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## OTRU Updates Scientific Advisory Committee Report (SAC2)

The Ontario Tobacco Research Unit (OTRU) is responsible for ongoing updating of the Smoke-Free Ontario Scientific Advisory Committee Report (SAC2 Report). Ongoing updating will enable optimal evidence-informed policy and program intervention design and planning by Smoke-Free Ontario partners.

OTRU routinely searches new evidence across all areas related to the Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy. From these searches, OTRU is identifying all new review-level evidence and new individual studies of particular relevance. The quality of these reviews and studies is being appraised with the same methodology used for the SAC2 report. OTRU is extracting data from these reviews and studies with the same approach used for the SAC2 report.

Comparing the SAC2 report and evidence summaries, OTRU scientists are assessing the need for changes in evidence summaries in light of the new evidence and are formulating proposals for change.

To ensure broad scientific consensus on changes to the SAC2 Report, OTRU launched the Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy Scientific Advisory Group (SFOSAG) and convened its first meeting on March 28th, 2017. Twenty-one scientists from across Ontario participated.

SFOSAG provides scientific review and advice on proposed updates to SAC2 report evidence summaries and supports the revision of scientific consensus statements and key messages.

SFOSAG members reviewed new evidence, quality appraisals and data extractions prepared by OTRU and discussed OTRU-proposed changes in evidence summaries. They were also invited to propose additional changes not identified by OTRU and raise these for discussion.

The agreed updates to the recently released SAC2 Report will be made available shortly.