Benefits of tobacco cessation and risks of continued use in patients with cancer

Tobacco cessation leads to:	Continued tobacco use after diagnosis leads to:
 Improved treatment outcomes Reduced side effects Improved survival Decreased risk of infection Improved breathing and increased energy Improved quality of life 	 Higher complication rates from surgery and slower recovery Higher treatment-related toxicity from chemotherapy and radiotherapy Increased risk of cancer recurrence Increased risk of other serious ailments such as cardiovascular and respiratory disease Reduced treatment effectiveness Safety risks for patients with reduced consciousness or on oxygen Increased risk of second primary cancer Shorter survival