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PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 15 (UPI) _ Within the next few years, America's nicotine addicts increasingly will get their fix without the dangers of smoking cigarettes, former surgeon-general C. Everett Koop said.

Speaking today at a major science meeting in Philadelphia, Koop said he foresees nicotine nasal sprays and inhalers joining the currently available nicotine chewing gum and nicotine patch products. Said Koop: "Nicotine is not the dangerous part of a cigarette."

Within the next five or 10 years, Koop said, "we will still have a tremendous number of nicotine addicts, but we will have smoking nicotine addicts and non-smoking nicotine addicts."

"The smarter addicts," Koop said, will say, "I'll be darned if I'm going to inhale with the nicotine all of that other junk that's going to kill me."