

EMPIRE HEALTH SERVICES
DEACONESS MEDICAL CENTER
VALLEY HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER

INDEX UNDER: **1.0070**

SUBJECT: NO SMOKING POLICY

POLICY: Deaconess Medical Center and Valley Hospital and Medical Center, in conjunction with area hospitals, have been smoke free since November 21, 1991. No smoking is allowed by employees, patients, or visitors within any EHS building or within vehicles owned or leased by Empire Health Services.

At Deaconess Medical Center, smoking will be permitted on the grounds only in the designated area on the first floor adjacent to the Emergency Department and visitor's elevators. Smoking is not permitted near the Fifth Avenue entrances to the hospital, including the main, emergency, admitting, and Women's and Children's Center entrances.

At Valley Hospital and Medical Center, smoking is only permitted on the grounds in a designated area on the first floor adjacent to the Emergency Department and visitor elevators. Smoking is not permitted in the Mission Avenue entrances to the hospital, including the main, emergency, admitting and Family Care Services entrances. Smoking is also prohibited on the cafeteria patio.

The sale of tobacco or smoking materials is prohibited on any EHS campus.

1. Responsibilities

- a. It is the responsibility of every employee to assist in the enforcement of this policy.
- b. It is the responsibility of the medical staff to provide the patient, when appropriate, with pharmacological support for his/her addiction and outside smoking privileges as needed.
- c. When a patient has expressed the desire to quit smoking, their name is then referred to CHER.

2. Procedures

- a. Patients will be informed of the policy on admission.
- b. Patients who wish to continue smoking and are able to leave their unit may do so under the following conditions:
 1. They have an order from their physicians for "AMBULATION PRN."
 2. Non-ambulatory wheelchair patients have an order to be "UP IN A WHEELCHAIR PRN."
 3. Non-ambulatory wheelchair patients may be assisted by family or friends to the designated smoking area. Nursing staff is not to be utilized for the transfer and/or supervision of these patients.

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1. If the patient does not comply with the smoking policy after the initial notification, the nurse will again explain the policy and the options available for education, counseling, pharmacological support, and outside smoking privileges (if outside smoking is an option).
2. If non-compliance with the policy continues, the unit manager or nursing supervisor will be notified and a plan of action will be developed.

REFERENCES:

1. Tobacco and Health in Washington State. Washington State of Health, March 1990.
2. Washington State Clean Air Act of 1985.
3. JCAHO Accreditation Manual for Hospitals, 1997, 2001.
4. Refer to VHMC Policy A-34 and DMC Policy A-170.

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