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To The Editor:

The many deleterious effects of tobacco use are well known and frequently described in the medical literature. One physician in our clinic noticed another possible effect of cigarette smoking, one that has not been described, to our knowledge.

Fifty smoking men (1 PPD or more) and 50 non-smokers (never had smoked), over age 18, were matched for age, race, and height. Each had measurements of flaccid penile length. Measurements were done from the base of the penis to the tip ~~after asking the subject to stretch his penis to its longest possible flaccid length.~~

Results are as shown. The average penile length for smoking men was 2.68 cm less than for non-smokers. Obviously more complete and detailed studies will be needed to determine if this is a result of cigarette smoking, or represents a physical variation in the type of people who like to smoke.

It may be significant to note that almost all of the smokers in our study started smoking as teenagers.

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STRETCHED
FLACCID
PENILE
LENGTH
IN CM.

21 cm		oo
20 cm		oooo
19 cm	xx	oooooooo
18 cm	xx	oooooooo
17 cm	xxxx	oooooooo
16 cm	xxxxxxxx	oooooo
15 cm	xxxxxxxx	ooooo
14 cm	xxxxxxxxxxx	ooo
13 cm	xxxxxxxx	oo
12 cm	xxxxx	oo
11 cm	xxx	o
10 cm	xx	
9 cm	x	

SMOKERS

NON-SMOKERS