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Medical students reach out to middle schools to prevent smoking

Medical students at the University of Nevada School of Medicine have founded a chapter of Doctors Ought to Care (DOC). This group of medical students is available to make interactive presentations to students in grades 6 - 8 about the dangers of tobacco use.

Presentations are best suited for groups no larger than 30 students and last for no more than one hour. Complete information on the content of the presentations is available upon request. Presentations use humor and a light-hearted twist on current media campaigns to increase tobacco use among teens.

Nevada's chapter of DOC has presented at Clayton and Swope Middle Schools in Reno. The group is now making plans for Fall presentations. For more information, please contact the Office of Admissions and Student Affairs at the School of Medicine, 784-6063, and ask for Constantine George, first-year medical student and Nevada DOC Student Leader. You can also access information at the School of Medicine web site, <u>http://www.unr.edu/med</u>

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