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This lecture is identical to the one that I gave on May 23, 1986 at the Conference on Smoking in the Workplace, Glen Ellyn, Illinois and at a similar conference at Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

The lecture will not appear following this introduction, but I wanted to make it clear that this was the big occasion celebrating Harvard's 350th Anniversary and the 50th Anniversary of the J.F Kennedy School. I tried to bring that down to the audience by pointing out that it wasn't such a long time ago, because that was only back to great-great-great-great-grandparents and probably most of the audience have known two or three great-grandparents in the family or in their community. They were contemporaries of Brahms and Tolstoy, of Louie Pasteur and Robert Koch. So that wasn't so long ago.

What I wanted to explain was how much had happened in medicine and health across those generations and how much we've learned that could help our own generation to be a little bit healthier and live a little bit longer as far as smoking is concerned.