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Foreword

The Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act of 1965 (Public Law 89-92) requires that the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare submit regular reports to the Congress on the health consequences of smoking, together with any legislative recommendations he may wish to make.

This 1967 Surgeon General's Report was prepared to provide the Secretary and the public with a review of the research findings which have taken place in smoking and health in the approximately 3½ years which have elapsed since the Surgeon General's Advisory Committee issued its monumental 1964 report. Part I of this document was included as part of the Secretary's 1967 Report which he sent to Congress in July 1967. Part II, which provides detailed discussions of the relationship of smoking to specific diseases, is issued here for the first time.

The 1967 report represents a review of more than 2,000 research studies published since the 1964 report. These additional studies confirm and strengthen the conclusion of the Surgeon General's Advisory Committee that: "Cigarette smoking is a health hazard of sufficient importance in the United States to warrant appropriate remedial action."

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