# Quit Smoking

for better heart health



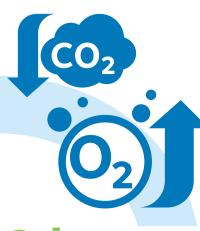
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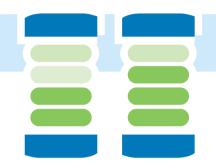
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Risk of heart attack is half that of a smoker



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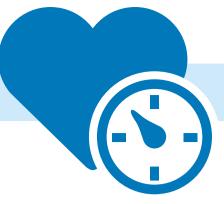
Most people find the more support they get, the easier it is

Hamad Medical Corporation runs a smoking cessation clinic at Hamad General Hospital. To get a referral, please see your regular doctor.



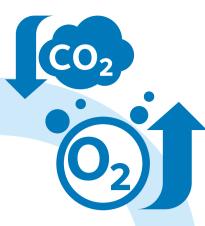
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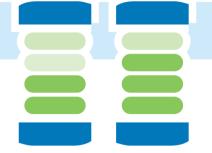
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