

TOBACCO FREE CAMPUS

Original Effective Date: 01-01-06	Originating Dept/Committee: Administration
Reviewed Date:	Authorized by: Administrative Council
Revised Date:	Associated form number(s): MDS160-1205

Purpose

Parkview Adventist Medical Center is committed to Wellness through the promotion of health and the prevention of disease. Tobacco use and exposure to second hand tobacco smoke are well known and documented to cause disease. To maintain a safe and healthful environment for patients, visitors and employees, Parkview Adventist Medical Center has adopted a Tobacco-Free campus Policy.

Policy Definition

Campus is defined as the buildings and land located at: 329 and 331 Maine Street along with the Retirement Village and the Seventh-day Adventist Church. This definition includes all indoor and outdoor areas including entry areas, Wellness Trails and all other properties owned by or adjacent to the Medical Center.

Policy

The use of tobacco products is not permitted on the Medical Center campus. This policy applies to all patients, visitors, employees, physicians, students, tenants, volunteers and all others who work on or visit this campus. Staff members and visitors may use tobacco products in the privacy of their own vehicle.

Procedure

1. Patients, visitors, employees, volunteers and members of the medical staff shall be informed and notified of the policy through appropriate printed material, signage and/or verbal notice and policy.
2. Patients will be offered cessation education and clinical support.
3. Human Resources and their respective manager during the interview process will inform all new employees.
4. Smoking cessation education and support will be offered free of charge to all Parkview Adventist Medical Center employees through the Wellness Center's Tobacco Cessation program.
5. Patients in the in-patient setting who express a desire to smoke shall be tactfully and compassionately reminded of the policy and the reasons for it. When clinically appropriate, such patients shall be offered nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) using the standing order for NRT along with smoking cessation services through the Wellness Center.
6. If the patient continues to demand that he or she be permitted to smoke, their personal physician shall be contacted for support.

7. Policy enforcement is the responsibility of all Medical Center staff. Patients, visitors or staff who violate the policy will be tactfully and compassionately reminded of the policy and asked to adhere to it by any Medical Center staff member observing the non-compliant behavior. Security will provide support if the situation requires.
8. Staff members who violate this policy or fail to cooperate with enforcement efforts are subject to progressive discipline through current disciplinary policies and procedures.

[MDS160-1205 Standing Orders - Inpatient Nicotine Replacement Therapy](#)