

Characteristics and Correlates of Quitting Among Black and White Low-income Pregnant Smokers

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Objectives: To examine race-specific differences in correlates of cessation in low income pregnant women. **Methods:** Two hundred forty-eight low-income black and white pregnant women who smoked regularly prior to pregnancy were interviewed to assess several potential correlates of quitting. **Results:** Race differences emerged in characteristics commonly thought to influence quitting including income, education level, marital status, nicotine de-

pendence, and smoking history. However, race was not correlated with having quit smoking, nor did it influence the effect of other variables in quitting. **Conclusions:** Factors that influence the decision to quit smoking during pregnancy do not appear to differ between low-income black and white women.

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