# **RELAPSE:**

For Patients at Risk For Smoking

### **MAINTENANCE:**

For Patients
Trying to Stay Smoke Free

# **Be Alert For Temptation:**

- Greatest risk is first 2 weeks.
- A slip is not a relapse.
- A relapse is not a failure.

### **Learn From Your Experience:**

- What's helped you succeed so far?
- Identify triggers.
- Plan how to cope in the future.
- Set a new, stress free quit date.

### **Consider Additional Options:**

- Try nicotine gum or patch.
- Enter a stop-smoking program.



# Most Smokers Make Several Attempts Until They Finally Succeed!

### **Keep Your Guard Up:**

- Know your smoking triggers.
- Plan ahead for risky situations.

### Learn New Ways To Cope:

- Practice saying NO to cigarettes.
- Take up walking or bicycling.
- *Use positive thoughts* + *images*.

# **Develop Support Networks:**

- Enlist your family's help.
- Make a smoke-free friend.
- Reward your success.

#### Celebrate Your Smoke-Free Life!!!

