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This completely revised and enlarged 2nd edition of The Tobacco Epidemic provides a comprehensive update of the clinical, public health and political aspects of tobacco smoking. Since its 1st edition in 1997, knowledge on the health hazards of tobacco and nicotine addiction has increased considerably, but recent data has shown that the global problem has become more aggravated in low- and middle-income countries: if current trends continue, tobacco smoking will be responsible for the deaths of 1 billion people in the 21st century.

Written by outstanding international experts, the book covers the history of tobacco production and use, the economics of tobacco use and control, as well as the health consequences of active and passive smoking in both adults and children. Special chapters discuss the impact of media, movies and TV on tobacco consumption in young people, the patterns and predictors of smoking cessation in the general population and in different social subgroups, and initiatives supported by the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. Readers will find the latest information on how nicotine dependence is treated with nicotine replacement products, what role health care professionals play in helping smokers to quit and what effects smoke-free environments, advertising bans and price increases have on smoking prevalence. The potential harms and benefits of smokeless tobacco, waterpipe tobacco smoking and electronic cigarettes are also evaluated.

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Focusing on learning mechanisms underlying the development and maintenance of addictive disorders

Addiction as a Learned Behavior

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Addiction can be understood as a learned behavior resulting from processes of Pavlovian and operant conditioning. Alcohol and other drugs of abuse stimulate dopamine release and thus reinforce drug consumption, and contextual and specific cues associated with drug intake can become Pavlovian conditioned stimuli that facilitate approach behavior. Novel mathematical tools such as modeling of decision making and model comparison reveal the computational and neuronal steps taken in decision making and alterations in drug addiction. These approaches allow for a much more specific association between computational steps in decision making and neurobiological correlates during information processing.

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