Counseling & Support Options

Telephonic Wellness Coaches *
1-866-251-4514
Get the motivation and guidance you need to take an active role in your health, with our wellness coaches. Whether you’re trying to get more active, eat better, manage your weight, quit tobacco or handle stress, your personal coach can help you create—and stick with—a plan for reaching your goals. Better yet, you don’t even have to leave home to get started on your path to health. You and your coach talk one on one by phone at a time that’s convenient for you. Coaches can prescribe nicotine replacement products over the phone and provide continued support.
Fee: No fee for members (members only)

Individual Counseling *
415-833-3450
Get the motivation and guidance you need to quit tobacco with the help of a Clinical Health Educator. The Clinical Health Educator works closely with your provider to arrange individual smoking cessation counseling sessions in-person and over the phone. Call the Health Education department or email your provider at Kp.org and ask to schedule a one on one appointment with a Clinical Health Educator
Fee: No fee for members (members only)

The California Smoker’s Helpline (All ages)
1-800-NO-BUTTS
A FREE telephone –based smoking cessation program to help you quit smoking. Funded by the California Department of Health Services.
Vietnamese.....1-800-778-8440
Mandarin & Cantonese......1-800-400-0866
Korean.............1-800-556-5564
Deaf/Hearing Impaired...........1-800-933-4833

Health Education Classes

Pathways to Emotional Wellness *
415-833-3450
Overview for Stress, Depression and Anxiety  Fee: No fee for members; $20 for nonmembers
Dates/times:
6:30 – 9:00 p.m. 1st Wednesday of each month at French Campus
6:00 – 8:30 p.m. 3rd Wednesday of each month at Mission Bay

Yoga (8 Sessions)
415-833-3450
This program is based on a variety of yoga postures emphasizing stretching and toning muscles, relieving tension, and cultivating mind body awareness. Fee: $53 for members; $77 for nonmembers
Dates/times:
Offered Tuesdays & Thursdays at French & Mission Bay Campus

*For Providers, resource is direct bookable via eConsult:
Smoking Cessation Aids

Nicotine Patch:
What is the nicotine patch?
The nicotine patch provides a steady amount of nicotine to the body through the skin. This can lessen the overall cravings for cigarettes. Patches are usually put on in the morning and worn for 24 hours or taken off at bedtime (16 hour use). Treatment normally lasts six to eight weeks. You must not smoke while using the patch because your body may get too much nicotine.

Nicotine Lozenge or Gum:
What is the nicotine lozenge or gum?
The nicotine lozenge and gum provides the body with nicotine at individual points in time. The lozenge and gum should be used on a regular schedule (usually at least 1 piece every 1-2 hours). The lozenge should be placed between the gum and cheek and is usually sucked on for 20-30 minutes. The gum should be chewed until you experience a “peppery” taste, and then it should be “parked” between the cheek and gum for the nicotine to absorb.

Bupropion SR (Wellbutrin, Zyban):
What is Bupropion SR and how is it used?
Bupropion SR, also known as Wellbutrin SR and Zyban, is a prescription medication that can help to ease withdrawal symptoms and the urge to smoke. Bupropion is also used to treat depression. However, you do not have to be depressed to take Bupropion for smoking cessation. Bupropion is started while you are still smoking, with a quit date set for about a week later. The medication is taken for about eight weeks.

E Cigarette:
What are E Cigarettes?
E Cigarette products are currently non-regulated, so there is no way to ensure the safety of these products as cessation aids. At the time, Kaiser Permanente Northern California is NOT endorsing these products as a means of quitting tobacco until further well controlled studies demonstrate their efficacy and better production guidelines are established to address safety and quality concerns.

Non-Formulary Options: Other medications may be available to help you quit smoking. However, these medications are not on Kaiser Permanente’s prescription formulary because they are second-line therapies. This means they should only be considered after front-line medications.

Online Shortcuts to better health at kp.org

Kp.org/ quitsmoking –
Guide to smoking cessation

Kp.org/ healthcoach –
Online health coaching programs

Kp.org/ healthylifestyles –
Personalized assessments and action plans for total health

Kp.org/ mydoctor –
Select and communicate with your Doctor Access online program, videos & Podcasts

Kp.org/ fitness –
Help for staying active

Kp.org/ nutrition –
Help for eating well

Kp.org/ weight –
Resources to manage weight

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1600 Owens Street
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