by the AMA
Polio

- Helped immunize community through 1962, including Sunday clinics with volunteers of the Association
- Operated 660 clinics throughout the County
- At the end of the Sabin Program, over 3.5 million people had been immunized
Other Public Health Efforts in Medical Care and Advocacy

- Provided health care in the 1929 outbreak of the pneumonic plague
- In collaboration with the LAC Board of Supervisors, created a Department of Mental Health in 1960
The Last 50 Years

- A new book coming out this year by Peter Rader covers years 1971-2021
LACMA Advocacy on the Vaping Issue

- Collaboration-Tonight’s meeting is yet another example of collaboration between LACMA, LACBA, and LAC Department of Public Health
- However, this is the first time known that the 3 organizations have come together at the same time
Take a Position and Make a Stand

● Signed on brief Amicus Curiae in opposition to plaintiff’s motion in Case No.:2:20-cv-4065-DSF (Ksx)- United States District Court
● Motion was to prevent enforcement of an ordinance to prohibit the sale in LAC of flavored tobacco products
Education

- Education - tonight’s event to members of the medical profession in attendance
- Educational efforts to the public about the harms of tobacco has dramatically diminished smoking
- Started in 1965, markedly enhanced in 1984
LACMA and its Legal Externship Program

- Thanks to CEO Gustavo Friederichsen
- Take up to two students per semester
- Teach about internal legal issues and external advocacy
- Full participation
- This year- both from Southwestern Law School
  - Erlinda Santiago, RN
    - JD candidate 2021
  - Elizabeth Misirian
    - JD candidate 2022
Vaping work product

- Educational
  - Three scientific posters prepared, accepted, presented at the 2020 California Society of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Annual Meeting
  - “Vaping: The Major Topic, if not for COVID-19, Proposition 65”
  - “Vaping: The Major Topic, if not for COVID-19, California Health and Safety Codes”
  - “Vaping: Its effects and the California Education Code”
Advocacy through Resolutions through CMA

- “Resolved, that the California Medical Association (CMA) support legislation to include an audit and compliance provision in education code instructional about harms of tobacco use”
- “Resolved, that the CMA support state measures that allow for federal taxation of e-cigarettes”
- “Resolved, that the CMA support legislation including vaping substances, inhaled vitamin E acetate, into Prop 65 Warnings”
Advocacy through LACBA resolutions

- Amend education code article 1 Section 51202 to include the following language
  - “...Educators and administrators will be audited for compliance of above said course of study especially about tobacco-use and e-cigarette education”

- Amend health and safety section 25916 to include the following language
  - “...Or if there is a product sold such as electronic cigarettes and vapes containing vitamin E acetate...”
  - “...Remodeling, or selling such products...”
  - “(C) Caution: product contains vitamin E acetate, electronic cigarette and vaping associated with lung disease-consume with caution”
Thank you!