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# Vape warning

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Contrary to the claims of some anti-tobacco use advocates, various groups insisted that smokers switching to electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) experienced improved lung function and lower blood pressure. The various groups issued the statement as they recently converged at the Dr. Konstantinos Farsalinos presented two studies at the First Summit on Harm Reduction organized by The Vapers Philippines in Quezon City. A research fellow at the Onassis Cardiac Surgery Center in Athens, Greece, and at the Department of Pharmacy, University of Patras, Greece, and at the Greek National School of Public Health, Farsalinos has been conducting research on e-cigarettes as principal investigator since 2011. However, anti-tobacco use group New Vois Association of the Philippine (NVAP) warned the proliferation of unregistered vaping products has threatened the gains of President Duterte's smoke-free policy citing the gadgets contain toxic chemicals like formaldehyde used to embalm dead bodies based on the recent study at Berkley University. (Chito A. Chavez)