

# Investigating the Impact of Advertising on Smoking Cessation: The Role of DTC Prescription Drug Advertising

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1. Introduction and related literature
2. Data
3. Empirical analysis
4. Role of insurance
5. Conclusion

# Introduction

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## **Cigarette Smoking is a significant public health challenge**

- Approximately **half a million** annual deaths are attributed to tobacco-related illnesses (CDC 2023)
- Direct economic cost exceeding \$225 billion annually (Shrestha et al., 2022)

## **A range of smoking cessation products have emerged**

- 7 FDA-approved:
  - Five types of Nicotine Replacement Therapies (NRTs)
  - Two non-nicotine prescription medications  
Chantix/Varenicline and Bupropion
- Electronic cigarettes

# Introduction (cont.)

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## Goal:

How does advertising smoking cessation products influence consumer behavior and cigarette sales?

While there is extensive research on the clinical efficacy of smoking cessation products in clinical trials, we focus on a related but distinct question.

- How effective *advertising* these products are
- Rather than investigating the effect of *using* them

# Why advertising?

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## Medical literature

- Prescription drugs are more effective than OTC options (Aubin et al., 2008; Taylor et al., 2017)

## Advertising might have different effects because access to these products is different

- Prescription drugs vs OTC products

## Some of these products could act as both:

- Complements
  - Co-prescription of NRTs and prescription drugs
- Substitutes
  - Consumers can opt for NRTs because of *easier access*

**These spillover, substitution, and complementarity effects highlight the complexity of advertising's role in the smoking cessation market.**

# What could happen in response to advertising?

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## **Direct-to-consumer advertising (DTCA) for prescription drugs like Chantix can**

- Reduce cigarette consumption for people who can obtain prescriptions
- Barriers like insurance coverage and prescription requirements can push consumers to more accessible products

## **Advertising For NRTs**

- While promoting over-the-counter cessation aid
- It might reduce the likelihood of seeking more effective prescription options

# Research Questions

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1. How does advertising for various smoking cessation products affect consumer demand across multiple categories?
  - DTCA for prescription drugs: **Affects drug consumption and is the most effective in reducing cigarette sales**
  - Various spillover effects beyond advertised products
2. What is the role of insurance coverage on the effectiveness of advertising?

## Approach

- Combine claims, retail, advertising and detailing data from the 2011-2019 period to measure how advertising affects smokers' choices



# Tobacco-related products



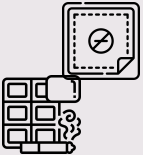

Product	Description	Types	Can Advertise on TV
<b>Cigarettes</b> 	Combustible cigarettes	Various types and brands	No
<b>ENDS</b> 	Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems as alternatives to traditional cigarettes and cessation aid	Disposable e-cigarettes, Vapes, Cartridges	Yes
<b>NRTs</b> 	Nicotine Replacement Therapies provide small doses of nicotine to help smokers quit	Patches, Lozenges, Gums, Nasal sprays, Oral inhalers	Yes
<b>Prescription Drugs</b> 	Substances that require a prescription and affect the brain and mind to reduce craving and withdrawal symptoms	Varenicline (Chantix), Bupropion (Zyban)	Yes

Table 1: Overview of Smoking-Related Product

# Broader Related literature (Illustrative not comprehensive)

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- **DTC prescription drug advertising**

- Narayanan et al. (2004); Wosinska (2005); Liu et al. (2017); Shapiro (2018); Kim and KC (2020); Shapiro (2022).

- **Tobacco marketing**

- Avery (2007); Wang et al. (2016); Chen and Rao (2020); Tuchman (2019); Goli and Chintagunta (2021); Wang, Lewis, Singh (2021); Cotti et al. (2022); Goli et al. (2023).

- **Advertising spillover effects**

- Anderson and Simester (2013); Sahni (2016); Chae et al. (2017); Shapiro (2018); Shapiro et al. (2021)

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# Data

— Nine years worth of data: 2011-2019

- **Advertising exposure:** Nielsen AdIntel
- **Detailing:** Open Payments Database from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) August 2013-December 2019
- **Retail sales:** NielsenIQ Retail Measurement Service (RMS)
- **Claims data:** Merative MarketScan Commercial Database
- **Insurance coverage:** Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS)

# TV Advertising Data

- Data for each advertising occurrence
- **210 DMAs (Designated Market Areas)**
  - 131 Full Discovery Markets
- **Advertisers can purchase ads at**
  - National level
  - More narrowly at the local level (spot)
- **Impression estimates at occurrence-DMA level**

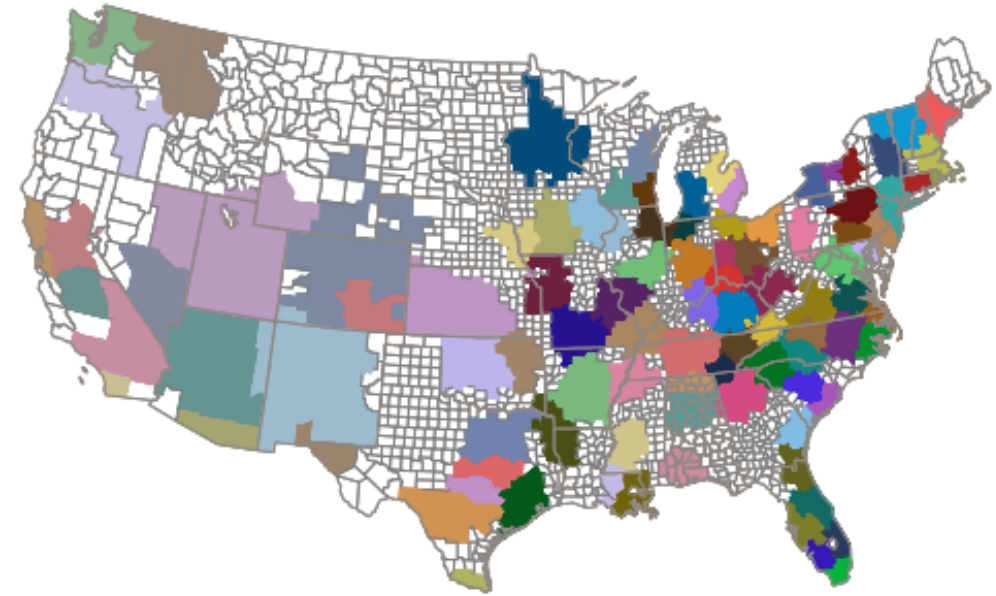


Figure 1: Top 100 DMAs (Tuchman 2019)

# Advertising Exposures

- Occurrence-DMA level
- Measure of impressions
  - Gross Rating Points (GRP)

$$a_{Dt,c} = 100 \times \frac{\sum_{o \in \mathcal{O}_{Dt,c}} \text{number of viewing households}_{oDt}}{\text{total number of households}_{Dt}}$$

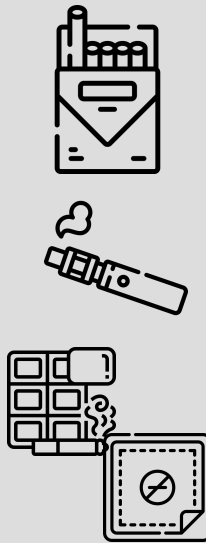
Category	Brand	Mean	Std
Prescription drugs	Chantix	51.8737	50.7936
NRTs	Nicorette	39.7357	52.0753
	Nicoderm	39.4228	60.3115
	<i>Other</i>	0.2113	4.8124
PSA	-	4.7171	34.4931
E-Cigarette	JUUL	0.4472	2.5555
	BLU	0.4047	4.1642
	VUSE	0.2969	6.1764
	EZSmoker	0.2758	3.7633
	CUE	0.2560	4.0379
	<i>Other</i>	0.6565	5.5836

Table 2: Summary statistics of weekly DMA-level GRP over the period of study (2010-2019)

# Retail Demand & Healthcare Outcomes

## Retail

- NielsenIQ Retail Measurement Service (**RMS**)
  - Prices, quantity sold, feature, and display at the UPC-week level
- Consider the demand for three categories of products:
  - Cigarettes
  - E-cigarettes
  - Over-the-Counter NRTs



## Healthcare Outcomes

- **Marketscan:** Individual-level medical records on prescribed medicine and outpatient visits
- Geographic information at the Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) level
- Outcomes of interest:
  - Chantix & Bupropion prescription records
  - Outpatient visits for mental health and substance abuse

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# Empirical Approach

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Using geographic variation in occurrences and impressions of ads to estimate the causal effect of different forms of advertising on tobacco-related products and outcomes

## **Endogeneity concern**

- Firms advertise more in markets where lift (from ads) might be higher
- Spurious correlation between local smoking prevalence and trends

# Empirical Approach: Identification

## Coarse Targeting

- Approximately 80% of television advertising is purchased in “upfront” markets annually in the spring, well before the advertisements are broadcast
- The remaining advertising slots are offered through the “scatter” market, enabling advertisers to purchase inventory closer to the air date, either monthly or quarterly, albeit at higher prices. (Lotz, 2007, Hristakeva and Mortimer, 2023)

## Sampling Frequency (Rossi 2018)

- Use weekly data while advertising decisions are typically made annually or quarterly.

## High-dimensional fixed effects

- To absorb the impact of confounds (Shapiro et al., 2021)

Validate the results using the **border method strategy** (Shapiro 2018, Wang et al., 2018; Tuchman, 2019)

When applicable, use **placebo regressions** to show that the effect is limited to relevant outcomes

# Estimation for healthcare outcomes

$$\log(O_{mt} + 1) = \boldsymbol{\beta}^\top \log(\mathbf{A}_{D_{mt}} + 1) + \gamma_{mY(t)} + \gamma_{S(t)} + \gamma_{T(t)} + \epsilon_{mt}$$

**Left**

$O_{mt}$

Outcome at MSA  $m$ ,  
week  $t$

**Right**

$$\mathbf{A}_{D_t} = \sum_{\tau=t-L}^t \delta^{t-\tau} \mathbf{a}_{D\tau}$$

Advertising Stock (goodwill)  
Long-run measure of exposure  
 $\mathbf{a}_{D_t}$ : vector of GRPs at DMA  $D$ ,  
week  $t$

$$\gamma_{mY(t)} + \gamma_{S(t)} + \gamma_{T(t)}$$

FEs to account for: Seasonality,  
cross-sectional differences  
across MSAs, and general trends

# Advertising Effect on Prescription Drug

- Include both log-log functional form and Poisson
  - 15% of MSA-week observations are zeros
- Significant direct effect of Chantix advertisements
- Category expansion
- NRT ads reduce prescription drug usage

	Full Sample			
	Varenicline		Bupropion	
	Log-Log	Poisson	Log-Log	Poisson
$\beta_{Chantix Ads}$	<b>0.0564<sup>***</sup></b> (0.0123)	<b>0.0735<sup>***</sup></b> (0.0152)	<b>0.0357<sup>***</sup></b> (0.0106)	<b>0.0360<sup>***</sup></b> (0.0097)
$\beta_{NRT Ads}$	-0.0159 (0.0116)	<b>-0.0444<sup>***</sup></b> (0.0148)	<b>-0.0281<sup>**</sup></b> (0.0113)	<b>-0.0476<sup>***</sup></b> (0.0100)
$\beta_{PSA Ads}$	0.0037 (0.0032)	0.0050 (0.0035)	0.0028 (0.0030)	0.0021 (0.0023)
$\beta_{E-Cig Ads}$	0.0030 (0.0022)	0.0031 (0.0029)	0.0019 (0.0017)	0.0029 <sup>*</sup> (0.0016)

Table 3: Advertising effect on prescription drug usage

# Advertising Effect on Office Visits

- Chantix ads have effects beyond the drug usage
- Ads encourage individuals to seek professional healthcare support

	Full Sample	
	Log-Log	Poisson
$\beta_{Chantix\ Ads}$	<b>0.0342<sup>**</sup></b> (0.0155)	<b>0.0362<sup>***</sup></b> (0.0112)
$\beta_{NRT\ Ads}$	-0.0183 (0.0138)	<b>-0.0257<sup>**</sup></b> (0.0107)
$\beta_{PSA\ Ads}$	-0.0018 (0.0049)	-0.0017 (0.0026)
$\beta_{E-Cig\ Ads}$	-0.0047 <sup>*</sup> (0.0027)	<b>-0.0046<sup>**</sup></b> (0.0019)

Table 4: Advertising effect on office visits

# Estimation for retail sales

$$\log(Q_{st} + 1) = \beta^\top \log(A_{D_{st}} + 1) + \alpha \log(p_{st}) + \gamma_{sY(t)} + \gamma_{S(t)} + \gamma_{T(t)} + \boldsymbol{\eta}^\top \mathbf{x}_{st} + \epsilon_{st}$$

**Left**

$Q_{st}$

Category Demand  
at Store  $s$ , week  $t$

**Right**

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Advertising Stock (goodwill)  
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week  $t$

$p_{st}$

Category  
Price

$$\gamma_{sY(t)} + \gamma_{S(t)} + \gamma_{T(t)}$$

FEs to account for: Seasonality,  
cross-sectional differences  
across stores, assortment  
changes and general trends

$\mathbf{x}_{st}$

Feature,  
Display

# Advertising Effect on Cigarette Sales

- Only Chantix ads show clear evidence of reducing cigarette sales

	Full Sample		
	Cigarettes	E-Cigs	OTC NRTs
$\beta_{Chantix Ads}$	<b>-0.0220<sup>***</sup></b> (0.0054)	<b>0.0514<sup>**</sup></b> (0.0257)	-0.0046 (0.0077)
$\beta_{NRT Ads}$	-0.0008 (0.0039)	-0.0173 (0.0195)	<b>0.0166<sup>***</sup></b> (0.0056)
$\beta_{PSA Ads}$	0.0019 (0.0017)	<b>0.0145<sup>**</sup></b> (0.0060)	<b>0.0045<sup>**</sup></b> (0.0018)
$\beta_{E-Cig Ads}$	-0.0005 (0.0012)	0.0084 <sup>*</sup> (0.0051)	-0.0017 <sup>*</sup> (0.0010)

Table 5: Advertising effect on retail sales

# E-cigarettes role as smoking cessation

- Demand for e-cigarettes rises with
  - Chantix advertisements
  - PSAs
- Suggests that removing e-cigarettes from the market could reduce the options available for smokers seeking to quit

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# Advertising effect on NRT sales

- Near-zero effect for Chantix ads on NRTs
  - A. Substitution effect for individuals with insurance access
  - B. The category expansion effect for individuals without insurance access

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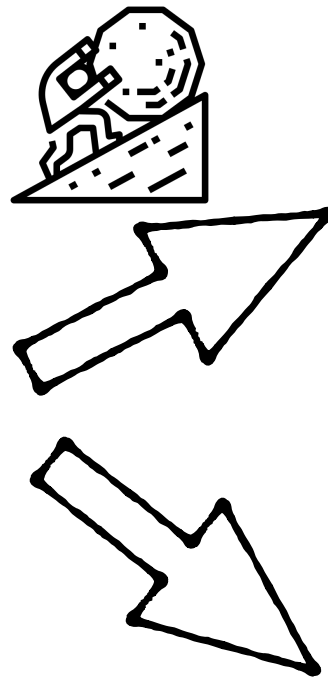
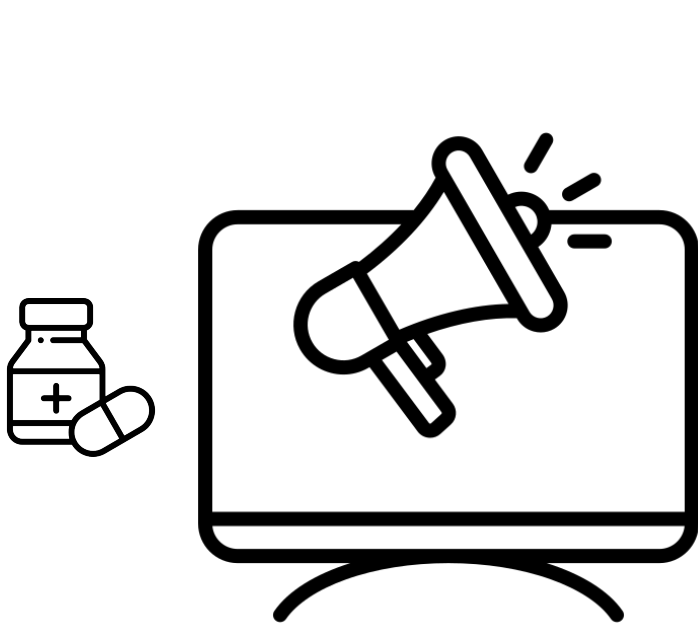
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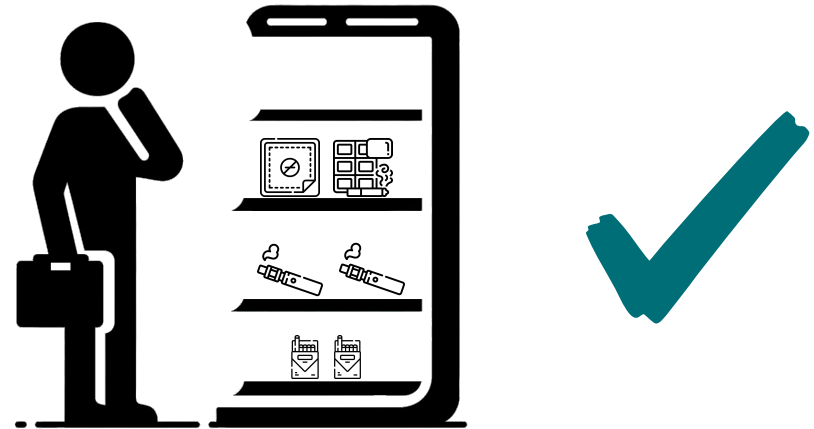
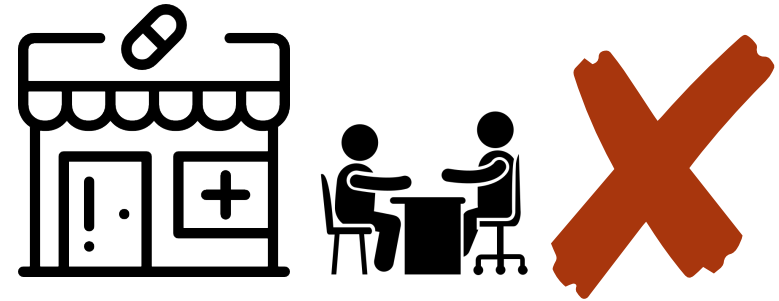
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# Takeaways so far

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**No Variation in  
Insurance Coverage**



# Role of Insurance Coverage on Retail Demand

- Use geographic variation on insurance coverage
- Using PUMS, we measure yearly estimates of
  - Access level to Varenicline through insurance
  - Number of relevant providers per capita
  - Other demographic variables

$$\begin{aligned}\log(Q_{st} + 1) = & \beta^\top \log(\mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{D}_{st}} + 1) \\ & + \beta_{\text{Chantix Ads,Coverage}} \cdot \log(A_{\text{Chantix},\mathcal{D}_{st}} + 1) \cdot V_{\text{Coverage},C_s Y(t)} \\ & + \beta_{\text{Chantix Ads,Provider per Capita}} \cdot \log(A_{\text{Chantix},\mathcal{D}_{st}} + 1) \cdot V_{\text{Provider per Capita},C_s Y(t)} \\ & + \beta_{\text{Chantix Ads,Income}} \cdot \log(A_{\text{Chantix},\mathcal{D}_{st}} + 1) \cdot V_{\text{Income},C_s Y(t)} \\ & + \beta_{\text{Chantix Ads,PercentMale}} \cdot \log(A_{\text{Chantix},\mathcal{D}_{st}} + 1) \cdot V_{\text{PercentMale},C_s Y(t)} \\ & + \beta_{\text{Chantix Ads,PercentBlack}} \cdot \log(A_{\text{Chantix},\mathcal{D}_{st}} + 1) \cdot V_{\text{PercentBlack},C_s Y(t)} \\ & + \beta_{\text{Chantix Ads,PercentAsian}} \cdot \log(A_{\text{Chantix},\mathcal{D}_{st}} + 1) \cdot V_{\text{PercentAsian},C_s Y(t)} \\ & + \beta_{\text{Chantix Ads,PercentHispanic}} \cdot \log(A_{\text{Chantix},\mathcal{D}_{st}} + 1) \cdot V_{\text{PercentHispanic},C_s Y(t)} \\ & + \beta_{\text{Chantix Ads,PercentAbove45}} \cdot \log(A_{\text{Chantix},\mathcal{D}_{st}} + 1) \cdot V_{\text{PercentAbove45},C_s Y(t)} \\ & + \alpha_{\text{Price}} \cdot \log(p_{st}) + \gamma_{sY(t)} + \gamma_{\mathcal{S}(t)} + \gamma_{\mathcal{T}(t)} + \boldsymbol{\eta}^\top \mathbf{x}_{st} + \epsilon_{st},\end{aligned}$$

# Heterogeneous Effect on DTCA Effectiveness

- DTCA for Chantix is more effective in terms of reducing cigarette sales in areas with
  - Higher insurance coverage
  - Higher number of providers

	Cigarettes	E-Cigs	OTC NRTs
$\beta_{Chantix Ads}$	<b>-0.0211</b> <sup>***</sup> (0.0060)	0.0281 (0.0275)	0.0066 (0.0070)
$\beta_{Chantix Ads, Coverage}$	<b>-0.0124</b> <sup>***</sup> (0.0023)	<b>-0.0232</b> <sup>**</sup> (0.0093)	<b>-0.0165</b> <sup>***</sup> (0.0036)
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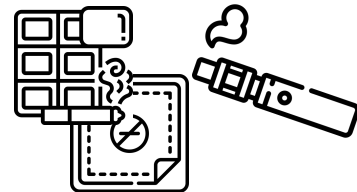
- The spillover to NRTs is higher in areas with
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# Spillover to OTC Options

- More evidence of DTCA spillover to OTC options



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# Implications of restricting DTCA

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The efficacy of DTCA remains widely debated

We evaluate the response to a hypothetical **10% DTCA reduction** for smoking cessation in 2019

- **Increase in cigarette consumption:**

- An estimated 23.56 million additional packs of cigarettes sold

- **Decrease in e-cigarette consumption:**

- Approximately 1.13 million fewer cartridges of e-cigarettes sold

- **The net effect on nicotine intake\*:**

- An overall increase of 21.3 million packs of cigarettes in terms of nicotine content

# Main Findings

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- **DTCA of Prescription Drug**

- Is the only advertising type with clear evidence of effectiveness

- **Spillover Effect of DTC**

- Chantix ads spillover to over-the-counter options

- **Variability of Spillover**

- Larger spillover to NRTs in regions with higher insurance access and access to prescriptions

- **Potential Risks of Advertising Bans:**

- A ban on DTC advertising may lead to increased cigarette sales and nicotine use

# Thank you!



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# Empirical Approach

Using geographic variation in occurrences and impressions of ads to estimate the causal effect of different forms of advertising on tobacco-related products and outcomes

## Sources of Variation

1. The level of impression to the same ad could vary geographically:
  - TV viewing habits
  - Channel position changes
  - Differences in broadcast schedules
2. Ads purchased locally at the spot market

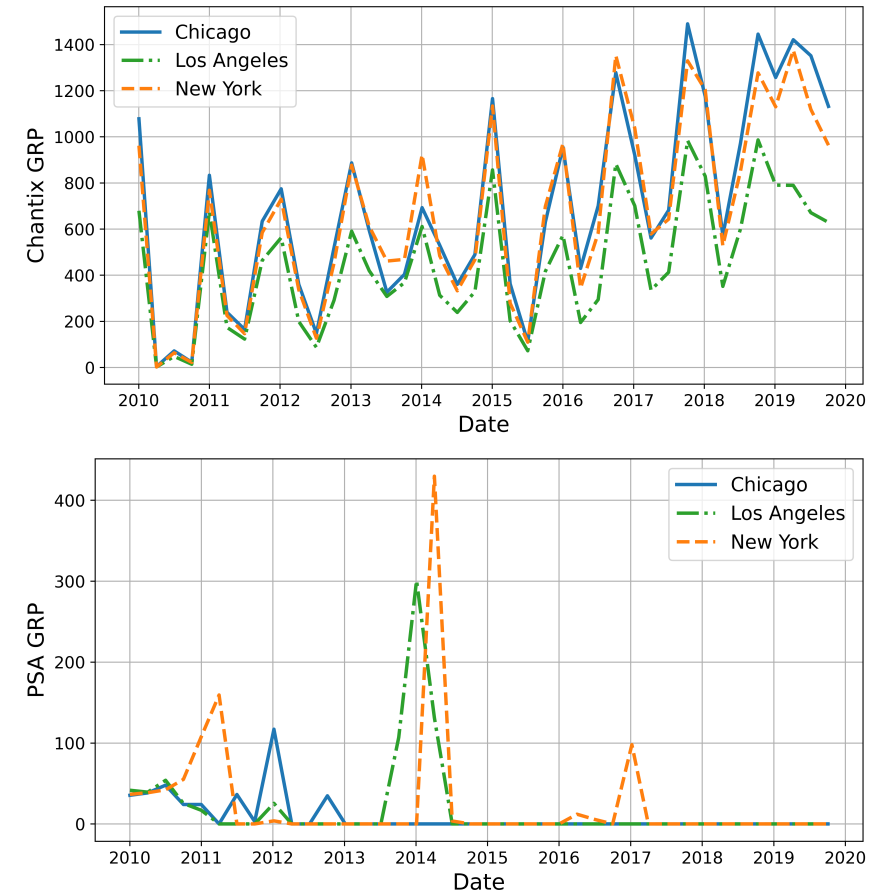
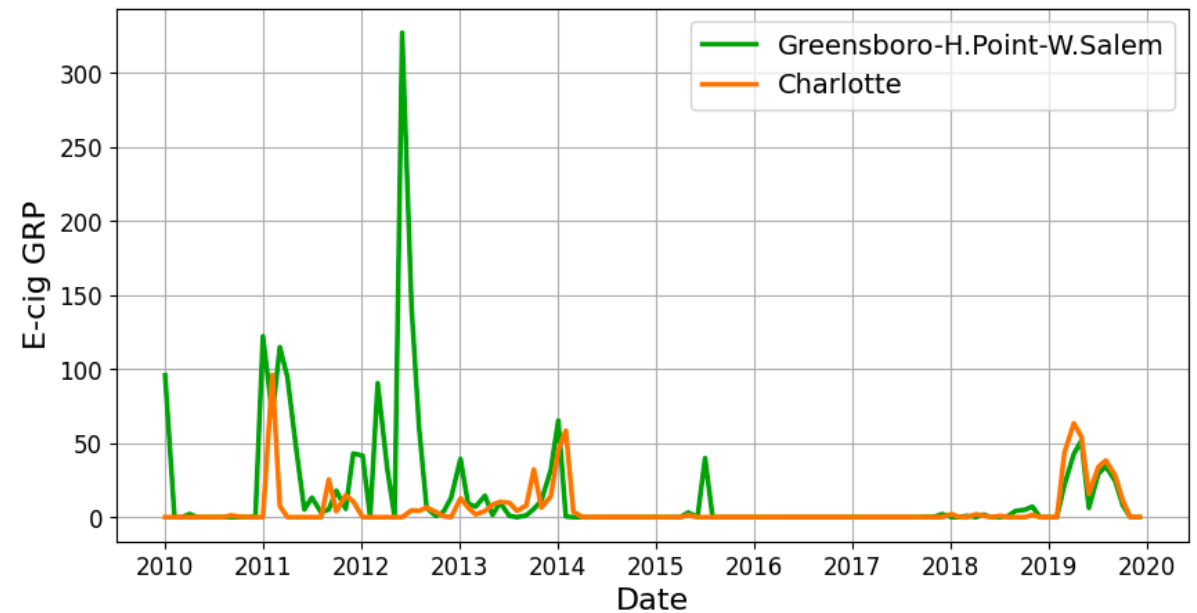
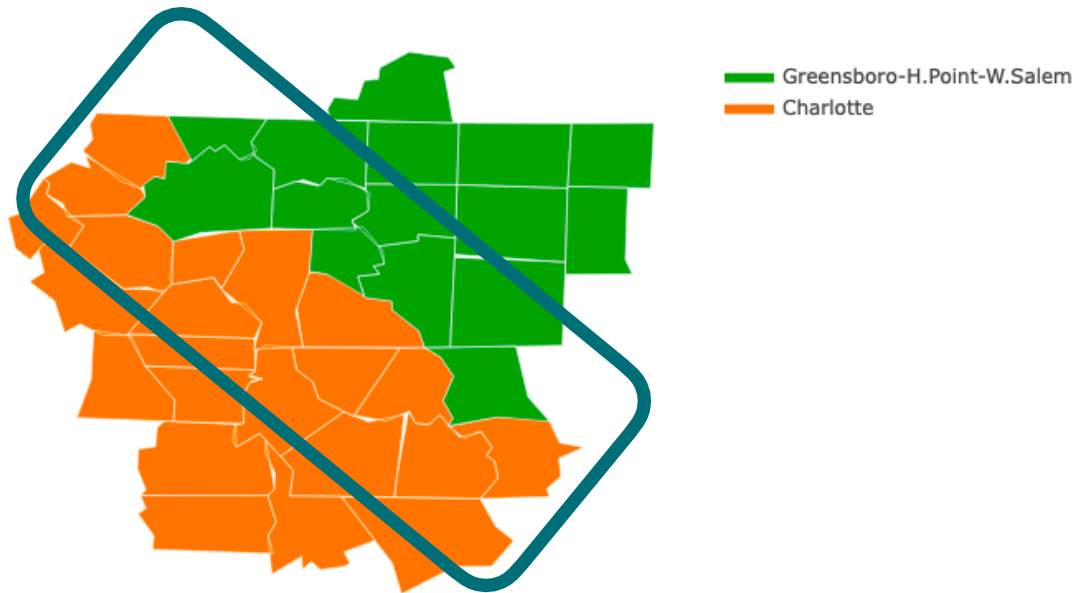


Figure 2: Quarterly advertising gross rating points for Chantix and PSA advertising across three DMAs.

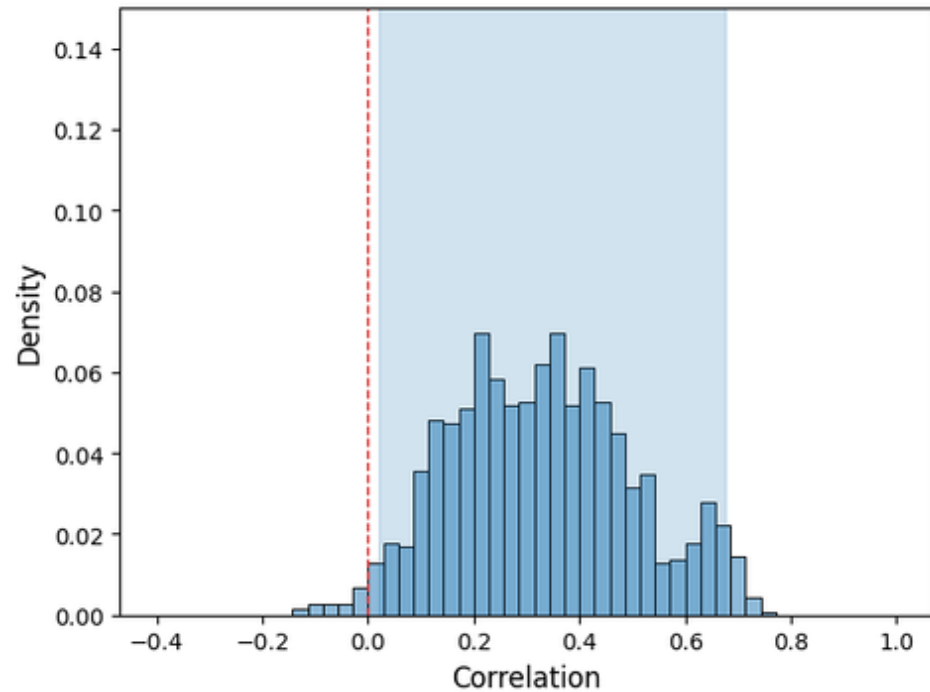
# Alternative Specification: Border Strategy



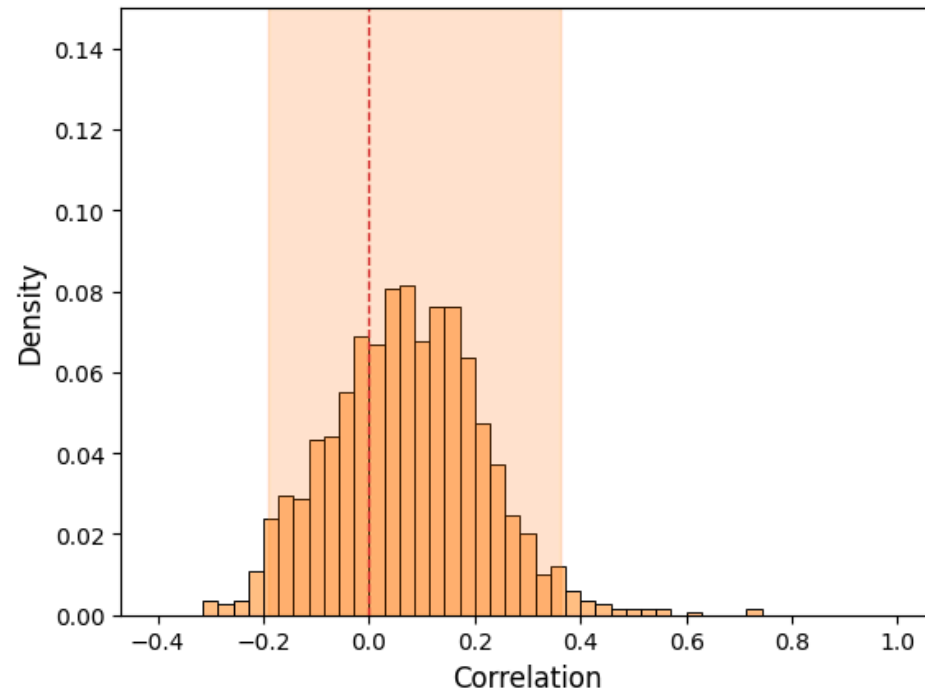
$$\log(Q_{bmt} + 1) = \beta^T \log(A_{D_{mt}} + 1) + \gamma_{mY(t)} + \gamma_{S(t)} + \gamma_{T(t)} + \boxed{\gamma_{bq(t)}} + \epsilon_{bmt}$$

# Correlation between NRT and Chantix Advertising

- Each observation is the correlation between NRT and Chantix GRPs within each DMA-year



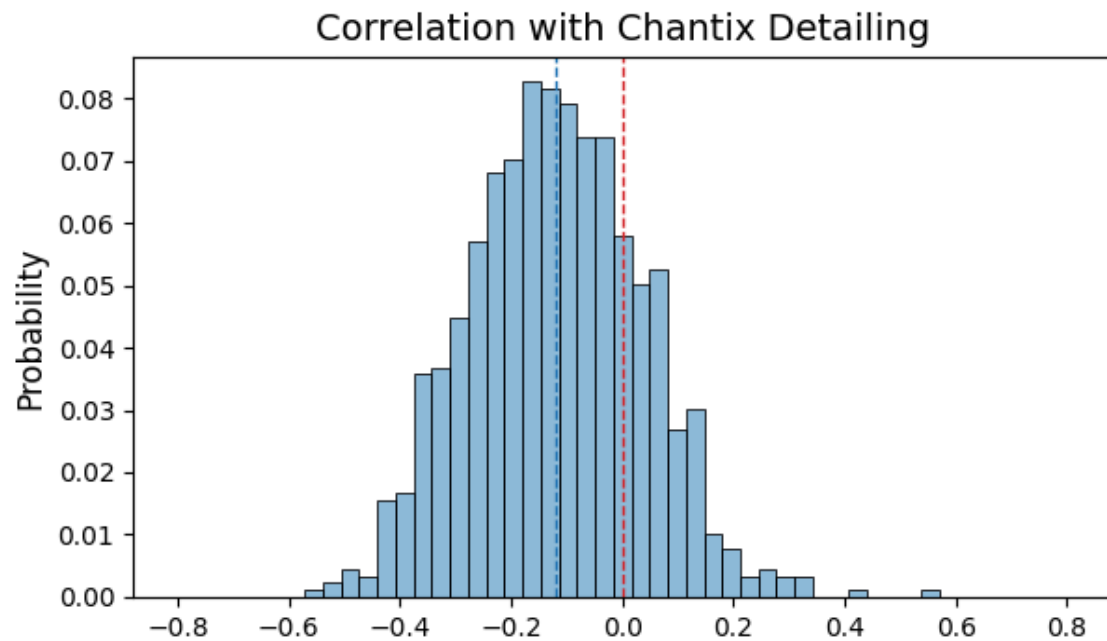
Raw correlation (without FEs)



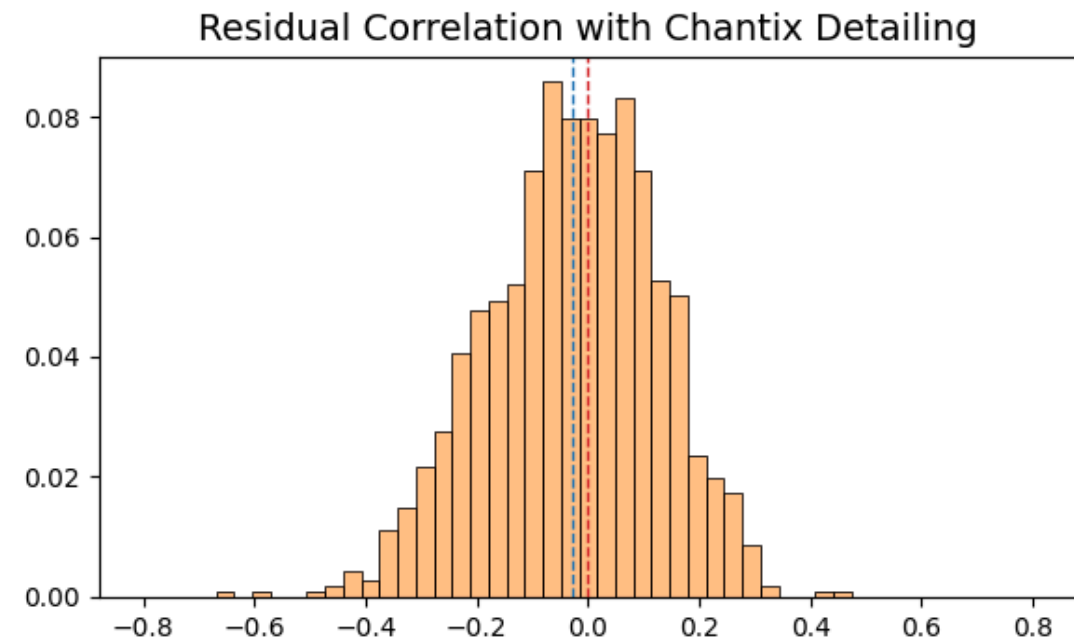
Correlation net of FEs

# Correlation between Chantix Advertising and Detailing

- Each observation is the correlation between Chantix advertising and detailing within each DMA-year



Raw correlation (without FEs)



Correlation net of FEs

# Endogeneity of DTCA

- Does Chantix DTCA target based on:
  - Age
  - Sex
  - Copayment
  - Insurance Coverage?

	Prescription level			DMA-year level
	Age	Sex	Copayment	Coverage
$\beta_{\text{Chantix Ads}}$	-0.1290 (0.1133)	0.0014 (0.0048)	-0.1348 (0.3102)	0.0011 (0.0023)
$\beta_{\text{Yearly Chantix Ads}}$				
MSA-year FE	X	X	X	
Monthly FE	X	X	X	
week-of-year FE	X	X	X	
Year FE				X
Observations	1,285,617	1,285,617	1,285,617	1,837
$R^2$	0.02909	0.01035	0.12762	0.31797
Adjusted $R^2$	0.02645	0.00767	0.12525	0.31461

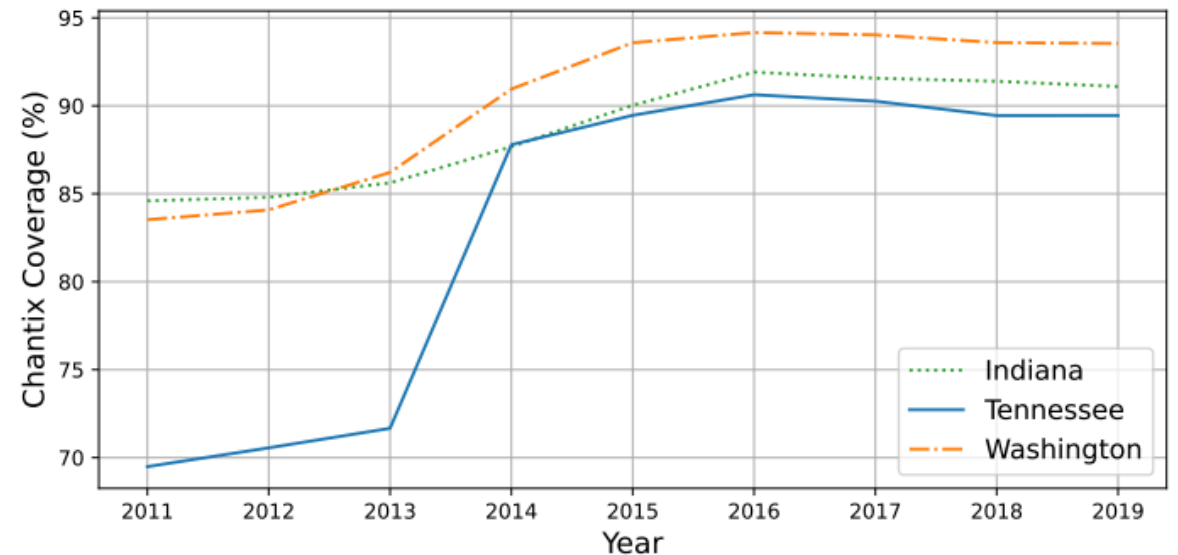
Note. – All standard errors are clustered at DMA level.

Advertising carry-over ( $\delta$ ) is set to 0.9.

\* :  $p < 0.1$ , \*\* :  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*\* :  $p < 0.01$

# Sources of Insurance Variation

1. Affordable Care Act (ACA) mandates covering FDA-Approved cessation medication
2. Medicaid expansion timing
3. Portion of individuals using different types of insurance (PUMS)



# Detailing

- Detailing as another form of promotion that drug manufacturers rely on
- We control for detailing activities to ensure our results are robust
- Detailing data on any transfer of value
  - From August 2013
  - **Over 751,000** food and beverage detailing records for **Chantix** (98% of detailing activity)
  - **Only three** records for **Zyban**
- Aggregate Chantix Detailing at the DMA-week level.

$$\log(O_{mt} + 1) = \beta^T \log(A_{D_{mt}} + 1) + \gamma_{Chantix\ Detailing} \cdot \log(D_{\mathcal{D}_{mt}} + 1) + \gamma_{mY(t)} + \gamma_{S(t)} + \gamma_{T(t)} + \epsilon_{mt}$$

# Advertising Effect on Prescription Drug

	Full Sample				With Detailing			
	Varenicline		Bupropion		Varenicline		Bupropion	
	Log-Log	Poisson	Log-Log	Poisson	Log-Log	Poisson	Log-Log	Poisson
$\beta_{Chantix Ads}$	<b>0.0564</b> <sup>***</sup> (0.0123)	<b>0.0735</b> <sup>***</sup> (0.0152)	<b>0.0357</b> <sup>***</sup> (0.0106)	<b>0.0360</b> <sup>***</sup> (0.0097)	<b>0.0403</b> <sup>**</sup> (0.0170)	<b>0.0480</b> <sup>**</sup> (0.0212)	0.0006 (0.0161)	0.0086 (0.0126)
$\beta_{NRT Ads}$	-0.0159 (0.0116)	<b>-0.0444</b> <sup>***</sup> (0.0148)	<b>-0.0281</b> <sup>**</sup> (0.0113)	<b>-0.0476</b> <sup>***</sup> (0.0100)	-0.0189 (0.0148)	<b>-0.0499</b> <sup>**</sup> (0.0208)	-0.0174 (0.0142)	<b>-0.0501</b> <sup>***</sup> (0.0136)
$\beta_{PSA Ads}$	0.0037 (0.0032)	0.0050 (0.0035)	0.0028 (0.0030)	0.0021 (0.0023)	0.0071 <sup>*</sup> (0.0041)	0.0076 (0.0064)	0.0029 (0.0047)	0.0020 (0.0043)
$\beta_{E-Cig Ads}$	0.0030 (0.0022)	0.0031 (0.0029)	0.0019 (0.0017)	0.0029 <sup>*</sup> (0.0016)	-0.0022 (0.0026)	-0.0013 (0.0034)	0.0024 (0.0020)	0.0023 (0.0014)
$\gamma_{Chantix Detailing}$					0.0180 <sup>*</sup> (0.0097)	0.0258 <sup>*</sup> (0.0142)	0.0079 (0.0086)	0.0146 (0.0098)
Observations	143,469	143,365	143,705	143,705	88,866	88,762	89,039	89,039
(Pseudo) $R^2$	0.8260	0.6897	0.9197	0.8728	0.8216	0.6718	0.9173	0.8686
Adjusted (Ps.) $R^2$	0.8224	0.6862	0.9181	0.8718	0.8174	0.6673	0.9153	0.8674
Residual Std. Dev.	0.4288	1.0546	0.3681	1.1755	0.4237	1.0348	0.3765	1.0898
Residual DF	143,305	143,201	143,541	143,541	88,744	88,640	88,917	88,917

Note. – Each column represents the results of estimating a specific specification for the number of new prescriptions for either Varenicline or Bupropion as outcomes.

Standard errors are two-way clustered at MSA and DMA-year.

All specifications include MSA-Year, Month, and week-of-year fixed effects.

For the Poisson models the reported  $R^2$  and Adjusted  $R^2$  are Pseudo  $R^2$  and Adjusted Pseudo  $R^2$ .

Advertising carry-over ( $\delta$ ) is set to 0.9.

\* :  $p < 0.1$ , \*\* :  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*\* :  $p < 0.01$



# Advertising Effect on Retail Sales

	Full Sample			With Detailing		
	Cigarettes	E-Cigs	OTC NRTs	Cigarettes	E-Cigs	OTC NRTs
$\beta_{Chantix Ads}$	<b>-0.0220</b> <sup>***</sup> (0.0054)	<b>0.0514</b> <sup>**</sup> (0.0257)	-0.0046 (0.0077)	<b>-0.0242</b> <sup>***</sup> (0.0086)	<b>0.1374</b> <sup>***</sup> (0.0357)	0.0078 (0.0095)
$\beta_{NRT Ads}$	-0.0008 (0.0039)	-0.0173 (0.0195)	<b>0.0166</b> <sup>***</sup> (0.0056)	0.0044 (0.0055)	-0.0348 (0.0246)	<b>0.0269</b> <sup>***</sup> (0.0076)
$\beta_{PSA Ads}$	0.0019 (0.0017)	<b>0.0145</b> <sup>**</sup> (0.0060)	<b>0.0045</b> <sup>**</sup> (0.0018)	0.0036 (0.0030)	<b>0.0167</b> <sup>**</sup> (0.0071)	0.0050 (0.0038)
$\beta_{E-Cig Ads}$	-0.0005 (0.0012)	0.0084 <sup>*</sup> (0.0051)	-0.0017 <sup>*</sup> (0.0010)	0.0008 (0.0017)	0.0062 (0.0053)	-0.0019 (0.0013)
$\gamma_{ChantixDetailing}$				0.0026 (0.0046)	0.0036 (0.0270)	0.0057 (0.0057)
$\alpha_{Price}$	<b>-0.9497</b> <sup>***</sup> (0.1310)	<b>-0.1367</b> <sup>**</sup> (0.0617)	<b>-1.3858</b> <sup>***</sup> (0.1302)	<b>-0.8391</b> <sup>***</sup> (0.1047)	-0.0967 (0.0839)	<b>-1.7368</b> <sup>***</sup> (0.2284)
$\eta_{Feature}$	<b>0.0541</b> <sup>***</sup> (0.0092)	0.3744 (0.2870)	<b>0.9602</b> <sup>***</sup> (0.0388)	<b>0.0461</b> <sup>***</sup> (0.0163)	<b>0.2421</b> <sup>***</sup> (0.0799)	<b>0.8581</b> <sup>***</sup> (0.0410)
$\eta_{Display}$	<b>0.1304</b> <sup>***</sup> (0.0270)	0.4196 (0.3556)	<b>0.6904</b> <sup>***</sup> (0.0701)	<b>0.1286</b> <sup>***</sup> (0.0247)	<b>-5.2673</b> <sup>***</sup> (0.1928)	<b>0.7701</b> <sup>***</sup> (0.0920)
Observations	13,992,417	4,235,960	5,625,872	9,043,362	3,163,724	3,421,246
$R^2$	0.9616	0.7968	0.6705	0.9586	0.8084	0.7073
Adjusted $R^2$	0.9608	0.7925	0.6640	0.9577	0.8043	0.7008
Residual Std. Dev.	0.2397	0.5662	0.6629	0.2481	0.5456	0.5963
Residual DF	13,992,250	4,235,793	5,625,705	9,043,237	3,163,599	3,421,121

Note. – Each column represents the results of estimating a specific log-log specification (full sample or sample with detailing) for the demand of a particular category of products as the outcome variable.

Standard errors are two-way clustered at the DMA-year and store level.

All specifications include store-year, month, and week-of-year fixed effects.

Advertising and detailing carry-over ( $\delta$ ) is set to 0.9.

\* :  $p < 0.1$ , \*\* :  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*\* :  $p < 0.01$

# Placebo Results on Emergency Visits

	National		Border Method	
	Log-Log	Poisson	Log-Log	Poisson
$\beta_{Chantix Ads}$	-0.0010 (0.0144)	0.0038 (0.0136)	0.0189 (0.0208)	0.0234 (0.0175)
$\beta_{NRT Ads}$	0.0081 (0.0163)	0.0199 (0.0132)	0.0467* (0.0246)	-0.0019 (0.0193)
$\beta_{PSA Ads}$	-0.0057* (0.0034)	-0.0010 (0.0040)	-0.0056 (0.0058)	0.0019 (0.0057)
$\beta_{E-Cig Ads}$	-0.0013 (0.0022)	0.0017 (0.0023)	-0.0055 (0.0035)	0.0041 (0.0041)
Observations	143,151	143,047	114,423	114,423
(Pseudo) $R^2$	0.8209	0.7908	0.8703	0.8305
Adjusted (Ps.) $R^2$	0.8172	0.7891	0.8653	0.8282
Residual Std. Dev.	0.5307	1.3879	0.4833	1.3970
Residual DF	142,987	142,883	111,488	111,488