The purpose of this month’s cover article, “Continued Reduction of Particulate Matter in Bars Six Months After Adoption of a Smoke-Free Ordinance,” was to measure particulate matter in pubs and bars prior to the adoption of a smoke-free ordinance, as well as at multiple time points after adoption. While significant progress has been made to reduce involuntary exposure to secondhand smoke by implementing smoke-free ordinances, an estimated one third of nonsmokers in the U.S. are not protected from exposure. The cover article’s study shows that adoption of a smoke-free ordinance yields immediate reductions in health risks with continued air quality improvements postordinance.

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