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Tobacco Free Campus, 8610.7002

POLICY

As a health care organization, Providence St. Mary Medical Center (PSMMC) is committed to promoting the health and safety of employees, patients, and visitors by prohibiting the use of tobacco products within the medical center's buildings and campus.

PROCEDURE

- A. Use of tobacco products, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, electronic cigarettes and smokeless tobacco, is not permitted in any PSMMC building including patient care areas, work areas, private offices, common areas, or anywhere on campus, including parking areas.
 - Common areas include areas that are shared by others such as: entrances, lobbies, hallways, staircases, etc.
 - Parking areas include parking lots, patient drop off areas, and the interior of private vehicles parked on PSMMC owned property.
- B. Visitors, vendors, contractors, etc. who violate this policy will be informed of the tobacco free requirements and asked to comply immediately. Failure to comply will result in Security being contacted.
- C. Employees will be offered assistance to eliminate the personal use of tobacco products through various resources such as: education classes, cessation medications at a reduced price, individual assistance, etc.
- D. Employees on duty are expected to adhere to the PSMMC policy 'Standards of Work Attire' which prohibits the wearing of clothing that smells of tobacco product.
- E. Employees may not wear a facility name badge or other Providence identifying attire (such as a uniform with a logo) while using tobacco products immediately outside campus perimeter.
- F. Employees who violate this policy are subject to progressive discipline per policy 8650.4550.
- G. Patients are not permitted to use tobacco products in their rooms or any other area of PSMMC owned property. Tobacco materials brought by the patient will be stored per the medical center policy on patient belongings.
- H. Patients who refuse to comply with the Tobacco Free policy will be discharged from the medical center per the AMA (against medical advice) guidelines.

Attachments:

No Attachments

Approval Signatures

Approver	Date
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