# Children living in households with smokers have carcinogens in their urine.

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Results presented at an American Association of Cancer Research (AACR) conference showed that 90% of children living in households with smokers had detectable levels of tobacco-associated cancer-causing agents in their urine.  Ninety-five percent of the children had detectable levels of cotinine, a nicotine breakdown product..  Interestingly, African American children had higher levels, even for comparable amounts of exposure.  This supports previous research suggesting that African Americans metabolize some chemicals differently than Caucasians.

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