CVS Experiment On How To Get People To Stop Smoking Has Fascinating Results



Although the smoking rate among U.S. adults has been on the <u>decline</u> in recent years, tobacco is still the <u>biggest public health threat</u> in the country, contributing to <u>tens of thousands of preventable deaths</u> and racking up <u>billions in health care expenditures</u> each year. So researchers are still trying to figure out what could convince the <u>estimated 40 million smokers</u> in the U.S. to kick the habit for good. Is there a more creative way to tackle the problem?

That was the subject of an <u>innovative study</u> that tracked a group of CVS employees who were recruited to participate in an incentive-based cessation program. According to the researchers, who <u>published their results</u> in the *New England Journal of Medicine* this week, offering smokers varying financial rewards and penalties in exchange for cutting out cigarettes worked better than they expected...

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