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E-cigarette

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Definition: An electronic vaping device that is hand held and produces for inhalation an aerosol formed by heating an e-liquid using a battery-powered heating coil.

Comment: The e-liquid contains one or more humectants (propylene glycol, glycerol or glycerine), usually together with flavourings and nicotine. The heating is achieved by means of a battery-powered heating element that is activated by a switch or by suction as the user sucks on the mouthpiece of the device. E-cigarette do not necessarily contain nicotine or any pharmacologically active substance.

Curator note: The primary label is based on the fact that this is a the most commonly used term and is clear. It has the disadvantage that it carries negative connotations in some quarters but other terminology does not adequately capture this class as defined.

This definition was imported from the Addiction Ontology (see <https://addictovocab.org/>). Comments and suggestions for improvements are welcome using the Qeios review system.

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Ontological definitions can sometimes be hard to read. In those cases we also include an informal definition.

Definitions also often require elaboration to make it clear how they should be used and what they include. In those cases we include a comment.

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