## World No Tobacco Day - 31st May 2021

# **Commit to Quit**

#### DO YOU KNOW?

Tobacco is the single largest cause of cancer deaths in the world

Nearly 9 out of 10 lung cancer deaths are caused by smoking cigarettes or secondhand smoke exposure

Within 10 years, the lung cancer death rate is about half that of a smoker when quit smoking

Smoking is deadly, not only for an individual, but also for a country's economy

There are 7000 chemicals in tobacco, out of which 70 of them are carcinogens

80% of lung cancers are caused by tobacco

#### Tobacco

causes at least 20
different types of cancers, and
30% of all cancers are caused by Tobacco

#### **Around**

20,000

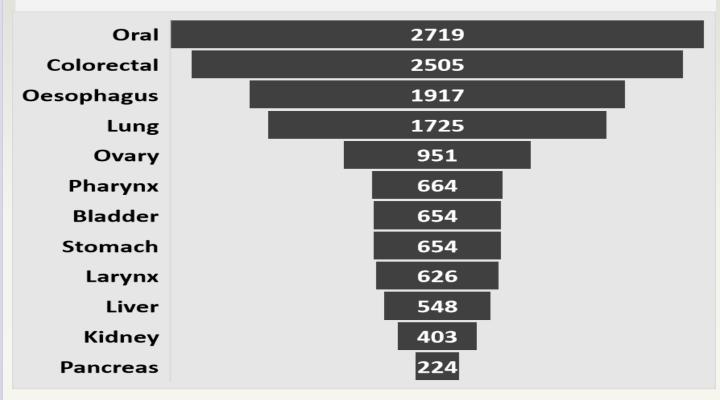
Sri Lankans

die every year due

to tobacco related diseases including CANCER

Tobacco associated habits such as smoking and betel chewing, increase your chances of getting COVID-19

# Tobacco attributable cancer incidence in Sri Lanka in 2019



### The health benefits for cancer patients when avoiding smoking:

- Increases therapeutic responses
- -Decreases cancer recurrences
- -Stops development of a secondary malignancy
- Decreases cancer treatment complications
- -Increases healing process of wounds and infections
- -Avoid cardiovascular complications

### Steps to quit tobacco use

Set a quit date

Get help from others

Make a plan to overcome Obstacles

Remove tobacco products from your surroundings

Avoid smoking areas

Be busy to avoid smoking thoughts



National Authority on Tobacco & Alcohol (NATA): 0112187140

NATA Quit Line: 1948

National Cancer Control Programme, Ministry of Health : 01122368627



