Policy

Effective September 1, 1996, smoking is prohibited in all Medical University of Ohio facilities and Medical University of Ohio owned vehicles.

Purpose

To provide a healthy environment for patients, employees, students and visitors, and to meet Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) standards for smoking.

Procedure

Smoking is prohibited in and near all entrances into patient care buildings. Smoking is prohibited anywhere in the quadrangle between the Hospital, the Health Education Building, and the Mulford Library Building, and on the covered footbridge leading from the front of the Mulford Library Building to Lot #4. Smoking is also prohibited around or in front of the Block Health Sciences Building, Mulford Library Building, Health Education Building, and the Center for Creative Education. For purposes of this policy, "patient care buildings" are defined as the Hospital, Dowling Hall, Ruppert Health Center, Kobacker Center, Glendale Medical Center, and Family Practice Center.

Designated smoking areas for patient care buildings have been identified as:
- Hospital: inside the smoking hut at the east end of the visitor’s lot (Lot #1)
- Dowling Hall: inside the smoking hut next to the Rehab Hospital, and outside on the west side of the Health Education Building
- Ruppert Health Center: the service entrance/loading dock area outside
- Kobacker Center: the loading dock area on the north side of the building that faces Lot #3
- Facilities Support Building: under the canopy on the east side of the building
- Glendale Medical Center: the covered walkway on the south side
- Family Practice Center: the area east of the main entrance

The Collier Nursing Allied Health Building (CNA) has specific restrictions on smoking. There is no smoking permitted on the concrete patios at the north and south ends of CNA; no smoking permitted in the grassy area behind CNA; and no smoking permitted on any of the walkways in front of CNA.

The Medical Staff Executive Committee has determined that smoking is not permitted by patients in their rooms even if a written order has been completed by the attending physician. Patents may smoke in the above-designated areas.

This policy shall be uniformly enforced. It will be every employee's responsibility to advise persons smoking in unauthorized areas to extinguish smoking materials and move to a designated smoking location. Employees viewing a fellow employee smoking in an unapproved location should remind the smoker of the appropriate smoking locations.

Employees in violation of this policy may be subject to discipline, up to and including termination.
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